

entity must comply with the requirements in NHTSA's CBI regulation and satisfy the requirements for one of the exemptions provided under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b).

ADDRESSES: Send comments, within 30 days, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 - 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention NHTSA Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. A comment to OMB is most effective if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Research Innovative Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces, pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Pub. L. 72-363; 5 U.S.C. app. 2), a meeting of the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS). The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST in the Oklahoma City Room at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington, DC. Section 5601(o) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) directs the U.S. Department of Transportation to establish an Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2) to advise the Bureau of

Transportation Statistics (BTS) on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department. The following is a summary of the draft meeting agenda: (1) USDOT welcome and introduction of Council Members; (2) Overview of prior meeting; (3) Discussion of the FY 2012 budget; (4) Discussion of product dissemination; (5) Council Members review and discussion of statistical programs; (6) future Council activities and (7) Public Comments and Closing Remarks. Participation is open to the public. Members of the public who wish to participate must notify Petrina Collier at Petrina.Collier@dot.gov, not later than February 2, 2011. Members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting with the approval of Steven K. Smith, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements or obtain information should contact Petrina Collier via e-mail no later than February 9, 2011.

Questions about the agenda or written comments may be e-mailed or submitted by U.S. Mail to: U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, Attention: Petrina Collier, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room # E34-457, Washington, DC 20590, Petrina.Collier@dot.gov, or faxed to (202) 366-3640. BTS requests that written comments be received by February 9, 2011. Access to the DOT Headquarters building is controlled therefore all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Petrina Collier at (202) 366-5796 prior to February 9, 2011. Individuals attending the meeting must report to the main DOT entrance on New Jersey Avenue, SE., for admission to the building. Attendance is open to the public, but limited space is available. Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Collier at (202) 366-5796 at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is provided in accordance with the FACA and the General Services Administration regulations (41 CFR part 102-3) covering management of Federal advisory committees.

Issued in Washington, DC, on the 30th day of December 2010.

Steven K. Smith,

Deputy Director, Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

[Docket No. EP 705]

Competition in the Railroad Industry

AGENCY: Surface Transportation Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Surface Transportation Board will receive comments and hold a public hearing to explore the current state of competition in the railroad industry and possible policy alternatives to facilitate more competition, where appropriate. The Board is seeking written comments prior to the hearing addressing the legal, factual, and policy matters described below.

DATES: Initial comments are due on February 18, 2011. Reply comments are due 28 days thereafter, on March 18, 2011. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the Board's hearing room at the Board's headquarters located at 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. The Board plans to hold the hearing in a single day, but may extend the hearing if the number of participants or the breadth of submitted written testimony so requires. The hearing will be open for public observation. However, only parties who have notified the Board of their intent to participate will be permitted to speak. Any party wishing to speak at the hearing shall file with the Board a notice of intent to participate (identifying the party, the proposed speaker, and the time requested) no later than April 4, 2011. With the notice of intent, the party shall provide written testimony on the issues it will address at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All filings may be submitted either via the Board's e-filing format or in the traditional paper format. Any person using e-filing should attach a document and otherwise comply with the instructions at the "E-FILING" link on the Board's "www.stb.dot.gov" Web site. Any person submitting a filing in the traditional paper format should send an original and 10 copies of the filing to: Surface Transportation Board, Attn: Docket No. EP 705, 395 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001.