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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

[PHMSA-2019-0098]

**Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee (Committee).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on November 2, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT. Requests to attend the meeting must be sent by October 18, 2023, to the point of contact identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT** section. Persons requesting to speak during the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT by October 18, 2023. Requests to submit written materials to be reviewed during the meeting must be received no later than October 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at DOT Headquarters, West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. A remote participation option will also be available and the meeting will be webcast. Specific details on location and access to this meeting will be posted on the Committee website at <https://www.phmsa.dot.gov/>

*hazmat/rulemakings/lithium-battery-safety-advisory-committee*. The E-Gov website is located at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Mailed written comments intended for the Committee should be sent to Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Webb or Aaron Wiener, PHMSA, U.S. Department of Transportation. Telephone: 202-366-8553. Email: [lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov](mailto:lithiumbatteryFACA@dot.gov). Any Committee-related request should be sent to the email address listed in this section.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee was created under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA, Pub. L. 92-463), in accordance with section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Pub. L. 115-254).

**II. Agenda**

The meeting agenda will address the following duties of the Committee as specifically outlined in section 333(d) of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018:

(a) Facilitate communication among manufacturers of lithium batteries and products containing lithium batteries, air carriers, and the federal government.

(b) Discuss the effectiveness and the economic and social impacts of lithium battery transportation regulations.

(c) Provide the Secretary with information regarding new technologies and transportation safety practices.

(d) Provide a forum to discuss departmental activities related to lithium battery transportation safety.

(e) Advise and recommend activities to improve the global enforcement of U.S. regulations and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions relevant to air transportation of lithium batteries, and the effectiveness of those regulations.

(f) Provide a forum for feedback on potential positions to be taken by the United States at international forums.

(g) Guide activities to increase awareness of relevant requirements.

(h) Review methods to decrease risks posed by undeclared hazardous materials.

A final agenda will be posted on the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee website at least 15 days in advance of the meeting.

**III. Public Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public. DOT is committed to providing equal access to this meeting for all participants. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than October 18, 2023. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, time for each commenter may be limited. There will be five minutes allotted for oral comments from members of the public joining the meeting. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must submit a request at the time of registration, as well as the name, address, and organizational affiliation of the proposed speaker. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, PHMSA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers. Speakers are requested to submit a written copy of their prepared remarks for inclusion in the meeting records and for circulation to Committee members. All prepared remarks submitted on time will be accepted and considered as part of the record. Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time. Copies of the meeting minutes and Committee presentations will be available on the Lithium Battery Air Safety Advisory Committee website. Presentations will also be posted on the E-Gov website in docket number [PHMSA-2019-0098] within 30 days following the meeting.

**Written comments:** Persons who wish to submit written comments on the meetings may submit them to docket [PHMSA-2019-0098] in the following ways:

1. **E-Gov Website:** This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

2. **Mail:** Dockets Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Operations, M-30, Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**Instructions:** Identify the docket number [PHMSA-2019-0098] at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to the E-Gov website, including any personal information provided. Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the

comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). Consider reviewing DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000, (65 FR 19477), or view the Privacy Notice on the E-Gov website before submitting comments.

**Docket:** For docket access or to read background documents or comments, go to the E-Gov website at any time or visit the DOT dockets facility listed in the **ADDRESSES** category, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

If you wish to receive confirmation of receipt of your written comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped postcard with the following statement: "Comments on [PHMSA-2019-0098]." The docket clerk will date stamp the postcard prior to returning it to you via U.S. mail.

**Privacy Act Statement:** DOT may solicit comments from the public regarding certain general notices. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to the E-Gov website, as described in the system of records notice (DOT/ALL-14 FDMS).

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**William S. Schoonover,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[DOT-OST-2023-0118]

### Commercial eLoran Capability

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Request for Information (RFI).

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to determine if there is interest from private entities in offering a U.S. commercial enhanced Long Range Navigation (eLoran) service to the general public in the United States on a fee-for-service basis without any Federal investment, subsidy, procurement commitment or other commitment of credit or budgetary resources. If respondent has an interest in offering a U.S.-based commercial eLoran service on a fee-for-service basis, identify what impediments stand in the

way of respondent offering a U.S. commercial eLoran service. If lack of access to any federally-controlled assets and non-budgetary assistance related to utilizing such federally-controlled assets are identified as impediments to offering such a service, a subsequent Request for Information may be issued to obtain additional data.

**DATES:** Responses should be filed by November 2, 2023. All questions concerning this RFI shall be emailed to [PNT\\_RFI@dot.gov](mailto:PNT_RFI@dot.gov) within 7 days of publication of this RFI. Questions and comments are highly encouraged, but DOT cannot commit to answering any question(s) received by DOT more than 7 calendar-days after the date on which this RFI is published.

**ADDRESSES:** You may file responses identified by the docket number DOT-OST-2023-0118 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Portal:** go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-0001.
- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- **Fax:** (202) 493-2251.

When submitting questions and comments, please refer to the specific relevant text of this RFI. Each question submitted to DOT should be stated in such a way that there would be no objection to DOT's publishing that precise question (and its answer) in a formal Amendment to the RFI. That is, each question should be worded in such a way that the publication of that question (and its answer) would not divulge any information that would be considered proprietary or confidential. Further, any question concerning any apparent error, omission, or ambiguity in this RFI shall include the questioner's supporting rationale as well as a description of the remedies that the questioner is asking DOT to consider. All questions that DOT decides to answer will be collectively answered in writing.

**Instructions:** You must include the agency name and docket number DOT-OST-2023-0118 at the beginning of your submission. All submissions received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless proprietary and other sensitive

information is so marked with requested disposition instructions.

**Privacy Act:** Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all submissions received in any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the document (or signing the submission, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78), or you may visit <http://DocketsInfo.dot.gov>.

**Docket:** For access to the docket and comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or to the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the docket.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### 1. Overview

The primary and most recognizable Positioning, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) service supporting critical infrastructure is the United States' Global Positioning System (GPS). However, because GPS relies on signals broadcast from satellites in Medium Earth Orbit (MEO), signal strength at the receiver is low and thus vulnerable to intentional and unintentional disruptions. In 2020, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) conducted field demonstrations of candidate PNT technologies that could offer complementary service in the event of GPS disruptions. The purpose of the demonstrations was to gather information on PNT technologies at a high Technology Readiness Level (TRL) that can work in the absence of GPS.

Such PNT technologies complement GPS and increase PNT robustness to enhance national and homeland security by making critical infrastructure more resilient, and to improve efficiency of U.S. commercial transportation, telecommunications, energy, financial and industrial systems. The culmination of the Demonstration was the 2021 Report to Congress on Complementary PNT and GPS Backup Technologies Demonstration Report to Congress: <https://rosap.ntl.bts.gov/view/dot/55765>.

As a result of the 2021 DOT Report to Congress, DOT finds that:

- (1) No single solution for the provision of Complementary PNT services can meet the diversity of critical infrastructure application requirements, and
- (2) It would be inefficient and anti-competitive for the Federal Government to procure or otherwise fund a specific