

asset is used for public transportation purposes; and; that the proposed share of the project cost is consistent with written agreement(s) between the public transit agency and the owner of the asset.

In determining whether to approve a reallocation request, FTA will review the eligibility of the proposed project for Hurricane Sandy recovery funding. The reallocation request must include information sufficient for FTA to make the following determinations:

- The proposed project is a capital recovery project that addresses damage caused directly by Hurricane Sandy.
- The proposed recovery project is documented in previously validated damage estimates (original or revised) or in new documentation demonstrating that the damage was caused by Hurricane Sandy.

- For proposed recovery projects that include costs associated with repairing transportation assets owned by other entities, the applicant must provide documentation showing that the asset is used for public transportation purposes, and that the proposed share of the project cost is consistent with written agreement(s) between the public transit agency and the owner of the asset.

- The proposed recovery project complies with the Appropriations Act, the FTA's Emergency Relief Program Final Rule and applicable FTA guidance.

- If funds will be reallocated from a resilience project for which FTA has disbursed funding, the applicant must demonstrate that the funds disbursed to date will support a resilience project of independent utility, consistent with the scope of the competitive funding application if applicable.

- The request must also include documentation explaining why the applicant has prioritized the recovery project over the resilience project.

The eligibility of recovery projects for reallocated funding is consistent with previous eligibilities for recovery funding under this program. Funds reallocated under this procedure may only be used for the recovery project or projects listed in the reallocation request.

#### B. Requirements

Agencies that wish to request a reallocation of resilience funds must provide:

- The name, location, and description of the recovery project(s) for which funds are requested to be reallocated to.
- Documentation identifying the project in the most recent validated Hurricane Sandy damage assessment, or

if new, documentation showing that the project is an eligible disaster recovery expense resulting directly from damages caused by Hurricane Sandy. Such documentation may include FEMA draft project worksheets from the period immediately after the disaster, engineering estimates that indicate the source of damages and the scope and projected cost of necessary repair work, or other similar documents.

- A statement why the requested project is a priority over the resilience project losing the funds.

- The source of resilience funds (local priority resilience or competitive resilience) that will be returned to the program, as well as the location and description of any resilience project(s) from which funds will be withdrawn and the status of those projects.

- If applicable, a copy of the subject agreement with a third party entity if the proposed project includes an asset owned by a third party, including the methodology for determining the allocation of costs associated with repairing the relevant asset.

- If FTA funds have been disbursed for a resilience project from which the agency proposes to return funds for reallocation, the application must indicate the amount of funds not disbursed for the project, the amount of those funds to be retained for additional work on the project, the status of the project, and an explanation of whether or how any funds retained and the disbursed funds will be used to complete a resilience project with independent utility.

All requests for reallocation of funds for recovery projects must be submitted to FTA no later than September 30, 2016. All requests must be submitted through the FTA Emergency Relief docket under FTA-2016-0001. FTA will post the agency response to reallocation requests to the docket.

#### III. Coordination With the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 appropriated funding to FTA for transit systems affected by Hurricane Sandy, and a Memorandum of Agreement between FTA and FEMA establishes FTA as the primary payor of expenses incurred by public transportation agencies as a result of a major disaster. FTA and FEMA continue to coordinate on funding for Sandy damages, and FEMA has advised that where FTA has made available funding that by FTA's estimation fully satisfies the Federal share of 90% of the maximum amount of funding needed for public transit disaster recovery expenses

required by Hurricane Sandy damage, additional funding from FEMA is not eligible.

#### IV. Award Administration

All previously published program policies and requirements associated with Hurricane Sandy recovery and rebuilding funding remain in effect.

Issued in Washington, DC.

**Carolyn Flowers,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Board of Visitors Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Meeting notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the following U.S. Merchant Marine Academy ("Academy") Board of Visitors (BOV) meeting will take place:

1. *Date:* July 13, 2016.
2. *Time:* 1:30 p.m.
3. *Location:* Capital Visitors Center, Washington, DC. Room to be determined.
4. *Purpose of the Meeting:* The purpose of this meeting is to brief BOV members on the Academy Advisory Board's annual report to the Secretary of Transportation and the status of reaccreditation.

5. *Public Access to the Meeting:* This meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis. Members of the public wishing to attend the meeting will need to show photo identification in order to gain access to the meeting location.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BOV's Designated Federal Officer and Point of Contact Brian Blower; 202 366-2765; [Brian.Blower@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Blower@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any member of the public is permitted to file a written statement with the Academy BOV. Written statements should be sent to the Designated Federal Officer at: Brian Blower; 1200 New Jersey Ave SE., W28-313, Washington, DC 20590 or via email at [Brian.Blower@dot.gov](mailto:Brian.Blower@dot.gov). (Please contact the Designated Federal Officer for information on submitting comments via fax.) Written statements must be received no later than three working days prior to the next meeting in order to provide time for member consideration. By rule, no member of

the public attending open meetings will be allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under consideration by the BOV.

**Authority:** 46 U.S.C. 51312; 5 U.S.C. app. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3.140 through 102–3.165.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.  
Dated: June 28, 2016.

**Gabriel Chavez,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### Meeting Notice—U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee name change and public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces that the name of the U.S. Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council has been changed to the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC or Committee). Furthermore, MARAD announces a public meeting of the MTSNAC to discuss advice and recommendations for the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the maritime transportation system. Issues the MTSNAC will consider during this meeting include: Impediments to short sea transportation; expanding international gateway ports, using waterborne transportation to increase mobility throughout the domestic transportation system; modernizing the U.S. maritime workforce; strengthening maritime capabilities; and, encouraging maritime innovation.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, National Training Center, 1310 North Courthouse Road, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22201–2508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Shen, Co-Designated Federal Officer at: (202) 308–8968, or Jeffrey Flumignan, Co-Designated Federal Official at (212) 668–2064 or via email: [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov)

or visit the MTSNAC Web site at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ports/marine-transportation-system-mts/marine-transportation-system-national-advisory-committee-mtsnac/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MTSNAC is a Federal advisory committee within MARAD that advises the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the marine transportation system. The MTSNAC was originally established in 1999 and mandated in 2007 by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The MTSNAC operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

#### Agenda

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome, opening remarks and introductions; (2) formation of subcommittees or work groups; (3) development of work plans and proposed recommendations; (4) appointment of Vice Chair and (5) public comment. The meeting agenda will be posted on the MTSNAC Web site at <http://www.marad.dot.gov/ports/marine-transportation-system-mts/marine-transportation-system-national-advisory-committee-mtsnac/>.

The Maritime Administration requested that the MTSNAC consider the following issues for potential recommendations:

1. Impediments to effective use of short sea transportation, including America's Marine Highways (see, 46 CFR part 393), and methods to expand the use of the Marine Transportation System for freight and passengers;
  2. Expanding the capacity of U.S. international gateway ports to accommodate larger vessels;
  3. Improving waterborne transport to reduce congestion and increase mobility throughout the domestic transportation system;
  4. Strengthening maritime capabilities essential to economic and national security;
  5. Modernizing the maritime workforce and inspire and educate the next generation of mariners; and,
  6. Driving maritime innovation.
- In addition, the Maritime Administrator may request the MTSNAC to provide advice on other issues relating to the marine transportation system.

#### Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) with your name and affiliation no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2016, in order to facilitate

entry. Seating will be extremely limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

**Services for Individuals with Disabilities:** The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids are asked to notify Eric Shen at: (202) 308–8968, or Jeffrey Flumignan at (212) 668–2064 or [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) five (5) business days before the meeting.

**Written comments:** Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee must email [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov), or send them to MTSNAC Designated Federal Officers via email: [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov), Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W21–307, Washington, DC 20590 no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on July 8, 2016 to provide sufficient time for review.

**Authority:** 49 CFR part 1.93(a); 5 U.S.C. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102–3; 5 U.S.C. app. Sections 1–16.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

Dated: June 28, 2016.

**Gabriel Chavez,**

*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0002; Notice 2]

#### Cooper Tire & Rubber Company, Grant of Petition for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).  
**ACTION:** Grant of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Cooper Tire & Rubber Company (Cooper), has determined that certain Cooper tires do not fully comply with paragraph S5.5.1(b) of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 139, *New pneumatic radial tires for light vehicles*. Cooper filed a report dated January 8, 2016, pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, *Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports*. Cooper then petitioned NHTSA under 49 CFR part 556 requesting a decision that the subject noncompliance is inconsequential to motor vehicle safety.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information on this decision contact Abraham Diaz,