

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. § 30141(a)(1)(B) and (b)(1); 49 CFR 593.8; delegations of authority at 49 CFR 1.50 and 501.8.

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[Docket No. 95-26; Notice 2]

**Uniform Data Collection and Reporting Program**

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** This notice reopens the comment period on Uniform Data Collection and Reporting Program published June 20, 1995. The comment period closed on July 20, 1995.

**SUMMARY:** This notice reopens the comment period on a notice inviting comments, suggestions and recommendations from individuals and organizations with an interest in data support for highway and traffic safety problem identification and countermeasure activities. NHTSA received two requests asking that the comment period be extended because of related activity occurring in a committee conducted by the National Safety Council. NHTSA believes that a reopening of the comment period would satisfy the identified concerns of the two petitioners and allow time for those attending the Joint Conference on Traffic Records and Highway Safety Data to submit additional comments after the August conference. Comments

should address the specific questions listed in the notice and any data-related concerns applicable to the concept of a national uniform data system or to the ISTEA requirement. Accordingly, the comment period for Docket 95-26; Notice 1 is reopened so that it closes September 20, 1995.

**DATES:** The comment period for Docket 95-26; Notice 1 is reopened so that it closes September 20, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should refer to Docket No. 95-26; Notice 2 and should be submitted to: Docket Section, NHTSA, Room 5109, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. (Docket hours are 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA published a notice and request for comments, suggestions and recommendations from individuals and organizations with an interest in data support for highway and traffic safety problem identification and countermeasure activities. In particular, it solicited participation from the traffic safety community regarding a uniform data collection methodology and process pursuant to the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991. ISTEA required that the Secretary establish a highway safety program for the collection and reporting

of data on traffic related deaths and injuries by the States. The comment period closed on July 20, 1995.

NHTSA received two requests that the comment period be extended for sixty (60) days. The first request, filed by Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, asked that the comment period be extended due to the variety of topics included in the request for comments and because the National Safety Council is due to publish a committee report on traffic records and the report has not yet been completed.

The second request, filed by the National Safety Council (NSC), asked that the comment period be extended to allow for their solicitation of views from the traffic records professionals who will be attending their August meeting on analysis of highway safety data. This conference is being cosponsored by NHTSA. NSC also mentions the report that is being prepared by the committee examining traffic needs and states that it would like the opportunity to submit it to the docket as a comment to the notice.

NHTSA has carefully considered these requests and believes that reopening the comment period will be beneficial to our acquiring the maximum input from the highway safety community for use in our report to Congress.

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