

SUMMARY: This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects and requests suggestions for agenda topics.

DATES AND TIMES: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will hold a public meeting devoted primarily to presentations of specific research and development projects on March 28, 1995, beginning at 1:30 p.m. and ending at approximately 5:00 p.m. The deadline for interested parties to suggest agenda topics is 4:15 p.m. on February 28, 1995. Questions may be submitted in advance regarding the Agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by March 21, 1995 to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the March 21 date will be answered at the meeting in the discussion period. The individual, group or company asking a question does not have to be present for the question to be answered. A consolidated list of the questions submitted by March 21 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, near Detroit Metro Airport, 8270 Wickham Rd., Romulus, MI 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the March 28, 1995, meeting relating to the Agency's research and development programs should be submitted to George L. Parker, Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is 202-366-5930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentation about its research and development programs in a series of quarterly public meetings. The series started in April, 1993. The purpose is to make available more complete and timely information

regarding the Agency's research and development programs. This ninth meeting in the series will be held on March 28, 1995.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics. NHTSA will base its decisions about the agenda, in part, on the suggestions it receives by close of business at 4:15 p.m. on February 28, 1995. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be taken from the list below and that they be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentation at the March 28 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Please note that almost all of these topics have been discussed at the previous eight meetings to some extent and that presentations at the ninth meeting will be reports on current status, results, and plans.

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are: Improved frontal crash protection, Advanced glazing research, Highway traffic injury studies, Head and neck injury research, Lower extremity injury research, Thorax injury research, Human injury simulation and analysis, Crash test dummy component development, Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility, Upgrade side crash protection, Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems, Child safety research, and Electric and alternate fuel vehicle safety.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are: Tuck crashworthiness/occupant protection, Truck tire traction, Portable data acquisition system for crash avoidance research, Systems to enhance EMS response (automatic collision notification), Vehicle motion environment, Crash causal analysis, Guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices, Longer combination vehicle safety, Drowsy driver monitoring, Driver workload assessment, and Performance guidelines for IVHS systems (approach).

Specific topics from the National Center for Statistics and Analysis are:

National safety belt use survey, New data elements for FARS and NASS, Special crash investigations program regarding air bag performance, Pedestrian special NASS data collection project, and Critical Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES)—Linkage of databases on police accident reporting and medical outcomes.

Questions regarding research projects that have been submitted in writing not later than close of business on March 21, 1995, will be answered as time permits. A transcript of the meeting, copies of materials handed out at the meeting, and copies of the suggestions offered by commenters will be available for public inspection in the NHTSA Technical Reference Section, Room 5108, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Copies of the transcript will then be available at 10 cents a page, upon request to NHTSA Technical Reference Section. The Technical Reference Section is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

NHTSA will provide technical aids to participants as necessary, during the NHTSA Industry Research and Development Meeting. Thus any person desiring assistance of "auxiliary aids" (e.g. sign-language interpreter, telecommunication devices for deaf persons (TTDs), readers taped texts, braille materials, or large print materials and/or a magnifying device), please contact Barbara Coleman on 202/366-1537 by COB March 21, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard L. Stronbotne, Special Assistant for Technology Transfer Policy and Programs, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: 202-366-4730. Fax number: 202-366-5930

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