

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Aviation Administration****Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Closed Session**

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee Special Closed Session.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), and Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.160, notice is hereby given of a special closed session of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The special closed session will be an administrative session for the Committee members to review the structure of COMSTAC's public meetings and discuss if the current structure is the most desirable arrangement of activities. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 10, 2010, at the Washington Convention Center, 801 Mount Vernon Place NW., Washington, DC 20001, from 8 a.m. until 8:45 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Lender (AST-100), Office of Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 325, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-8029, e-mail susan.lender@faa.gov.

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Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Highway Administration****Notice To Rescind Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement: Multiple South and East Texas Counties, State of Texas**

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

ACTION: Rescind Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is issuing this notice to advise the public that the Notice of Intent to prepare a Tier One Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed extension of Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) from near Laredo and

the Lower Rio Grande Valley is rescinded. The original notice dated January 15, 2004 was published in the **Federal Register** Volume 69, number 10 and on pages 2382-2383. The original notice can be viewed electronically here: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-866.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gregory S. Punske, P.E., District Engineer (District B, South), Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division, 300 East 8th Street, Room 826, Austin, Texas 78701. Telephone (512) 536-5960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FHWA, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2004 (Volume 69, No. 10 Page 2382) and a Notice of Intent correction published on January 30, 2004 (Volume 69, No. 20, Page 4557) to prepare a Tier One EIS for the proposed extension of I-69 from near Laredo and the Lower Rio Grande Valley. The proposed Tier One EIS was to evaluate the National High Priority Corridor 18 and Corridor 20 systems. In addition, I-69 was also being evaluated as part of the Trans-Texas Corridor (TTC) system which would have included lanes for passenger vehicles, separate lanes for trucks, rail lines, and a utility corridor.

The I-69/TTC Tier One DEIS was released for public review and comment on November 13, 2007. A Notice of Availability (NOA) was published in the Texas Register on December 11, 2007 and in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2007. TxDOT held public hearings on the Tier One DEIS in February and March of 2008. In June 2008, TxDOT informed the FHWA of their intent to eliminate the Tier One New Location Alternative and not advance it as an alternative for the I-69/TTC project. TxDOT further recommended that only the use of existing and planned transportation facilities be advanced as the preferred alternative. The basis for this decision centered on consideration of environmental and transportation planning factors in combination with the technical comments received on the Tier One DEIS. Also, on January 6, 2009, TxDOT unveiled *Innovative Connectivity in Texas/Vision 2009* which defined a new vision for TxDOT's corridor development process and resulted in the retirement of the Trans-Texas Corridor concept. As a result of the retirement of the TTC concept and TxDOT's intent to only evaluate the use of existing and planned facilities to develop I-69, the project

described and being evaluated under the above mentioned notices is no longer under consideration. As a result, the above mentioned notices are rescinded.

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Gregory S. Punske,

District Engineer (District B, South), Austin, Texas.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[FMCSA Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25756]

Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Standards; Volvo Trucks North America, Renewal of Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its final decision regarding Volvo Trucks North America's (Volvo) application for an exemption for Andreas Hamsten to enable him to continue to test-drive commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) in the United States without a commercial driver's license (CDL) issued by one of the States. FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemption and requested comment on the decision. No comments were received.

DATES: This exemption is effective from June 18, 2010 through June 18, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine Hydock, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division, Office of Bus and Truck Standards and Operations, Telephone: 202-366-4325. E-mail: MCPSD@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption, including an exemption from the CDL requirements of 49 CFR 383.23, for a maximum 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The procedures for requesting an exemption (including renewals) are prescribed in 49 CFR part 381. FMCSA evaluated Volvo's application on its merits and decided to renew Andreas Hamsten's exemption for a two-year period, effective June 18, 2010, as previously announced in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 45198, August 2, 2010).