

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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George C. Nield,

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the Lower Rio Grande Valley is rescinded.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.

Issued on: January 14, 2011.

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).

Comments

In the August 2 notice, FMCSA requested public comment on the renewal; the Agency received no comments.

Terms and Conditions for the Exemption

Based upon its evaluation of the application for an exemption, FMCSA granted Volvo a renewal of the exemption from the Federal CDL requirement in 49 CFR 383.23 for a period of 2 years from June 18, 2010 through June 18, 2012, for Andreas Hamsten to test-drive CMVs within the U.S. Mr. Hamsten's exemption is renewed subject to the following terms and conditions: (1) This exemption is valid only when Mr. Hamsten is acting within the scope of his employment by Volvo; (2) He and Volvo must adhere to drug and alcohol regulations, including testing, as provided by in 49 CFR part 382; (3) He and Volvo must adhere to driver disqualification rules under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 that apply to other CMV drivers in the United States; (4) He is subject to all other provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) (49 CFR 390–397) unless specifically exempted herein; (5) He must keep a copy of the exemption in the vehicle at all times for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official; (6) Volvo must notify FMCSA in writing of any accident, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5, involving this exempted driver; and (7) Volvo must notify FMCSA in writing if this driver is convicted of a disqualifying offense described in sections 383.51 or 391.15 of the FMCSRs.

This exemption will be valid for 2 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. Mr. Hamsten's exemption will be rescinded if: (1) He fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) The exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) Continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315.

Issued on: January 5, 2011.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2004–18885; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2008–0340]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

ACTION: Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 20 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemption renewals will provide a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

DATES: This decision is effective February 5, 2011. Comments must be received on or before February 24, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments bearing the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) FMCSA–2000–7363; FMCSA–2004–18885; FMCSA–2004–17984; FMCSA–2008–0340, using any of the following methods.

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, 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 Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.
- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.

Instructions: Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or

comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or Room W12–140 on the ground level of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) is available 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want acknowledgment that we received your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

Privacy Act: Anyone may search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or of the person signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's Privacy Act Statement for the FDMS published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2008 (73 FR 3316), or you may visit <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/pdf/E8-785.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202)–366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64–224, Washington, DC 20590–0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may renew an exemption from the vision requirements in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10), which applies to drivers of CMVs in interstate commerce, for a two-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 set out in 49 CFR part 381.

Exemption Decision

This notice addresses 20 individuals who have requested renewal of their exemptions in accordance with FMCSA procedures. FMCSA has evaluated these 20 applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable two-year period. They are:

Bryant M. Adams
Ricky J. Childress
Walden V. Clarke
Thomas A. Crowell