

**ADDRESSES:** Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Morrissy, Office of Trade and Development, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6971, or William Busis, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-3150.

**Irving A. Williamson,**

*Chairman, Section 301 Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Intent To Rule on Application (97-03-C-00-BUF) To Impose and Use the Revenue From a Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) at Buffalo Niagara International Airport, Buffalo, NY

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to rule on application.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Buffalo Niagara International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158). **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on this application may be mailed or delivered in triplicate to the FAA at the following address: Mr. Philip Brito, Manager, New York Airports District Office, 600 Old County Road, Suite 446, Garden City, New York 11530.

In addition, one copy of any comments submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Ms. Carol J. Sampson, Senior Grants Specialist, for the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority at the following address: Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, 181 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.

Air carriers and foreign air carriers may submit copies of written comments previously provided to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority under section 158.23 of Part 158.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Philip Brito, Manager, New York

Airports District Office, 600 Old County Road, Suite 446, Garden City, New York 11530 (Telephone 516-227-3800). The application may be reviewed in person at this same location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FAA proposes to rule and invites public comment on the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC at Buffalo Niagara International Airport under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990) (Pub. L. 101-508) and Part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR Part 158).

On November 20, 1997, the FAA determined that the application to impose and use the revenue from a PFC submitted by the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority was substantially complete within the requirements of section 158.25 of Part 158. The FAA will approve or disapprove the application, in whole or in part, no later than February 6, 1998.

The following is a brief overview of the application.

*Application number:* 97-03-C-00-BUF.

*Level of the proposed PFC:* \$3.00.

*Proposed charge effective date:* May 1, 2006.

*Proposed charge expiration date:* March 31, 2011.

*Total estimated PFC revenue:* \$6,509,194.

*Brief description of proposed projects:*

#### Use Only Projects

- Purchase One (1) Front End Loader
- Strengthen Pavement
- Taxiway C & Perimeter Road
- Overlay Taxiways D&F
- Conduct Pavement Study
- Rehabilitate and Overlay Runway 14/32

#### Impose & Use Projects

- Relocate Airport Beacon
- Construct Aircraft & Glycol Storage Facility
- Rehabilitate Aircraft Deicing Area
- Renovate Common-Use Gate Positions and Holdrooms
- Rehabilitate Storm Drain
- Purchase Snow Removal, Safety, Police and Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Emergency Equipment

Class or classes of air carriers which the public agency has requested not be required to collect PFCs: Air Taxi/Commercial Operators (ATCO) filing FAA Form 1800-31.

Any person may inspect the application in person at the FAA office listed above under **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** and at the FAA regional Airports office located at: Fitzgerald Federal Building, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Jamaica, New York, 11430.

In addition, any person may, upon request, inspect the application, notice and other documents germane to the application in person at the offices of the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority.

Issued in Jamaica, New York, on November 25, 1997.

**Thomas Felix,**

*Manager, Planning & Programming Branch, Eastern Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Announcing the Fifth Meeting of the Crashworthiness Subcommittee of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee

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

**ACTION:** Meeting announcement.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the fifth meeting of the Crashworthiness Subcommittee of the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee (MVSRA). MVSRA established this Subcommittee at the April 1992 meeting to examine research questions regarding crashworthiness of vehicles under 10,000 pounds GVW.

**DATES AND TIME:** The meeting is scheduled for December 15, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in room 9230 of the U.S. Department of Transportation building, which is located at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In May 1987, the Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee was established. The purpose of the Committee is to provide an independent source of ideas for safety research. MVSRA will provide information, advice, and recommendations to NHTSA on matters relating to motor vehicle safety research, and provide a forum for the development, consideration, and communication of motor vehicle safety research, as set forth in the MVSRA Charter.

The topic of discussion for this meeting of the MVSRA Crashworthiness Subcommittee is the agency's Advanced Air Bag Technology

Research Program. The agenda will include status reports on both the agency's research activities and on the activities of the Advanced Air Bag Technology Working Group. The Advanced Air Bag Technology Working Group was established by the MVSAC Crashworthiness Subcommittee with the goal of presenting technical information and data to the Crashworthiness Subcommittee.

The meeting is open to the public, and participation by the public will be moderated by the Subcommittee Chairperson.

A public reference file (Number 88-01—Crashworthiness Subcommittee) has been established to contain the products of the Subcommittee and will be open to the public during the hours of 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Technical Information Services in Room 5108 at 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-2768.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rita Gibbons, Office of Research and Development, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 6206, Washington, DC 20590, telephone: (202) 366-4862, telefax: (202) 366-5930.

Issued: November 28, 1997.

**Joseph N. Kaniyantra,**

*Acting Chairperson, Crashworthiness Subcommittee, Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### Research and Development Programs Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting at which NHTSA will describe and discuss specific research and development projects. Further, the notice requests suggestions for topics to be presented by the agency.

**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 December 17, 1997, 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 December 8, 1997. Questions may be submitted in advance

regarding the agency's research and development projects. They must be submitted in writing by December 10, 1997, to the address given below. If sufficient time is available, questions received after the December 10 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 answers to questions submitted by December 10 will be available at the meeting and will be mailed to requesters after the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Clarion Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, 9191 Wickham Road, Romulus, MI 48174. Suggestions for specific R&D topics as described below and questions for the December 17, 1997, meeting relating to the agency's research and development programs should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Administrator for Research and Development, NRD-01, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room 6206, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, DC 20590. The fax number is (202) 366-5930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NHTSA intends to provide detailed presentations about its research and development programs in a series of 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 nineteenth meeting in the series will be held on December 17, 1997.

NHTSA requests suggestions from interested parties on the specific agenda topics to be presented. 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 December 8, 1997. Before the meeting, it will publish a notice with an agenda listing the research and development topics to be discussed. The agenda can also be obtained by calling or faxing the information numbers listed elsewhere in this notice or from NHTSA's Web site under Announcements/Public Meetings at URL <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/nhtsa/announce/meetings/>. NHTSA asks that the suggestions be limited to six, in priority order, so that the presentations at the December 17 R&D meeting can be most useful to the audience. Specific R&D topics are listed below. Many of these topics have been discussed at previous meetings. Suggestions for agenda topics are not restricted to this listing, and interested parties are invited to suggest other R&D topics of specific interest to their organizations.

Additionally, if any interested parties would like to make a presentation regarding technical issues concerning any of NHTSA's research programs, information concerning the proposed topic and speaker should be submitted in writing by close of business December 8, 1997.

Specific R&D topics are:

- Fiscal Year 1998 R&D Research Efforts,
- International Harmonized Research Activities (IHRA),
- On-line tracking system for NHTSA's research projects, and
- Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN).

Specific Crashworthiness R&D topics are:

- Automatic lifesaving system—improved triage, transport, and treatment decisionmaking for automatic collision notification technologies,
- Status of advanced air bag research,
- Demonstration of CD ROM for child restraint/vehicle compatibility,
- Preparation of new dummies for assessment of advanced air bag technology,
- Status of research on restraint systems for rollover protection,
- Improved frontal crash protection (program status, problem identification, offset testing),
- Advanced glazing research,
- Vehicle aggressivity and fleet compatibility,
- Upgrade side crash protection,
- Upgrade seat and occupant restraint systems,
- Child safety research (ISOFIX),
- Child restraint/air bag interaction (CRABI) dummy testing,
- Truck crashworthiness/occupant protection,
- National Transportation Biomechanics Research Center (NTBRC),
- Head and neck injury research,
- Lower extremity injury research,
- Thorax injury research,
- Human injury simulation and analysis,
- Refinements to the Hybrid III dummy, and
- Advanced frontal test dummy.

Specific Crash Avoidance R&D topics are:

- National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS),
- Intelligent vehicle initiative,
- Status and plans for anti-lock brake system (ABS) research,
- Truck tire traction,
- Human factors guidelines for crash avoidance warning devices,
- Drowsy driver monitoring,
- Driver workload assessment,
- Rear-end collision avoidance system guidelines,