

95. This notice applies to the Type II Categorical Exclusion and all other Federal agency licenses, permits, or approvals for the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice including but not limited to the Section 4(f) Resource Programmatic Approval and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*]; Federal-Aid Highway Act (FAHA) [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128]; 23 CFR part 771.

2. *Air*: Clean Air Act (CAA) [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)], with the exception of project level conformity determinations [42 U.S.C. 7506].

3. *Noise*: Noise Control Act of 1972 [42 U.S.C. 4901–4918]; 23 CFR part 772.

4. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303]; 23 CFR part 774; Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [54 U.S.C. 200302–200310].

5. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act (ESA) [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and 1536]; Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361–1423h], Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)–757(f)]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667(d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) [16 U.S.C. 703–712]; Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801–1891d], with Essential Fish Habitat requirements [16 U.S.C. 1855(b)(2)].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [54 U.S.C. 3006101 *et seq.*]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–470(II)]; Preservation of Historical and Archaeological Data [54 U.S.C. 312501–312508]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013; 18 U.S.C. 1170].

7. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000d–2000d–1]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201–4209].

8. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Clean Water Act (Section 319, Section 401, Section 404) [33 U.S.C. 1251–1387]; Coastal Barriers Resources Act (CBRA) [16 U.S.C. 3501–3510]; Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) [16 U.S.C. 1451–1466]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300f–300j–26]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401–406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Wetlands Mitigation

[23 U.S.C. 119(g) and 133(b)(3)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4130].

9. *Hazardous Materials*: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601–9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].

10. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[Docket No. NHTSA–2026–1552]

#### AV Framework Updates and Request for Comments on Interim Guidance; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION**: Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY**: In response to a request from the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators), NHTSA is announcing a 30-day extension of the public comment period for the notice published on July 31, 2026 summarizing NHTSA's recent activity relating to the AV Framework and requesting comment on interim guidance for commercial deployment exemptions for automated vehicles. The comment period for the notice was originally scheduled to end on August 31, 2026. It will now end on September 30, 2026.

**DATES**: The comment period for the notice published at 91 FR 48485 on July 31, 2026, is extended. Comments should

be received on or before September 30, 2026.

**ADDRESSES**: You may submit comments identified by the docket number in the heading of this document through any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions*: Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Fax*: (202) 493–2251.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery*: Docket Management, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Suite W58–213, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9826 or (202) 366–9317 before coming.

*Instructions*: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

*Privacy Act*: Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477–78) or you may visit <https://www.transportation.gov/privacy>.

*Docket*: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the street address listed above. Follow the online instructions for accessing the dockets via internet.

*Confidential Business Information*: If you claim that any of the information in your comment (including any additional documents or attachments) constitutes confidential business information within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) or is protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1905, please see the detailed instructions given under the Public Participation heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stacy Balk, Rulemaking Office of Automation Safety by email: [stacy.balk@dot.gov](mailto:stacy.balk@dot.gov), or phone: (202) 841–4371, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**: On April 24, 2025, DOT and NHTSA announced

a new automated vehicle (AV) framework as part of the Department's broader transportation innovation agenda. This framework solidified that advanced vehicle technologies, such as automated driving systems (ADS), are a key priority of the agency. The framework is rooted in three principles: (1) prioritize the safety of ongoing AV operations on public roads; (2) unleash innovation by removing unnecessary regulatory barriers; and (3) enable the commercial deployment of AVs to enhance safety and mobility for the American public.<sup>1</sup> On July 31, 2026, NHTSA published a notice summarizing NHTSA's recent activity relating to the AV Framework and requesting comment on interim guidance for commercial deployment exemptions for automated vehicles.<sup>2</sup>

General Exemptions issued under 49 U.S.C. 30113, which are implemented in NHTSA's regulations in 49 CFR part 555, allow manufacturers to produce and sell vehicles to consumers or otherwise commercially deploy vehicles that do not comply with all applicable FMVSS. The interim guidance in the notice provides more detail about what types of information would be most helpful to the agency, how NHTSA reviews each of the possible grounds for a General Exemption, and whether the exemption furthers the public interest. Although the interim guidance is intended to help all part 555 applicants, it is expected to be especially helpful to manufacturers seeking exemptions for ADS-equipped vehicles because it contains a section dedicated to the information likely to be useful in NHTSA's review of applications for ADS-equipped vehicles. In addition, the notice described in more detail the more dynamic and flexible approach to evaluating and overseeing General Exemptions involving ADS that NHTSA announced on June 13, 2025. The notice provided a 30-day comment period which closes on August 31, 2026.

On August 10, 2026, NHTSA received a request from Auto Innovators for a 30-day extension of the comment period.<sup>3</sup> Auto Innovators stated that the notice "presents numerous interconnected questions with potentially significant implications for future rulemaking and guidance." Auto Innovators said a 30-

day extension of the comment period would facilitate thoughtful stakeholder engagement and allow more technically robust comments.

NHTSA is granting the request to extend the comment period by 30 days. NHTSA has determined that the requestors have shown good cause for an extension and that the extension is consistent with public interest. A 30-day extension appropriately balances NHTSA's interest in providing the public with sufficient time to comment on the notice with its interest in obtaining specific feedback from stakeholders in a timely manner. Accordingly, NHTSA is extending the comment period until September 30, 2026.<sup>4</sup>

Issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.95.

**Jonathan Morrison,**

*Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-3268]

### Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board Membership

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of Performance Review Board (PRB) appointments.

**SUMMARY:** DOT published the names of the persons selected to serve on Departmental PRBs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Wright, Director, Departmental Office of Human Resource Management (202) 399-3100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The persons named below may be selected to serve on one or more Departmental PRBs.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).)

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 27, 2026.

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<sup>1</sup> See U.S. Dept. of Transp., *Trump's Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy Unveils New Automated Vehicle Framework as Part of Innovation Agenda* (Apr. 24, 2025), available at <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/trumps-transportation-secretary-sean-p-duffy-unveils-new-automated-vehicle-framework>.

<sup>2</sup> 91 FR 48485.

<sup>3</sup> Alliance for Automotive Innovation, Docket No. NHTSA-2026-1552-0001.

<sup>4</sup> Readers should note that, even after the comment closing date has passed, interested persons are able to file comments in the docket, which NHTSA will consider to the extent practicable. NHTSA may also continue to file relevant information in the docket as it becomes available. Accordingly, the Agency recommends that readers periodically check the docket for new material.