



*** Action Alert ***

Proposed Guidance For Belts on New Motorcoaches

In accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)'s 2007 Motorcoach Safety Plan and the federal Department of Transportation (DOT)'s 2009 Departmental Motorcoach Safety Action Plan, NHTSA has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to propose to amend the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) on occupant crash protection (FMVSS No. 208) to require lap/shoulder seat belts for each passenger seating position in new motorcoaches.

While urban transit buses are excluded from the definition of "motorcoach" in this proposed regulation, commuter buses do fall within the definition. For those agencies which run commuter bus services, we encourage you to submit comments regarding this proposed rulemaking.

Comments are due this Monday, October 18th. You can submit comments online at www.regulations.gov by clicking on "submit a comment" and choosing "Rules" under Document Type and entering in the ID NHTSA-2010-0112. You can also fax comments to 202-493-2251.

Please click [here](#) to see the Federal Register Notice for more information on the proposed rulemaking (PDF, 402 KB).

Our Association does not have a position on this rulemaking, however we recommend that you submit comments from your agency if you anticipate that this rulemaking will affect you.

Please contact Legislative and Regulatory Advocate Sabrina Means at sabrina@caltransit.org if you have any questions.