



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

#### U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Maritime Administration (MARAD) announces a public meeting of the U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC) to develop and discuss advice and recommendations for the U.S. Department of Transportation on issues related to the marine transportation system. In general, the meeting will cover ways to enhance the use of America's Marine Highways, the enhancement of U.S. port infrastructure and performance, how to strengthen U.S. Maritime capabilities essential to national security and economic prosperity, and finally, ways to enable maritime industry innovation in information, safety, environmental sustainability, and other areas.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

Requests to attend the meeting must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on the prior week, Friday, March 15, 2024, to facilitate entry. Requests for accommodations for a disability must be received by Monday, March 18, 2024. Those requesting to speak during the public comment period of the meeting must submit a written copy of their remarks to DOT no later than Friday, March 15, 2024. Requests to submit written materials for review during the meeting must be received by Friday, March 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the at the DOT Conference Center at 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, D.C., 20590. Any Committee-related request should be sent to the person listed in the following section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Capt. Jeffrey Flumignan, Designated Federal Officer, at [MTSNAC@dot.gov](mailto:MTSNAC@dot.gov) or (347) 491-2349. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee, 1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E. W21-307, Washington, DC 20590. Please visit the MTSNAC website at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/maritime-transportation-system-mts/maritime-transportation-system-national-advisory-0>

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The MTSNAC is a Federal advisory committee that advises the U.S. Secretary of Transportation through the Maritime Administrator on issues related to the maritime transportation system. The MTSNAC was established in 1999 and mandated in 2007 by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Pub. L. 110-140). The MTSNAC is codified at 46 U.S.C. 50402 and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**I. Agenda**

The agenda will include (1) welcome, opening remarks, and introductions; (2) administrative items; (3) subcommittee break-out sessions; (4) updates to the Committee on the subcommittee work; (5) public comments; (6) discussions relevant to formulate recommendations; and (7) presentation of recommendations. A final agenda will be posted on the MTSNAC Internet website at <https://www.maritime.dot.gov/outreach/maritime-transportation-system-mts/maritime-transportation-system-national-advisory-0> at least one week in advance of the meeting.

**II. Public Participation**

The meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend in person must RSVP to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section with your name and affiliation. Seating will be limited and available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

*Services for Individuals with Disabilities:* The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Transportation is committed to providing all participants equal access to this meeting. If you need alternative formats or services because of a disability, such as sign language, interpretation, or other ancillary aids, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

*Public Comments:* A public comment period will commence at approximately 11:45 AM EDT on March 20, 2024, and again on March 21, 2024, at the same time. To provide time for as many people to speak as possible, speaking time for everyone will be limited to three minutes.

Members of the public who would like to speak are asked to contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Commenters will be placed on the agenda in the order in which notifications are received. If time allows, additional comments will be permitted. Copies of oral comments must be submitted in writing at the meeting or preferably emailed to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Additional written comments are welcome and must be filed as indicated below.

*Written comments:* Persons who wish to submit written comments for consideration by the Committee must send them to the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

(Authority: 49 CFR part 1.93(a); 5 U.S.C. 552b; 41 CFR parts 102-3; 5 U.S.C. app. Sections 1-16)

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

**T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,**  
*Secretary, Maritime Administration.*