

DATES: The Board of Directors of ITS AMERICA will meet on Thursday, May 4, 2000, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Room TBA.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, Boston, MA. Phone: (617) 236-2000 and Fax: (617) 236-1702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Materials associated with this meeting may be examined at the offices of ITS AMERICA, 400 Virginia Avenue SW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20024. Persons needing further information or who request to speak at this meeting should contact Marlene Vence-Crampton at ITS AMERICA by telephone at (202) 484-2904 or by FAX at (202) 484-3483. The DOT contact is Kristy Frizzell, FHWA, HOIT, Washington, DC 20590, (202) 366-9536. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Intelligent Transportation Society of America; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS AMERICA) will hold a meeting of its Coordinating Council meeting on Sunday, April 30, 2000. The following designations are made for each item: (A) Is an "action" item; (I) is an "information item;" and (D) is a "discussion" item. The agenda includes the following: (1) Call to Order and Introductions (I); (2) Statements of Antitrust Compliance and Conflict of Interest (A); (3) Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes (A); (4) Federal Report (I); (5) President's Report (I); (6) Advice to U.S. DOT on DSRC at 5.9Hz (A); (7) Cell Phones as ITS Enablers; ITS Research Agenda Activity; Prior activities of ITS America; the Coordinating Council; and ITSA Committees (current and future); and the July Coordinating Council Workshop; (8) Committee Reports; (9) Future Coordinating Council Meeting Dates; and (10) Adjournment.

DATES: The Coordinating Council of ITS AMERICA will meet on Sunday, April

30, 2000, from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. (Eastern Standard time). Room TBA.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Petition for Exemption From the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard; General Motors

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

ACTION: Grant of petition for exemption.

SUMMARY: This document grants in full the petition of General Motors Corporation (GM) for an exemption of a high-theft line, the Chevrolet Malibu, from the parts-marking requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard. This petition is granted because the agency has determined that the antitheft device to be placed on the line as standard equipment is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard.

DATES: The exemption granted by this notice is effective beginning with model year (MY) 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rosalind Proctor, Office of Planning and Consumer Programs, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Ms. Proctor's telephone number is (202) 366-0846. Her fax number is (202) 493-2290.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a petition dated November 19, 1999, General Motors Corporation (GM), requested an exemption from the parts-marking requirements of the Theft Prevention Standard (49 CFR Part 541) for the Chevrolet Malibu and Chevrolet Venture car lines beginning with MY 2001. The petition is pursuant to 49 CFR Part 543, Exemption From Vehicle Theft Prevention Standard, which provides for exemptions based on the installation of an antitheft device as standard equipment on a car line.

Section 33106(b)(2)(D) of Title 49, United States Code, authorized the Secretary of Transportation to grant an exemption from the parts marking requirements for not more than one additional line of a manufacturer for MYs 1997–2000. However, for a model year after MY 2000, the number of lines for which the agency can grant an exemption is to be decided after the Attorney General completes a review of the effectiveness of parts marking and antitheft devices and finds that antitheft devices are an effective substitute for parts marking. 49 U.S.C. 33103(d)(3). The Attorney General has not yet made a finding and has not decided the number of lines, if any, for which the agency will be authorized to grant an exemption. Therefore, until this decision has been made by the Attorney General, the agency will continue to grant an exemption for not more than one additional line of any manufacturer. On December 21, 1999, the agency informed GM that until an authorization level for granting parts-marking exemptions has been established by the Attorney General, GM must determine which of the two lines for MY 2001 it seeks an exemption from the parts-marking requirements. In response, on January 4, 2000, GM withdrew its petition for exemption of the Chevrolet Venture car line and requested the agency to process its petition for exemption of the Chevrolet Malibu car line for MY 2001.

GM's submittal is considered a complete petition, as required by 49 CFR Part 543.7, in that it met the general requirements contained in § 543.5 and the specific content requirements of § 543.6.

In its petition, GM provided a detailed description and diagram of the identity, design, and location of the components of the antitheft device for the new line. GM will install its Passlock antitheft device as standard equipment on its MY 2001 Chevrolet Malibu car line. GM stated that the Passlock device provides the same kind of functionality as the PASS-Key and PASS-Key II devices, which have been the basis for