costs; financial resources available and financial impact. Evaluation criteria will include consideration of the local goals and objectives established for the study, measures of effectiveness identified during scoping, and criteria established by FTA for "New Start" transit projects.

Issued on: September 7, 1999.

Sheldon A. Kinbar,

Regional Administrator, FTA.

# Carmine M. Fiscina,

Technology and Safety Engineer, FHWA. [FR Doc. 99–23615 Filed 9–9–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4910-57-P

# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### **Bureau of Transportation Statistics**

## Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(A)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public law 72–363; 5 U.S.C. App.2) notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics (ACTS) to be held Friday, September 17, 1999, 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC in conference room 3328 of the Nassif Building.

The Advisory Council, called for under Section 6007 of Public law 102– 240, Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, December 18, 1991, and chartered on June 19, 1995, was created to advise the Director of BTS on transportation statistics and analyses, including whether or not the statistics and analysis disseminated by the Bureau are of high quality and are based upon the best available objective information.

The agenda for this meeting will include an introduction of a new Advisory Council member, Director's programs update, BTS strategic plan, review of staffing, discussion of customer service outreach and marketing, report on focus groups held on BTS publications, update on safety conferences, identification of substantive issues, review of plans and schedule, other items of interest, discussion and agreement of date(s) for subsequent meetings, and comments from the floor.

Since access to the DOT building is controlled, all persons who plan to attend the meeting must notify Ms. Lillian "Pidge" Chapman, Council Liaison, on (202) 366–1270 prior to September 15. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space available. With the approval of the Chair, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Noncommittee members wishing to present oral statements, obtain information, or who plan to access the building to attend the meeting should also contact Ms. Chapman.

Members of the public may present a written statement to the Council at any time.

Persons with a disability requiring special services, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, should contact Ms. Chapman (202) 366–1270 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on September 3, 1999.

# Ashish Sen,

Director.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

## Departmental Offices; International Financial Institution Advisory Commission

**AGENCY:** Department of the Treasury. **ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Under section 603 of the foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999, the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission (the "Commission") shall advise and report to the Congress on the future role and responsibilities of the international financial institutions (defined as the International Monetary Fund, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Development Association, International Finance Corporation, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency, African Development Bank, African Development Fund, Asian Development Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, and Inter-American Investment Corporation), the World Trade Organization, and the Bank for International Settlements.

**DATES:** The second meeting of the Advisory Commission will be held on September 28, 1999, beginning at 9:30 a.m. and tentatively ending at 3:30 p.m., in Room H 327 in the U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Designated Federal Official: William McFadden Senior Policy Advisory, Office of International Monetary and Financial Policy, Room 4444, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., Washington, D.c. 20220. Telephone number 202–622–0343, fax number (202) 622–7664.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### **Agenda of Meeting**

The agenda tentatively includes discussion of the following:

• Sources of financial crises and instability; relation of instability to crises; size of bank failures and depth of crises.

• Role and evolving functions of the International Monetary Fund.

### Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may submit written comments. If you wish to furnish comments, please provide 16 copies of your written material to the Designated Federal Official. If you wish to have your comments distributed to members of the Commission in advance of the first meeting, 16 copies of any written material should be provided to the Designated Federal Official no later than September 20, 1999.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

# William McFadden,

Designated Federal Official. [FR Doc. 99–23494 Filed 9–9–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4810–25–M

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

# Medical Research Service Merit Review Committee, Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., of the following meetings to be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. as indicated below: