



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: September 8, 2015

In reply refer to: H-15-16

The Honorable Gregory G. Nadeau
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, DC 20590

On August 11, 2015, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) adopted its report concerning the June 7, 2014, work zone accident on Interstate 95 (I-95) in Cranbury, New Jersey, in which a truck-tractor semitrailer operated by Walmart Transportation LLC, traveling northbound on I-95, encountered traffic that had slowed along a construction corridor; the truck struck the rear of a limo van, and a series of successive impacts ensued, resulting in one death and four seriously injured people.¹ Additional information about this accident and the resulting recommendations may be found in the report of the investigation, which can be accessed at our website, <http://www.nts.gov>, under report number NTSB/HAR-15/02.

As a result of this investigation, we reiterated six safety recommendations, including three to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and three to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). We also issued nine new recommendations, including one to NHTSA; one to the New Jersey Department of Health–Office of Emergency Medical Services; one to the New Jersey State First Aid Council; two to the National Limousine Association; two to Walmart Transportation LLC; one to Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, Detroit Diesel Corporation, and Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems; and the following recommendation to the Federal Highway Administration:

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Amend the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* “Guidance” for work zone projects on freeways and expressways to advise traffic engineers on the use of supplemental traffic control strategies and devices to mitigate crash events involving heavy commercial vehicles.

¹ See *Multivehicle Work Zone Crash on Interstate 95, Cranbury, New Jersey, June 7, 2014*, Highway Accident Report NTSB/HAR-15/02 (Washington, DC: 2015).

Chairman HART, Vice Chairman DINH-ZARR, and Members SUMWALT and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov.

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Chairman