



Technical Review Letters to Party Members

Fort Worth, TX

HWY21FH005

(4 pages)



**National Transportation Safety Board
490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW
Washington, DC 20594**

Re: I-35W multivehicle crash
Date and Time: February 11, 2021, approximately 6:00 a.m. central standard time
Location: Fort Worth, Texas
NTSB #: HWY21FH005

NTSB Party Member:

The draft Highway Factors Group Chairman's Factual Report and supporting documentation for the Fort Worth, TX multivehicle crash that occurred on Thursday, February 11, 2021, are available for your technical review and comment. To facilitate your review, the draft report and supporting items are in our Kiteworks secure file transfer system under a subfolder entitled "Technical Review". Recently Kiteworks has undergone a security enhancement requiring two-factor authentication for all external users. Upon initial login, external users will receive an email from Kiteworks with an 8-digit code. The code will be needed to complete the login process.

The purpose of the technical review is to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information on which the analysis will be based. As a reminder, the NTSB's investigation of this crash is limited in scope and only addressing issues concerning roadway monitoring and treatment strategies used to address freezing conditions. We are inviting factual comments only. Please, do not include analytical comments or editorial suggestions. The NTSB investigative team will consider all factual comments and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made or not made to the Highway Factors Group Chairman's Factual Report. The deadline for submitting technical review comments is the close-of-business (COB) on Friday, March 25, 2022. All technical review comments, where applicable, are required to reference page number and line number(s) and should be directed to my attention. If you do not have any comments, please advise me in writing accordingly.

Pursuant to the "CERTIFICATION OF PARTY REPRESENTATIVE" that was signed by each party member; **Section XV. Party Recommendations as to Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendations** 'Any party to an investigation may, and is encouraged to, submit to the NTSB proposed findings of fact and conclusions that the party believes should be drawn from the evidence obtained during the investigation. A party may also propose safety recommendations for preventive action. All submissions should be made in writing and parties should serve copies of submissions on all other parties.' Any submissions must be submitted to the other parties and the Lead Investigator by May 6th, 2022.¹

¹Party members are not required to provide a submission but may choose to do so.

Please remember that the draft Highway Factors Group Chairman's Factual Report and supporting documentation are for official-use-only until released in the public docket, and NTSB regulations prohibit the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Lead Investigator. If you have any questions regarding the technical review process, please feel free to contact me on my cell number at [REDACTED] or e-mail me at [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Dan Walsh, P.E.
Lead Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
Office of Highway Safety

Party Member,

The NTSB is conducting Technical Review #2 for the Fort Worth, TX multivehicle crash that occurred on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The purpose of Technical Review #2 is to verify the accuracy and completeness of new information contained in the Supplemental Factual Report. The NTSB will be only taking comments on new information contained in the Supplemental Factual Report. A clean version of the Highway Factors Group Chairman's Factual Report and supporting documentation is being provided for your information that incorporates the disposition of comments emailed to party members on April 18, 2022. The NTSB will not be taking comments on the clean version of the Highway Factors Group Chairman's Factual Report and supporting documentation. To facilitate your review, the Supplemental Factual Report which includes new supporting items are in our Kiteworks secure file transfer system under a subfolder entitled "Technical Review #2".

We are inviting factual comments only to the Supplemental Factual Report and new supporting items. Please, do not include analytical comments or editorial suggestions. The NTSB investigative team will consider all factual comments to the Supplemental Factual Report and new supporting items and provide the parties with a written summary of the disposition of those comments, including whether any changes are made or not made to the Supplemental Factual Report and new supporting items. The deadline for submitting technical review comments is the close-of-business (COB) on Friday, August 12, 2022. All technical review comments, where applicable, are required to reference page number and line number(s) and should be directed to my attention. If you do not have any comments, please advise me in writing accordingly.

Please remember that the Supplemental Factual Report and new supporting items are for official-use-only until released in the public docket, and NTSB regulations prohibit the release of investigative information that has not been released by the NTSB without prior consultation and approval of the Lead Investigator. If you have any questions regarding Technical Review #2, please feel free to contact me on my cell number at [REDACTED] or e-mail me at [REDACTED]

Respectfully,

Dan Walsh, P.E.

Lead Investigator

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