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Ford Motor Company-Receipt of Petition for Temporary Exemption from Various Requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards for an Automated Driving System-Equipped Vehicle
Notice of Receipt of Petition for Temporary Exemption; Request for Public Comment
87 Federal Register 43602, July 21, 2022

Dear Administrator Cliff,

Pursuant to 49 CFR § 553.19, the League of American Bicyclists (League) files this request for a sixty (60) day extension of the public comment period for docket NHTSA-2022-0066 which is currently scheduled to conclude on August 22, 2022. The League is a national non-profit bicycle advocacy organization dedicated to building a Bicycle Friendly America for everyone. Through its Bicycle Friendly Community program, the League recognizes nearly 500 communities for their efforts to improve bicycling, and many of these cities host autonomous vehicle (AV) testing operations on their streets.

The petition submitted by the Ford Motor Company seeks an exemption from certain requirements from no less than seven Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. This petition raises numerous complex technical and policy issues with implications for vehicle and traffic safety that necessitate significant analysis. Extending the comment period will permit members of the public to provide NHTSA with comprehensive input on the many substantial questions raised.

On the same day the petition at issue was published in the Federal Register, the agency also published a second petition from General Motors seeking an exemption from certain requirements from no less than six Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards. Granting this extension is in the public interest as it will provide stakeholders with sufficient time to provide specific and comprehensive feedback to NHTSA on the distinct issues posed by both petitions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Ken McLeod
Policy Director