

FMCSA listens again to hours of service concerns



Federal regulators Tuesday, Sept. 17, were once again listening to concerns the [trucking industry](#) and others have about the [changes to hours of service regulations being proposed](#). The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration held its second listening session at the Department of Transportation headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The proposed changes, which were announced about a month ago, would, among other things, allow truck drivers more flexibility with their 30-minute rest break, as well as how they divide their time in the sleeper berth. It also

[DOT proposes hours changes to provide flexibility](#)

would extend the short-haul on-duty period from 12 hours to 14 hours and lengthen the distance limit in which drivers can operate from 100 air miles to 150 air miles. There is also a provision to allow a two-hour extension of the driving day if drivers face congestion or bad weather.

A [similar listening session](#) was held last month at the Great American Trucking Show in Dallas.