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On April 17, 2009, representatives of Motorcycle Industry Council held a teleconference with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to discuss their comments to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to upgrade FMVSS No. 122, *Motorcycle brake systems*, which was published on September 17, 2008.

Participants in the teleconference from the Motorcycle Industry Council were: Mel Stahl and Kathy Van Kleeck. NHTSA participants were: Nathaniel Beuse and George Soodoo.

The Motorcycle Industry Council reiterated the concerns it expressed in the comments it submitted to the docket regarding 1) the proposed rule prescribing only the ASTM method for measuring peak braking coefficient and not allowing the optional method provided in the global technical regulation document; 2) the word "nominal" being removed from the term "nominal peak braking coefficient" describing the test surface; and 3) allowing the measurement of dynamic braking performance by mean fully developed deceleration instead of stopping distance.

