



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 27, 2013

Mr. Timothy Downey  
Transportation Collaborative, Inc.  
7 Lake Station Road  
Warwick, NY 10990

NVS-215KS  
13V-371

**Subject:** Possible Toe Crush in Flip Seat

Dear Mr. Downey:

This letter serves to acknowledge Transportation Collaborative, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
TCI/DW6159RLSST/2008-2009  
TCI/SC159DSFP600/2010

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 15, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-371

**Components:**  
SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 100

**Problem Description:**

Transportation Collaborative Inc. (TCI) is recalling certain model year TransTech 2008-2009 DW6159RLSST and 2010 SC159DSFP600 school buses equipped with C.E. White-brand flip-seat systems installed in front of other passenger seats.

**Consequence:**

When a Flip Seat is installed in front of another passenger seat, it is possible for the occupant of the rearward passenger seat to insert their toes and/or foot into the lower frame area of the Flip Seat. When a vehicle passenger occupies the Flip Seat, pushing the seat bottom downward to the horizontal position to sit in the seat, the occupant of the rearward seat could suffer a pinch point injury to their toes and/or foot.

**Remedy:**

TCI will notify owners and C.E. White Corporation will work with the owners to provide a remedy free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by early September 2013. Owners may contact TCI at 1-845-988-2333.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Owners are required to be notified by letters with a TCI letterhead. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement