

2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Transportation	2019
3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics	2027

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	09/26/2006		

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes	H. R. 302	10/05/2018

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	Yes	Enacted

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
P.L. 102-240	12/18/1991	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0
Open

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

Current Next
FY FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00 \$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00 \$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00 \$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00 \$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00 \$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00 0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Advisory Council discusses BTS programs and services during its meetings and produces a letter report to the Administrator summarizing key findings and consensus views of the group. Individual members also provide comments on specific topics that are not of general interest to all ACTS members.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The statute requires that membership on the Advisory Council shall consist of 9-11 members, one of whom must have expertise in economics and one who must have expertise in statistics, and all of them must have expertise in transportation

statistics and analysis. These members represent the broad interests of State and local governments, the private and nonprofit research sectors, and the academic community in the fields of transportation, statistics, geography, and economics. BTS anticipates approval of a slate of appointments and reappointments in early 2016 to bring ACTS to full strength. No activity in FY17, FY18 and FY19.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

No meetings were held in FY18. The Council usually meets twice a year. Past committees place greater emphasis on discussion of strategic issues effecting BTS rather than on briefings. Member discussion has provided valuable feedback and insights for BTS leadership.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

In the past several of the members are very senior professionals who have substantial demands on their time. Membership on the Council has proven to be the most effective way of capturing their attention for periods long enough to provide effective advice.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

H. R. 302, FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 was signed by the President on October, 5 2018. The Act eliminated this advisory committee. There was no activity in FY19.

Designated Federal Officer

Dr. Rolf Schmitt Deputy Director, Bureau of
Transportation Statistics

Narrative Description

No activities were undertaken in FY 2019. The functions of the Advisory Council on Transportation Statistics are to: 1) advise the Director on the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by BTS and the Department; 2) provide input to and review the congressional report required by 49 U.S.C. Section 6305; and 3) advise the Director on methods to encourage cooperation and interoperability of transportation data collected by BTS, the operating administrations of the Department, States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and private sector entities.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

12

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations were submitted in FY 2019.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

0

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

33%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology is currently reviewing the Management Order for submission to the Secretary of Transportation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

Agency Feedback Comments

NA

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A