

2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: U.S. Maritime Transportation System

National Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

2. Fiscal Year

2025

3. Committee or Subcommittee

U.S. Maritime Transportation System
National Advisory Committee

3b. GSA

Committee

No.

5320

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

09/16/2024 09/16/2026

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Energy Independence and
Security Act of 2007 (PL.
110-140)

13. Effective Date

08/26/2008 Continuing

14. Committee Type

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

National Policy Issue Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next 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. Administrative Costs (FRNs, contractor support, In-person/hybrid/virtual meetings)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Other (all other funds not captured by any other cost category)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18e. Total Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee typically meets 3-4 times each fiscal year, and in subgroups (e.g., teams) more frequently, to address major issues of concern to the marine transportation sector. For FY24, the committee conducted two in person meetings in March and July of 2024. The committee provides

the Secretary of Transportation with position papers on specific marine transportation system (MTS) issues and has also prepared position papers, resolutions and such on other matters as, for example, marine highways, port congestion, intermodal transportation, and educational materials.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The committee has 27 members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience in matters relating to the function of the committee.

The primary areas of the marine transportation system represented by MTSNAC include (1) industry, such as ship-owners and operators, ports and terminals, shipyards, freight forwarders, beneficial cargo owners, etc.; (2) regional representation across the Nation; (3) relevant policy areas such as supply chain, goods movement, infrastructure financing; and, (4) customers, stakeholders, and providers.

Consistent with 46 U.S.C. § 50402, Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 50402, MTSNAC membership will include at least one representative from each of the following: the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Commerce, the Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard, the Customs and Border Protection, and State and local governmental entities.

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

Up to four meetings of the full committee are held each year, and subcommittees may meet more frequently to prepare agenda items for the full committee to consider. The meetings are relevant because they draw from such a broad spectrum of the MTS stakeholders and allow for discussion of

broad issues of concern to the MTS.

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

It is the only such government forum that can address all issues that affect the entire maritime sector, and from which the Secretary can receive advice and recommendations. The Committee's primary role is to address matters relating to the U.S. marine transportation system and its seamless integration with other segments of the transportation system, including the viability of the U.S. merchant marine. The MTSNAC undertakes information-gathering activities, develops technical advice, and presents recommendations to the Administrator on the matters identified in the document including the following goals: Goal 1: Strengthen U.S. Maritime Capabilities Essential to National Security and Economic Prosperity; Goal 2: Ensure the Availability of a diverse and inclusive U.S. Maritime Workforce that Will Support the Sealift Resource Needs of the National Security Strategy; Goal 3: Support Enhancement of U.S. Port Infrastructure and Performance; Goal 4: Enable Maritime Industry Innovation in Information, Safety, Environmental Impact and Other Areas

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Recommendations made by the MTSNAC are contained in the meeting minutes and supporting materials. The MTSNAC does not issue annual reports.

Designated Federal Officer

Marlise Fratinardo Community Planner

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Doyle, William	11/14/2022	11/14/2024	Dredging Contractors of America	Representative Member
Fuentes, Sara	06/19/2023	06/19/2025	Transportation Institute	Representative Member
Gasperov, Joe	11/14/2022	11/14/2024	Transportation Institute	Representative Member
Overacker, Tom	06/19/2023	06/19/2025	U.S. Customs & Border Protection	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Rooney, Bethann	11/14/2022	11/14/2024	Port of New York and New Jersey	Representative Member
Tetrault, Brian	11/14/2022	11/14/2024	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wetherald, Tom	06/19/2023	06/19/2025	General Dynamics - NASSCO (retired)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 7

Narrative Description

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

Other



Outcome Comments

The MTSNAC serves as a sounding board for its sponsor, the Maritime Administration (MARAD), and the Secretary of Transportation.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None

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Unable to Determine

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Under \$100,000

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\$100,000 - \$500,000

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\$500,001 - \$1,000,000

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\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

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\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000

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Over \$10,000,000

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Cost Savings Other

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Cost Savings Comments

N/A

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

109

Number of Recommendations Comments

27 of 109 recommendations are partially or fully implemented. These include recommendations on improving United States Marine Highways, developing a National Maritime Transportation Strategy, on improving the Nation's ports, strengthening the Nation's shipbuilding capacity, and on developing the mariner workforce.

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

19%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

14 of 109 recommendations are partially or fully implemented. The nature of the recommendations may require legislation and thus may not be fully implemented.

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

18%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

13 of 109 recommendations were partially implemented. The nature of the recommendations may require legislation and thus may or may not be fully implemented.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is generally provided by MARAD leadership during Committee meetings.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Some of the recommendations would require support of proposed legislation or revision of existing regulations.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO ☒

Online Agency Web Site
Online Committee Web Site
Online GSA FACA Web Site
Publications
Other

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Access Comments

N/A