

## 2022 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northeast Corridor Safety Committee

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

### 2. Fiscal Year

2022

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Northeast Corridor Safety  
Committee

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

76875

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 01/01/2021 01/01/2023

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Pub.L. 115-420

### 8c. Actual Term Date

12/31/2021

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Yes

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Passenger Rail Investment  
and Improvement Act of 2008  
(PRIIA) (section 212) Pub. L.  
No. 110-432)

### 13. Effective Date 14. Committee Type

10/14/2008 Continuing No

### 14c. Presidential?

### 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

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

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Committee will provide a forum for discussion of safety issues, and related security issues, arising out of rail operations on the Northeast Corridor and make safety recommendations to the Secretary. Any security-related issues or recommendations will be discussed in consultation with TSA.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Congress has specified the membership composition of the Committee in 49 U.S.C.

24905(f). The statute provides that members of the committee shall be representatives of (A) the Department of Transportation, including the Federal Railroad Administration; (B) Amtrak; (C) freight carriers operating more than 150,000 train miles a year on the main line of the Northeast Corridor; (D) commuter rail agencies; (E) rail passengers; (F) rail labor; and (G) other individuals and organizations the Secretary decides have a significant interest in rail safety or security. We have developed a proposed membership list of organizations and/or individuals that represent all of the groups specified in the statute. If organizations or individuals are later identified that fit into one of the specified statutory categories for membership, or that the Secretary determines have a significant interest in rail safety or security on the NEC, they may be added as committee members.

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

The Committee meets approximately two times per year to consider safety matters on the NEC main line.

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

The Committee is established under the authority of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and in accordance with the provisions of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) (section 212 of the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008 (Pub. L. No. 110–432), amending 49 U.S.C. § 24905(f)). The Committee is being established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The formation and use of the Committee are

determined to be in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Secretary of Transportation, and delegated to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Administrator, by the Federal railroad safety statutes (49 U.S.C. §§ 20101–21311). The Committee's objective is to make safety recommendations concerning rail operations on the NEC and report such recommendations to the Secretary. In consultation with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Committee also will report on security issues that impact the Committee's safety recommendations.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

The establishment of the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Safety and Security Committee implements a statutory provision included in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008, Section 212: 49 U.S.C. 24905(f) which requires the Secretary to establish a Northeast Corridor Safety Committee and to appoint its members. The Committee was not active and did not meet in FY 2020. Per the termination authority, the committee will cease to exist on the date that the Secretary determines positive train control is fully implemented along the Northeast Corridor.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Kenton T Kilgore Program Analyst/Administrative Officer

**Narrative Description**

The Committee's objective is to make safety recommendations concerning rail operations on the NEC and report such recommendations to the Secretary. In consultation with the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Committee also will report on security issues that impact the Committee's safety recommendations. The Committee met twice in FY 2017, and submitted a formal recommendation to DOT. No meeting were held since FY18

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

Checked if  
Applies

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Major policy changes                              | <input 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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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**

Not Applicable

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

2

## **Number of Recommendations Comments**

On June 5, 2012 the Northeast Corridor Safety Committee (NECSC) submitted a recommendation letter to the Secretary of Transportation regarding seeking assistance from the FCC to alleviate frequency spectrum availability issues along the Northeast Corridor as it relates to NEC railroads implementing the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA) mandated Positive Train Control (PTC) by 2015. On August 29, 2017, the Northeast Corridor Safety Committee (NECSC) submitted a recommendation letter to the Secretary of Transportation advising her of serious issues with the aging infrastructure along the Corridor. In the letter, the NECSC requested her assistance and support in obtaining resources to repair/replace crucial infrastructure. No recommendations were made in FY20, no recommendation has been made since FY18

**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**

Not Applicable

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

100%

## **% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Not Applicable

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

## **Agency Feedback Comments**

Not Applicable

**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**

Not Applicable

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

No

**Grant Review Comments**

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

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

**Access Comments**

Committee documents will be made available to the public on the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Keywordbox, enter FRA-2011-0027, which is the docket number for this Committee.