

# 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northeast Corridor Safety Committee

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**1. Department or Agency**

Department of Transportation

**2. Fiscal Year**

2019

**3. Committee or Subcommittee**

Northeast Corridor Safety Committee

**3b. GSA Committee No.**

76875

**4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?**

No

**5. Current Charter**

05/12/2017

**6. Expected Renewal Date**

05/12/2019

**7. Expected Term Date**

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

No

**8b. Specific Termination Authority**

49 USC Sec. 24905(e),

**8c. Actual Term Date**

**9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year**

Terminate

**10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**

Not Applicable

**10b. Legislation Pending?**

Not Applicable

**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**

10/14/2008

**14. Committee Type**

Continuing

**14c. Presidential?**

No

**15. Description of Committee** Other Committee

**16a. Total Number of Reports**

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

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

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

**19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)**

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 2018. 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

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Armstrong, Clyde	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Director, Regulatory Oversight	Representative Member
Baldwin, Mike	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Brotherhood of Railroad Signalman	Representative Member
Carter, Michael	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Equipment Operator, Amtrak	Representative Member
Dragani, Anthony	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Special Agent in Charge, Norfolk Southern Railway Police	Representative Member
Ebbighausen, Lori	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Chief Safety Officer	Representative Member
Frigo, Ryan	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	National Transportation Safety Board	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Gekas, Mike	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Assistant to the President-Safety	Representative Member
Gorton, Scott	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Transportation Security Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Impastato, Theresa	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Deputy Chief Safety Officer	Representative Member
Ingersoll, David	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	General Chairman, Amtrak	Representative Member
Kirsch, Anne	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Chief Safety and Security Officer, Metro North Railroad	Representative Member
Lacey, John	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Assistant President Directing General Chairman	Representative Member
Lauby, Robert	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Federal Railroad Administration	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Logue, Michael	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, Amtrak	Representative Member
Mathews, Jim	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	President & CEO	Representative Member
McCloud, Geoffrey	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	International President	Representative Member
Moller, Jeffrey	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	AVP Transportation Systems & Practices	Representative Member
Pohlot, Bruce	09/06/2011	09/06/2019	Senior Vice President - Engineering	Representative Member
Russo, Al	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	International Representative	Representative Member
Sauer, Scott	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Assistant General Manager, System Safety	Representative Member
Stamy, Karin	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	System Director Safety	Representative Member
Tabon, Gardner	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Chief Office of System Safety	Representative Member
Tingle, Carl	11/02/2011	09/06/2019	Vice President	Representative Member
Veal, Corey	09/06/2016	09/06/2019	Senior Manager Operating Rules	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 25**

**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 in FY18.

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

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000
- Cost Savings Other

**Cost Savings Comments**

Not Applicable

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

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**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 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?**

0%

**% 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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

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

**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.