

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Port Performance Freight Statistics Working Group

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Port Performance Freight Statistics  
Working Group

### 3b. GSA

### Committee No.

2562

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

No

### 5. Current Charter

03/24/2016

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/24/2018

### 7. Expected Term Date

03/24/2018

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

Yes

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

Pub.L. 114–94

### 8c. Actual Term Date

03/24/2018

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Pub.L. 114–94

### 13. Effective Date

12/04/2015

### 14. Committee Type

Ad hoc

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program 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 Next  
FY FY

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|---|--------|--------|
| <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 Working Group shall provide the BTS Director with independent advice and recommendations on matters, as specifically outlined in Section 6018 of P.L. 114-94:(a) Identify a generally accepted industry standard for port data collection and reporting.(b) Specify standards for collecting data and reporting port performance measures.(c) Make recommendation for statistics on U.S. port capacity and throughput.(d) Develop a process for DOT to collect timely and consistent data, including identifying safeguards to protect certain proprietary information.DOT has gathered a group of experts and representatives to review and make recommendations on the tasks specified by statute.

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

As required by 49 U.S.C. 6314(c), the Working Group includes representatives and experts from various stakeholders interested in port performance, including: port authorities, terminal operators, labor unions, land and maritime shipping companies, and numerous Government agencies.

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

Estimated Number of Meetings per Year - 4  
Estimated Total Meetings - 8

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

The Working Group is the body that brings together the expertise in port operations and statistics to address the issues required by Congress.

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

Not Applicable

**21. Remarks**

The committee has made their final recommendation to the Department.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Matthew, Michael Chambers, Sprung DFO

**Narrative Description**

The Working Group didn't meet in FY18. In FY2017 they discussed steps to identify a generally accepted industry standard for port

data collection and reporting; specify standards for collecting data and reporting nationally consistent port performance measures; make recommendations for statistics measuring on U.S. port capacity and throughput; and develop a process for the Department to collect timely and consistent data, including identifying safeguards to protect proprietary information.

**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 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   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Outcome Comments**

Not Applicable

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

Checked if Applies

- |                            |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Unable to Determine        | <input checked="" 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?**

14

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

Not Applicable

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

57%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

BTS incorporated the Working Group's recommendations where possible for the first Annual Report.

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

43%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

BTS will need to specify nationally consistent definitions, develop methodological approaches for their calculation, or conduct further research and development in order to fully implement these recommendations.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

BTS is currently developing a plan to address the Working Group's recommendations.

**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

☐

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Access Comments**

Not Applicable