

## 2025 Current Fiscal Year Report: Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

### 2. Fiscal Year

2025

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Transit Advisory Committee for  
Safety

### 3b. GSA Committee

No.

75267

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

5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
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No 02/02/2024 02/02/2026

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

8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
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No

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
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Continue Not Applicable Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
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Agency memo 11/23/2009 Continuing No

### 15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open

17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
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### Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
This full committee meeting brought together all TRACS members to discuss and finalize the draft recommendations from each of the three subcommittees.	12/04/2024	12/05/2025

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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 full committee is scheduled to meet 2 times/year to discuss tasks assigned by the FTA Administrator. In addition, subcommittees will be appointed and will meet throughout the year as they develop recommendations that will be reviewed and approved by the the full committee.

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

The committee is representative of transit agencies, state oversight agencies, members of academia, state governments, trade organization,

and unions. It is further balanced by geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity.

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

The full committee meets twice a year and the subcommittees meet monthly. Full committee meetings may be held in-person or virtually. Subcommittees meet via teleconference or other virtual means. Meetings are held to provide updates and to continue progress towards making the best recommendations possible to FTA.

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

The committee is necessary to assist the FTA with developing recommendations and policy for public transportation safety. Its expertise and diverse interests provide a well-rounded industry approach to safety that FTA cannot obtain elsewhere.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

**Designated Federal Officer**

Joe DeLorenzo Associate Administrator of Safety & Oversight / Chief Safety Officer

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Alberts, Brian	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	American Public Transportation Association	Representative Member
Beverly, Edwards	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Chief Operating Officer, First Transit	Representative Member
Cockburn, Johanna	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Director of Transportation, City of Greensboro	Representative Member

D'Elia, Joseph	08/26/2024	08/26/2026	Transport Workers of America (TWU)	Representative Member
DeGrasse, Enjoli	06/28/2023	06/28/2025	International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Representative Member
Frankhouser, Rebecca	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Chief Safety Officer and Managing Director for Safety, Security and Quality Assurance, King County Metro Transit and Rail Division Director,	Representative Member
Harris, David	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) Public Transportation	Representative Member
Hughes, Molly	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Safety Administrator, Washington State DOT	Representative Member
Johnson, Donna	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Representative Member
Karr, Laura	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Associate General Counsel, Amalgamated Transit Union	Representative Member
Keane, Jim	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	General Manager of Operations Safety, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey	Representative Member
Lamb, Thomas	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Chief of Innovation and Technology, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York City Authority	Representative Member
Lapp, Brian	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Senior Vice President and Chief Safety Officer, New Jersey Transit	Representative Member

Lopez, Raymond	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Deputy Executive Officer of Corporate Safety, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Representative Member
Maleh, Rachel	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Executive Director, Operation Lifesaver, Inc.	Representative Member
Osorio, Santiago	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Chief safety Officer, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County	Representative Member
Philbrick, Karen	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Executive Director, San Jose State University, Mineta Transportation Institute	Representative Member
Porter, Ashley	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Transit Safety Programs Manager, Florida DOT	Representative Member
Preusser, Patrick	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Director of Rapid Transit, City and County of Honolulu, Department of Transportation Services	Representative Member
Reese, Reggie	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Chief Safety Officer, Pierce Transit	Representative Member
Sharkey, Adam	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Deputy Director, River Cities Public Transit State Safety Oversight Program	Representative Member
Sobeck, Justin	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Manager and Passenger Rail Safety Specialist, Missouri DOT	Representative Member
Staes, Lisa	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Center for Urban Transportation Research	Representative Member
Tabon, Gardner	11/29/2022	11/29/2024	Capital Metropolitan Transit Agency	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 24**

**Narrative Description**

In January 2023, the FTA Administrator asked the TRACS members to research and provide recommendations on 1) Rider and Worker Safety; 2) Reducing Bus Collisions; and 3) Data and Cybersecurity Management. Letter reports containing these recommendations were submitted to the FTA Administrator on Feb. 2, 2024 and contained 21 recommendations. They were submitted to the Secretary of Transportation for acceptance and have been published on FTA's website. TRACS continued work on a second task supporting each of the three forementioned subcommittees. Recommendations are due in early February 2025.

**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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

Through Letter Reports to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Administrator, TRACS provides recommendations to assist FTA in developing policy and guidance to meet requirements set forth in MAP-21, the FAST Act, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

**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**

With the enactment of MAP-21, FTA received legislative authority to provide more robust oversight of public transportation safety. Recommendations made by TRACS will assist FTA as this effort and other requirements from the FAST Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are implemented.

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

124

### **Number of Recommendations Comments**

The committee was charged with developing recommendations addressing the following: (1) safety management system principles in rail transit agencies; (2) characteristics of an ideal state safety oversight organization; (3) methods for improving the development of non-regulatory employer prescription and over the counter drug policies, employee prescription and over the counter drug notification training, and employee notification information in accident/incident investigations; (4) a confidential, non-punitive, close call safety reporting system for the rail transit industry; (5) a framework and elements that should be a part of a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; (6) a framework for the National Public Transportation Safety Plan; (7) transit worker assaults; (8) fatigue management; (9) improving safety culture; (10) safety data and performance management; (11) employee safety reporting; (12) trespass and suicide prevention; and (13) roadway worker protections; (14) cyber and data security management; (15) reducing bus collisions; and (16) rider and worker safety.

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

70%

### **% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Sixteen letter reports with over 100 specific recommendations have been delivered to the FTA Administrator. FTA is drafting rules to meet Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements and several recommendations have been fully implemented to date. Other recommendations are still being considered and may be incorporated into the proposed rulemaking recommendations and other programmatic development.

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

30%

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

Sixteen letter reports with over 100 specific recommendations have been delivered to the FTA Administrator. FTA is currently implementing MAP-21, FAST Act, and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law requirements and considering all recommendations as it moves forward. It is also proposing several research projects that further explore TRACS 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**

Feedback is provided via letter and direct communication with the Designated Federal Officer.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### **Action Comments**

The Federal Transit Administration has published regulatory notices for public comment and the letter reports will assist in developing further proposed rulemakings to implement requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



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

**Access Comments**

Committee members are provided contact information for agency representatives.