

## 2019 Current Fiscal Year Report: Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

### 2. Fiscal Year

2019

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Transit Advisory Committee for Safety

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

75267

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

No

### 5. Current Charter

09/12/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

09/12/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

09/11/2020

### 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 Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Agency memo

### 13. Effective Date

11/23/2009

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 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 Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

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. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	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, and unions. It is further balanced with geographic, ethnic, and gender diversity.

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

The full Committee meets twice a year. The committee will meet monthly via teleconference or Adobe Connect or Skype 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**

Henrika Buchanan Safety & Oversight Office

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Bernal, Herman	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Arizona Department of Transportation	Representative Member
Berry, Elayne	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Metropolitan Atlanta Transit Authority	Representative Member
Fischhaber, Pamela	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Colorado Public Utilities Commission	Representative Member
Harris, David	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT)	Representative Member
Hickey, James	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	Representative Member
Kelly, Timothy	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Metro)	Representative Member

Lau, Jeff	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Bay Area Rapid Transit	Representative Member
Muntan, Eric	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Miami-Dade Transit	Representative Member
Nickle, Ronald	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA)	Representative Member
Philbrick, Karen	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose University	Representative Member
Rose, Joyce	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Principal Consultant, Transit and Rail Safety, WSP Parsons Brinkerhoff	Representative Member
Sauer, Scott	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)	Representative Member
Sherlock, Brian	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)	Representative Member
Wiley, Victor	05/23/2014	09/11/2020	Memphis Area Transit Authority	Representative Member
Wilson, Nicholas	09/12/2018	09/11/2020	Vehicle Track Interaction Group	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

**Narrative Description**

The TRACS will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and the FTA Administrator regarding public transit safety and other safety issues. TRACS received one new task from FTA during FY2018 to review emerging technologies and recommend public transportation innovations in safety that FTA can implement. The committee will provide recommendations to FTA regarding this task in FY20 as a letter and final report.

**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 meeting requirements set forth in developing

policy and guidance to implement MAP-21 and the FAST Act.

**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**

With the enactment of MAP-21, FTA has recieved 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 are implemented.

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

10

**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; and (10) safety data and performance management.

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

40%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Ten letter reports with recommendations have been delivered to the FTA Administrator. FTA is drafting rules to meet MAP-21 and FAST Act 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 program development.

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

20%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Ten letter reports with recommendations have been delivered to the FTA Administrator. FTA is currently implementing MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements and considering all recommendations as it moves forward. It is also proposing several reserach 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
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

**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

MAP-21 and FAST Act requirements.

**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 type="checkbox"/>            |
| Publications              | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Access Comments**

Committee members are provided contact information for agency representatives.