

## 2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Freight Advisory Committee

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<b>1. Department or Agency</b>		<b>2. Fiscal Year</b>	
Department of Transportation		2017	
<b>3. Committee or Subcommittee</b>		<b>3b. GSA Committee No.</b>	
National Freight Advisory Committee		83352	
<b>4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>5. Current Charter</b>	<b>6. Expected Renewal Date</b>	<b>7. Expected Term Date</b>
No	05/28/2015	05/28/2016	12/30/2017
<b>8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?</b>	<b>8b. Specific Termination Authority</b>		<b>8c. Actual Term Date</b>
Yes			05/28/2016
<b>9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year</b>	<b>10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?</b>		<b>10b. Legislation Pending?</b>
Terminate	No		Not Applicable

<b>11. Establishment Authority</b>	Agency Authority		
<b>12. Specific Establishment Authority</b>	<b>13. Effective Date</b>	<b>14. Committee Type</b>	<b>14c. Presidential?</b>
Action Memorandum to the Secretary	02/13/2013	Continuing	No

**15. Description of Committee** Scientific Technical 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 **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
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.00	0.00

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

The Committee undertake information-gathering activities, develop technical advice, and present recommendations to the Secretary to further inform national freight policy, including but not limited to the following: Implementation of the freight provisions of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Pub. L. No. 112-141, including development of a National Freight Strategic Plan, establishment of the National Freight Network, strategies to help States implement State Freight Advisory Committees and State Freight Plans, development of measures of condition, safety, and performance for freight transportation, and development of freight transportation investment, data, and planning tools; and other issues of freight transportation policy and programs, including legislative recommendations.

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

The Committee is balanced geographically and with members from across the freight industry, state and local governments, safety advocates, academics, and other interested parties.

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

The Committee didn't met in 2017 to provide final comments on the National Freight Strategic Plan.

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

The Secretary of Transportation determined that gathering information and advice on freight policy through the committee is in the public interest.

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

N/A

**21. Remarks**

Committee has completed its work.

**Designated Federal Officer**

Maria Lefevre DFO

**Narrative Description**

To help the U.S. Department of Transportation promote a safe, economically efficient, and environmentally sustainably freight transportation system, the Department's National Freight Advisory Committee (NFAC) will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary on matters related to freight transportation in the United States, particularly for development of the National Freight Strategic Plan.

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

**Outcome Comments**

Advice and Recommendations that support a National Freight Strategic Plan which may result in:\* Improved efficiency of goods movement\* Improved and streamlined project delivery\* Increased coordination between Federal, State, and Local governments\* Potential Cost savings

**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?**

84

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The NFAC submitted 81 recommendations for the Department to consider during development of the National Freight Strategic Plan (available here: <http://www.dot.gov/policy-initiatives/national-freight-advisory-committee/recommendations-us-de> as well as three resolutions at the November 2013 meeting (available here: <http://www.dot.gov/policy-initiatives/national-freight-advisory-committee/november-21-2013-natic> During FY 2016, the Committee provided final comments on the completed National Freight Strategic Plan.

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

25%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The NFAC submitted a number of recommendations on which the Department of Transportation is already taking action. For example, in November 2013 the NFAC resolved that the TIGER discretionary grant program be continued. Although the program is subject to Congressional appropriation, the DOT conducted its seventh round of TIGER grants and announced 39 awards in October 2015. Similarly, the DOT inherently considers safety, security, and resiliency into infrastructure design and investment decisions, as recommended by the NFAC. Additionally, the NFAC provided 81 recommendations to be considering during development of the National Freight Strategic Plan many which are loosely referenced in the draft National Freight Strategic Plan released by USDOT in October 2015.

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

50%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

Many of the NFAC's recommendations are addressed in the Administration's GROW AMERICA Act Reauthorization proposal, which was transmitted to Congress in spring 2015. For example, the NFAC recommended a new dedicated fund for multi-modal freight projects. The GROW AMERICA Act includes the Multi-modal Freight Incentive Program, in which funds are apportioned to states according to a series of incentives, as well as the

Multi-modal Freight Infrastructure Program, a freight only discretionary grant program. These recommendations, however, require Congressional action to be fully implemented.

**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 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 type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

NA