

# 2009 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

## 2. Fiscal Year

2009

## 3b. GSA

## Committee

## No.

National Surface Transportation Infrastructure  
Financing Commission

31917

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

03/05/2007

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2009

## 7. Expected Term Date

10/01/2009

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

## 8c. Actual Term Date

09/01/2009

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

SAFETEA-LU (Public Law  
109-59, 119 Stat. 1144)

## 13. Effective Date

08/10/2005 Continuing

## 14. Committee Type

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Other Committee

## 16a. Total Number of Reports 1

## 16b. Report Date

02/26/2009 Paying Our Way - A New Way for  
Transportation Finance

## Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

## 17a. Open

4

17b. Closed0

17c. Partially Closed0

Other Activities0

17d. Total4

## Meetings and Dates

| <b>Purpose</b>   | <b>Start</b> | <b>End</b> |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Review of chapters for final report.                                   | 10/21/2008   | 10/22/2008 |
| Report finalization/production timeline                                | 11/20/2008   | 11/20/2008 |
| Discussion on recommendations and review of chapters for final report. | 12/10/2008   | 12/10/2008 |
| Discussion of Executive Summary and Recommendations                    | 01/08/2009   | 01/08/2010 |

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4**

|   | <b>Current FY</b> | <b>Next FY</b> |
|---|-------------------|----------------|
| <b>18a(1). Personnel</b>  |                   |                |
| <b>Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>                                    | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(2). Personnel</b>  |                   |                |
| <b>Pmts to Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18a(3). Personnel</b>  |                   |                |
| <b>Pmts to Federal Staff</b>  | \$6,102.00        | \$6,102.00     |
| <b>18a(4). Personnel</b>  |                   |                |
| <b>Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>                                 | \$280,000.00      | \$280,000.00   |
| <b>18b(1). Travel and Per</b>   |                   |                |
| <b>Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>                                    | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(2). Travel and Per</b>   |                   |                |
| <b>Diem to Federal Members</b>  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(3). Travel and Per</b>   |                   |                |
| <b>Diem to Federal Staff</b>  | \$0.00            | \$0.00         |
| <b>18b(4). Travel and Per</b>   |                   |                |
| <b>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>   | \$286,102.00      | \$286,102.00   |
| <b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>                          | 0.00              | 0.00           |

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

The committee will conduct an investigation and study of future highway needs, future transit needs, and current and projected Federal Highway Trust Fund revenues, taking into account the impact of possible changes in public vehicular choice, fuel use, or travel alternatives upon the fund.

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

The committee will be comprised of 15 members - 7 appointed by the Secretary of Transportation, 2 appointed by the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, 2 appointed by the Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, 2 appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and 2 appointed by the Ranking Member of the Senate Finance Committee.

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

The committee will meet at least once a year to discuss relevant issues relating to the revenues which flow to the Highway Trust Fund, including the funding needs of highway and transit projects.

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

The committee will make recommendations addressing, but not limited to, the levels of revenue that the HTF will require to maintain and improve the condition and performance of the Nation's highway and transit systems to ensure that Federal levels of investments in highways and transit do not decline in real terms and addressing policies to achieve such HTF revenues.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or**

## partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings will be open to the public, except as provided under FACA.

## 21. Remarks

Per authorizing legislation, the Commission shall terminate 180 days after submission of its final report. The Commission submitted its final report on February 26, 2009.

## Designated Federal Officer

Jack Wells Chief Economist

| Committee Members         | Start      | End        | Occupation   | Member Designation    |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|--|-----------------------|
| Atkinson, Robert          | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation                            | Representative Member |
| Carmody, Donald           | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | President-Henry County Bank, Iowa  | Representative Member |
| Crowe, Jeffrey            | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Chairman of the Board of Landstar System   | Representative Member |
| Florian, Mark             | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Managing Director—Goldman, Sachs & Company   | Representative Member |
| Grote, Brian              | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Principal, Mercator Advisors LLC   | Representative Member |
| Kennedy, Bill             | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Yellowstone, MT County Commissioner  | Representative Member |
| Krusee, Mike              | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | State of Texas House Representative--District 52                                       | Representative Member |
| Lentzsch, Craig           | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | President and Chief Executive Officer--Coach America                                   | Representative Member |
| Levenson, Dana            | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Managing Director and Head of North American Infrastructure—The Royal Bank of Scotland | Representative Member |
| Moore, Adrian             | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Vice President of Research--Reason Foundation  | Representative Member |
| Ruffalo-Farnsworth, Kathy | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Governmental Affairs Consultant  | Representative Member |
| Sander, Elliot            | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Administration and Director of the Rudin Center  | Representative Member |

|                  |            |            |  |                          |
|------------------|------------|------------|--|--------------------------|
| Scrivner, Zack   | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Councilmember-Ward<br>7--Bakersfield, CA<br>Councilman                                     | Representative<br>Member |
| Shultz, Martin   | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Vice President,<br>Government<br>Affairs--Pinnacle West<br>Capital Corporation<br>Law Firm | Representative<br>Member |
| Yarema, Geoffrey | 04/25/2007 | 04/25/2009 | Partner--Nossaman<br>Guthner Knox & Elliott<br>LLP   | Representative<br>Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

### Narrative Description

The committee will support the agency's mission by providing recommendations on the best ways to raise revenues for investment in transportation infrastructure.

### 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Effective grant making                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Improved service delivery                         | <input 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

Development of funding and financing mechanisms that will lead to increased effectiveness and efficiency of federal approaches to infrastructure investment.

### 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

NA

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

0

### Number of Recommendations Comments

The committee will only make recommendations in its final report.

**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

The committee will only make recommendations in its final report.

**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

The committee will only make recommendations in its final report.

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

Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable ☒

### Agency Feedback Comments

NA

**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**

The committee will only make recommendations in its final report.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

NA

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

**Access Comments**

NA