

2009 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays

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1. Department or Agency		2. Fiscal Year	
Department of Transportation		2009	
3. Committee or Subcommittee		3b. GSA Committee No.	
National Task Force to Develop Model Contingency Plans to Deal with Lengthy Airline On-Board Ground Delays		34360	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/03/2008	01/03/2010	01/03/2009
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date
Yes			09/30/2009
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?		10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No		
11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority		
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal advisory committee approved by the Secretary of Transportation	01/03/2008	Ad hoc	No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this Fiscal Year		
17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities
1	0	0	0
17d. Total 1			

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Final task force meeting; members voted to approve/endorse the Model Contingency Planning Document, the chief work product of the Task Force, and recommend that the Secretary urge aviation service providers to implement its recommendations.	11/12/2008	11/12/2008

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	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	\$26,388.00	\$26,388.00
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	\$26,388.00	\$26,388.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Task Force will develop model contingency plans for minimizing the impact of lengthy airline on-board ground delays. It will also be responsible for reviewing incidents involving long, on-board ground delays and their causes; identifying trends and patterns of such events; and recommending workable solutions for mitigating the on-board consumer impact of extraordinary flight disruptions. Finally, the Task Force will report to the Secretary of Transportation the results of its consideration and a description of model contingency plans it develops

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

In selecting the members of the Task Force, the Department attempted to achieve a balanced membership representing a broad cross-section of the diverse agencies, organizations and individuals that represent airlines, airports, consumer groups and other interested entities in the United States. We also contacted some organizations that had not submitted an application for membership by the January 4, 2008, deadline, but whose membership in the Task Force we believed would be beneficial, to encourage their participation.

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

The meetings have taken place on average every 5-8 weeks since the initial meeting on February 26, 2008. The activities and discussion at each meeting have related directly to the tasks and purposes outlined in the Task Force Charter.

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

The Task Force is necessary to provide a forum

for developing, considering, and communicating to the Secretary, from a knowledgeable and independent perspective, a strategy for minimizing the impact of lengthy on-board ground delays on passengers nationwide.

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

21. Remarks

The Task Force completed its mission at its final meeting on November 12, 2008. The Task Force is inactive as its charter expired on January 3, 2009 and was not renewed. Therefore, there is not committee information to report for 2009.

Designated Federal Officer

Samuel Podberesky Assistant General Counsel
for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Barimo, Basil	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President, Operations and Safety	Representative Member
Bartal, Brian	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Project Manager	Representative Member
Cohen, Roger	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	President	Representative Member
Collins, Michael	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Disability Rights Advocate	Representative Member
Crites, James	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Executive Vice President, Operations	Representative Member
DeCosta, Benjamin	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Aviation General Manager	Representative Member
Doughty, George	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Executive Director	Representative Member
Durham, Charles	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Manager of Dispatch	Representative Member
Gaydos, James	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Director, Airport Services	Representative Member
Hanni, Kate	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Founder/Spokesperson	Representative Member
Hozdulick, Steve	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Director, Operational Performance	Representative Member

Lefebvre, Tony	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Vice President - Airport Operations, Reservations, Security, Properties and Facilities	Representative Member
Malloy, Leo	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	President	Representative Member
McElroy, Deborah	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Executive Vice President, Policy and External Affairs	Representative Member
Muhs, Robert	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President -System Operations Control	Representative Member
Murphy, Patrick	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Aviation consultant	Representative Member
Newman, Larry	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Chairman, Air Traffic Services Group	Representative Member
Penrod, Bradley	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	CEO/Executive Director	Representative Member
Podberesky, Samuel	01/03/2008	01/03/2009	Assistant General Counsel for Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Ruden, Paul	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Vice President, Legal and Industry Affairs	Representative Member
Rutenberg, Daniel	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President	Representative Member
Sabatine, Melissa	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President of Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Schefer, Leo	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	President	Representative Member
Scully, Lysa	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Assistant Director - Customer, Cargo, Concessions & Airport Services	Representative Member
Shaffer, D.	01/03/2008	01/03/2009	Associate Administrator for Airports	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Szadokierski, Cynthia	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President - Operational Services	Representative Member
Tabor, James	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President, of Operations	Representative Member
Weiss, Daniel	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Managing Director, International Policy & Regulatory Affairs	Representative Member
Wilkinson, Warren	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	Vice President of Government Affairs & Corporate Communications	Representative Member
Zoeller, Thomas	02/11/2008	01/03/2009	President & CEO	Representative Member

Barimo, Basil [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Bartal, Brian [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Chapman, Livaughn [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	Attorney	
DeCosta, Benjamin [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Doughty, George [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Gaydos, James [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member Regular
Hendry, Alan [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	FAA Program Director for the Potomac TRACON	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hozdulick, Steve [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Hudson, Kevin [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member Regular
Kalinkowski, Nancy [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	FAA Acting Vice President of Systems Operations	Government Employee (RGE) Member
Lange, William [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Lefebvre, Tony [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Muhs, Robert [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Murphy, Patrick [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Newman, Larry [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Penrod, Bradley [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Sammartino, Mike [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	Director of System Operations - Air Traffic Control System Command	Representative Member
Schefer, Leo [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Szadokierski, Cynthia [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/05/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Tabor, James [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Weiss, Daniel [Causation - Delay Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Barimo, Basil [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member

Bartal, Brian [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Blank Riether, Kathleen [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Attorney	
Chapman, Livaughn [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	Attorney	
Crites, James [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
DeCosta, Benjamin [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Durham, Charles [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Faberman, Edward [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Gaydos, James [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Hanni, Kate [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Hozdulick, Steve [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Lange, William [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Lavin, Douglas [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Lefebvre, Tony [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Malloy, Leo [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
McElroy, Deborah [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Muhs, Robert [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Murphy, Patrick [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Newman, Larry [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Penrod, Bradley [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Rutenberg, Daniel [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Sabatine, Melissa [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Schefer, Leo [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Scully, Lysa [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member

Shaffer, D [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Szadokierski, Cynthia [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Weiss, Daniel [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Williams, William [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Zoeller, Thomas [Contingency Planning Sub Committee]	06/02/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Blank Riether, Kathleen [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	Senior Attorney	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Cohen, Roger [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Collins, Michael [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Crites, James [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
DeCosta, Benjamin [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Durham, Charles [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Faberman, Edward [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Hamilton, Pam [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	Director, Office of Rulemaking	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Hanni, Kate [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Hozdulick, Steve [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Malloy, Leo [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
McElroy, Deborah [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Muhs, Robert [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Murphy, Patrick [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Ruden, Paul [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Rutenberg, Daniel [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Sabatine, Melissa [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Scully, Lysa [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member

Shaffer, D. [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Szadokierski, Cynthia [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Weiss, Daniel [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Wilkinson, Warren [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member
Zoeller, Thomas [Passenger Needs Sub Committee]	03/20/2008	01/03/2009	see committee member list	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 103

Narrative Description

The Task Force will support the agency's mission to ensure safe, efficient transportation for all Americans by developing model contingency plans for minimizing the impact of lengthy airline on-board ground delays on passengers. The Task Force will review incidents involving long, on-board ground delays and their causes; identify trends and patterns of such events; and recommend workable solutions for mitigating the on-board consumer impact of extraordinary flight disruptions. The Task Force will report to the Secretary of Transportation the results of its consideration and a description of the model contingency plans it develops.

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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

The Yes responses above are mostly anticipated rather than actual outcomes since the Task Force has made only one interim recommendation to the Secretary during this fiscal year and expects to make a number of final recommendations in the next fiscal year.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input 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

The Task Force did not make final recommendations to the Secretary during this fiscal year so a cost savings estimate is not available.

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

1

Number of Recommendations Comments

Only one interim recommendation was made during this fiscal year. The charter states that the Task Force will make recommendations to the Secretary following a review of the causes of lengthy on-board tarmac delays and the development of model contingency plans. The final document and recommendations will be transmitted to the Secretary in November or December 2008.

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

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The Task Force recommended that the Secretary send a letter to Michael Chertoff,

Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, expressing thanks for the collaborative initiatives of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) in proposing avenues for allowing passengers to deplane in accordance with existing security standards at airports to which their flights have been diverted after the hours when CBP and/or TSA staff are on duty. The Secretary's letter, DOT-OST-2007-0108-0104, appears at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=DOT-OST-2007-0108-0104>.

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 Task Force made only one interim recommendation to the Secretary during this fiscal year.

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The Secretary implemented the Task Force's recommendation to contact Secretary Chertoff. A copy of her letter was sent to the Task Force and Secretary Chertoff's response, DOT-OST-2007-0108-0121.2, was subsequently posted at <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=DOT-OST-2007-0108-0121.2>.

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 Task Force has not made final recommendations to the Secretary during this fiscal year so no other actions have been taken by the Secretary / agency.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

The mission of this Task Force does not include grant review.

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

Access Comments

The www.regulations.gov website contains all public information available concerning the Task Force, including meeting minutes, committee reports, etc. at the following URL:
<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=DOT-OST->