

TSA Surface Policy







Agenda

 H.R. 302 TSA Modernization Act: Relevant Requirements

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HR 302 – TSA Modernization Act: Relevant Requirements

- Surface Risk Assessment
 - ✓ Directs TSA to conduct a surface transportation-wide risk assessment
 - ✓ Develop strategy/plan to address priorities
- Best Practices for Protecting Public Spaces
 - ✓ Directs TSA and DHS to develop Best Practices for protecting public spaces
- Security Survey
 - ✓ Directs TSA to conduct a survey of public and private stakeholders responsible for securing surface transportation assets regarding resource challenges, including unmet security needs
 - ✓ Information collection effort recently approved by the Office of Management and Budget; work is now underway to upload the survey to an electronic platform to allow for easier completion by stakeholders
- Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Advises, consults with, reports to, and makes recommendations to the TSA Administrator on surface transportation security matters



Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee

- Established in accordance with Section 1969 of the TSA Modernization Act
- Composed of voting members representing surface transportation providers and users, and nonvoting members representing federal departments and agencies with surface transportation oversight
 - Thirty-seven voting members and 14 non-voting members have been appointed across all modes of surface transportation
- STSAC will provide recommendations on surface transportation security matters to the TSA Administrator, including the development, refinement, and implementation of policies, programs, initiatives rulemakings and security directives
- First meeting was held in July 2019; next meeting scheduled for October 2019



Rulemaking Efforts - Update

- 9/11 Act required TSA promulgate three rulemakings
 - Security Training: Requires certain agencies to provide security awareness training to frontline employees. The rule is at OMB for review
 - Vulnerability Assessments and Security Plans: Requires certain agencies to conduct vulnerability assessments and have security plans. TSA is considering two tracks: Guidelines and rulemaking
 - Security Vetting: Requires certain agencies to vet frontline employees. The notice of proposed rulemaking is now with DHS for review.
- For up-to-date status on TSA rulemakings, go to: https://www.tsa.gov/regulations/report-on-tsa-rulemakings



Questions?

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