



## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Transportation Security Administration

[Docket No. TSA-2018-0001]

### Request for Applicants for Appointment to the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Committee management; request for applicants.

**SUMMARY:** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) requests that qualified individuals interested in serving on the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee (STSAC) apply for appointment. All applicants must represent one of the constituencies specified below to be eligible for appointment and complete applications submitted, as required below, to be considered for appointment. The STSAC considers risk-based approaches in the performance of its duties.

**DATES:** Applications for membership must be submitted to TSA using one of the methods in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted by one of the following means:

- *Email:* To [STSAC@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:STSAC@tsa.dhs.gov).
- *Mail:* Addressed to the individual identified under the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Click, STSAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Transportation Security Administration (TSA-28), TSA Mailstop 6028, 6595 Springfield Center Drive, Springfield, VA 20598-6028, [STSAC@tsa.dhs.gov](mailto:STSAC@tsa.dhs.gov), 202-841-6754.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **The Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee**

The STSAC is an advisory committee established pursuant to section 1969, Division K, *TSA Modernization Act*, of the *FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018* (Public Law 115–254; 132 Stat. 3186; Oct. 5, 2018). STSAC’s mission is to provide advice and recommendations to the TSA Administrator on improving surface security matters, including developing, refining, and implementing policies, programs, rulemakings, and security directives pertaining to surface security. The committee is composed of individual members representing key constituencies affected by surface transportation security requirements.

### **Membership**

The STSAC is composed of no more than 40 voting members from among stakeholders representing each mode of surface transportation, such as passenger rail, freight rail, mass transit, pipelines, highways, over-the-road bus, school bus industry, and trucking; and may include representatives from—

1. Associations representing such modes of surface transportation;
2. Labor organizations representing such modes of surface transportation;
3. Groups representing the users of such modes of surface transportation, including asset manufacturers, as appropriate;
4. Relevant law enforcement, first responders, and security experts; and
5. Such other groups as the TSA Administrator considers appropriate.

The STSAC also includes nonvoting members, serving in an advisory capacity, who are designated by TSA: the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard, and such other Federal department or agency as the TSA Administrator considers appropriate.

The STSAC does not have a specific number of members allocated to any membership category and the number of members in a category may change to fit the needs of the Committee, but optimally each category is represented by a minimum of one

individual. Members serve as representatives and speak on behalf of their respective constituency group. Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee and a voting member may not send an alternate to a committee meeting. The members of the Committee shall not receive any compensation from the Government by reason of their service on the Committee.

### **Application for Advisory Committee Appointment**

TSA is seeking applications for the membership categories listed above. Any person wishing to be considered for appointment to the STSAC must provide the following information:

- Home and work addresses, telephone number, and email address.
- Complete professional resume.
- Statement of interest and reasons for application, including the membership category and how you represent a significant portion of that constituency, and a brief explanation of how you can contribute to one or more TSA strategic initiatives, based on your prior experience with TSA or your review of current TSA strategic documents that can be found at [www.tsa.gov/about/strategy](http://www.tsa.gov/about/strategy).

Please submit your application to the DFO in **ADDRESSES** noted above by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

### **Committee Meetings**

The STSAC shall meet as frequently as deemed necessary by the DFO in consultation with the Chairperson, but no less than two scheduled meetings each year. At least one meeting will be open to the public each year. Unless the DFO decides otherwise, meetings will be held in person in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area or through web conferencing. In addition, STSAC members are expected to participate in

monthly STSAC subcommittee meetings to deliberate and discuss specific surface transportation matters.

### **Committee Voting Membership**

Committee voting members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Administrator of TSA for a term of 2 years, but a voting member may continue to serve until the Administrator appoints a successor.

### **Committee Membership Vetting**

All applicants who are presented for appointment to the STSAC must successfully complete a Security Threat Assessment by TSA, as access to sensitive security information will be necessary. U.S. citizens and those meeting residency requirements will be vetted using TSA's Universal Enrollment Services, which includes the collection of biographic and biometric information to allow TSA to perform the Security Threat Assessment. Selected applicants will be offered a no-cost authorization code to complete the three-step Universal Enrollment Services process, which includes online pre-enrollment and coordinating an in-person visit to the enrollment center.

Non-U.S. applicants presented for appointment to the STSAC will be required to complete additional vetting. This vetting will include the completion and submission of TSA Form 2816B, which must be submitted at least 30 days before visiting TSA spaces.

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