§ 1.46 Office of Public Affairs.

The Director of Public Affairs is the principal advisor to the Secretary and Secretarial Officers on public affairs issues. The Office of Public Affairs prepares news releases and supporting media materials, and maintains a new media presence. The Office also provides information to the Secretary on opinions and reactions of the public and news media on programs and transportation issues. The Office of Public Affairs is responsible for the supervision, coordination, and review of the

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Primary Mission Essential Function Identification and Submission Process. Provide leadership for departmental programs pertaining to intelligence related to the transportation sector, transportation security policy, and civil transportation emergency preparedness and response activities.

(c) Lead departmental collaboration efforts with the Department of Homeland Security and other Departments and Agencies related to transportation security and transportation infrastructure protection as required by Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7, Critical Infrastructure Identification, Prioritization, and Protection.

(d) Together with the Assistant Secretary for Administration, carry out oversight and management of the duties pertaining to national security professional development assigned to the Secretary under Executive Order 13434, National Security Professional Development.

(e) Together with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, coordinate the Department’s responsibilities under National Security Presidential Directive 44, Management of Interagency Efforts Concerning Reconstruction and Stabilization, and Presidential Decision Directive 56, Managing Complex Contingency Operations, pertaining to interagency reconstruction and stabilization assistance.

(f) Lead departmental efforts pertaining to transportation-related international civil emergency preparedness activities, including coordinating DOT representation on North Atlantic Treaty Organization committees, as directed under Executive Order 12656 (as amended; see E.O. 13286).

(g) Carry out the functions vested in the Secretary by 49 U.S.C 40119(b), as implemented by 49 CFR part 15, related to the designation of information as Sensitive Security Information.

(h) Oversee the Department’s protective service program.

(i) Serve as the Secretary’s representative to the Transportation Security Oversight Board, in accordance with 49 U.S.C 115, when so designated.

(j) Lead Departmental participation in internal and interagency planning efforts related to preparedness in accordance with Presidential Policy Directive 8, National Preparedness.

(k) Serve as the Secretary’s senior advisor on matters pertaining to public health, biological, and medical matters.

(l) Develop departmental plans to support the Department of Defense Civil Reserve Air Fleet (CRAF) program and allocate civil air carrier aircraft to CRAF based on Department of Defense requirements.

(m) Oversee operation of the Department’s Crisis Management Center.

(n) Lead departmental efforts for all interaction with the Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment to include appointing the Associate Director for Intelligence as the DOT Information Sharing Program Manager to coordinate day-to-day Information Sharing Environment matters.

(o) Carry out departmental responsibilities under Executive Order 13837, Structural Reforms to Improve the Security of Classified Networks and the Responsible Sharing and Safeguarding of Classified Information, including overseeing classified information sharing and safeguarding efforts for DOT. Oversee the day-to-day activities for monitoring the Top Secret and Secret classified network used by DOT.

(p) Serve as the department’s program manager responsible for oversight of all intelligence programs, to include the DOT Counterintelligence effort as it pertains to the DOT classified networks, and coordinate intelligence matters throughout the department. Nothing in this provision is intended to prohibit or limit a component’s ability to conduct intelligence activities authorized by law.
activities of the public affairs offices within the Operating Administrations.

§ 1.47 Delegations to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs.

The Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs is delegated authority to:

(a) Monitor the overall public information program and review and approve departmental informational materials having policy-making ramifications before they are printed and disseminated.

(b) Carry out the functions to promote carpooling and vanpooling transferred to the Department of Transportation by section 310 of the Department of Energy Organization Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95–91) [42 U.S.C. 7159].

§ 1.48 Office of the Chief Information Officer.

The Chief Information Officer (CIO) is the principal information technology (IT), cyber security, privacy, and records management advisor to the Secretary. The Office of the CIO supports the Organizational Excellence Strategic Goal by providing leadership on all matters associated with the Department’s $3.5 billion IT portfolio.

§ 1.49 Delegations to the Chief Information Officer.

The Chief Information Officer is delegated authority to carry out all functions and responsibilities:

(a) Assigned to the Secretary with respect to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506);

(b) Assigned to the Secretary with respect to the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (40 U.S.C. 11312 to 11314, and 11317);

(c) Assigned to the Secretary with respect to the E-Government Act of 2002, Public Law 107–347;

(d) Necessary to ensure compliance with the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (44 U.S.C. 3534 and 3544);

(e) To serve as the Chief Privacy Officer under the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a (note; see Pub. L. 108–447) and to administer the Privacy Act and 49 CFR part 10 (Maintenance of and Access to Records Pertaining to Individuals) in connection with the records of the Office of the Secretary;

(f) Necessary to issue notices of Department of Transportation systems of records as required by the Privacy Act; and

(g) Assigned to the Secretary with respect to the Federal Records Act (44 U.S.C. 3101–3102) and necessary to ensure compliance with the regulations of the National Archives and Records Administration (36 CFR 1220 et seq.; 44 U.S.C. Chapters 21, 29, 31, and 33), in coordination with the General Counsel.

§ 1.50 Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance.

The Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance advises the Secretary on national and international drug testing and control issues and is the principal advisor to the Secretary on rules related to the drug and alcohol testing of safety-sensitive transportation employees in aviation, trucking, railroads, mass transit, pipelines, and other transportation industries. The Office, in coordination with the Office of the General Counsel, publishes and provides interpretations of rules related to 49 CFR Part 40 on the conduct of drug and alcohol tests, including how to conduct tests, and which procedures to use when testing. The Office coordinates with Federal Agencies and assists foreign governments in developing drug and alcohol testing programs and implementing the President’s National Drug Control Strategy.

§ 1.60 General Authorizations and Delegations to Secretarial Officers.

(a) Acting in his or her own name and title, the Under Secretary, the General Counsel, and each Assistant Secretary, within his or her sphere of responsibility, is authorized to identify and define the requirements for, and to recommend to the Secretary, new or revised departmental policies, plans, and proposals. Each of these officers is authorized to issue departmental standards, criteria, systems and procedures that are consistent with applicable laws, Executive Orders, Government-wide regulations and policies established by the Secretary, and to inspect, review, and evaluate departmental program performance and effectiveness.