

objections raised by Redstone Arsenal. The Arsenal objected to a public roadway passing through Arsenal property due to increased security concerns.

Any future Federal-aid actions within this corridor will comply with environmental review requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*), FHWA environmental regulations (23 CFR 771) and related authorities, as appropriate.

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 315; 49 CFR 1.48.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

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Mark Bartlett,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Montgomery, Alabama.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transit Advisory Committee for Safety; Re-Establishment of Charter

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of re-establishment of Transit Advisory Committee for Safety.

SUMMARY: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the re-establishment of the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS) via a new charter. TRACS is a Federal Advisory Committee established by the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act to provide information, advice and recommendations to the Secretary and the Administrator of FTA on matters relating to the safety of public transportation systems. This charter will be effective for two years from the date it is filed with Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henrika Buchanan, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Acting Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-4020; or Adrienne Malasky, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366-1783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2). Please see the TRACS website for additional

information at <https://www.transit.dot.gov/regulations-and-guidance/safety/transit-advisory-committee-safety-tracs>.

Issued in Washington, DC.

K. Jane Williams,

Acting Administrator.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Final Priorities for Amendment Cycle

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice of final priorities.

SUMMARY: In June 2018, the Commission published a notice of proposed policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2019. *See* 83 FR 30477 (June 28, 2018). After reviewing public comment received pursuant to the notice of proposed priorities, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the upcoming amendment cycle and hereby gives notice of these policy priorities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502-4500, pubaffairs@ussc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Sentencing Commission is an independent agency in the judicial branch of the United States Government. The Commission promulgates sentencing guidelines and policy statements for federal sentencing courts pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(a). The Commission also periodically reviews and revises previously promulgated guidelines pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o) and submits guideline amendments to Congress not later than the first day of May each year pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(p).

As part of its statutory authority and responsibility to analyze sentencing issues, including operation of the federal sentencing guidelines, the Commission has identified its policy priorities for the amendment cycle ending May 1, 2019. Other factors, such as legislation requiring Commission action, may affect the Commission's ability to complete work on any or all identified priorities by May 1, 2019. Accordingly, the Commission may continue work on any or all identified priorities after that date or may decide not to pursue one or more identified priorities.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(g), the Commission intends to consider the

issue of reducing costs of incarceration and overcapacity of prisons, to the extent it is relevant to any identified priority.

The Commission has identified the following priorities:

(1) Continuation of its multiyear examination of the structure of the guidelines post-*Booker* and consideration of legislative recommendations or guideline amendments to simplify the guidelines, while promoting proportionality and reducing sentencing disparities, and to account appropriately for the defendant's role, culpability, and relevant conduct.

(2) Continuation of its work with Congress and others to implement the recommendations of the Commission's 2016 report to Congress, *Career Offender Sentencing Enhancements*, including its recommendations to revise the career offender directive at 28 U.S.C. 994(h) to focus on offenders who have committed at least one "crime of violence" and to adopt a uniform definition of "crime of violence" applicable to the guidelines and other recidivist statutory provisions.

(3) Consideration of possible amendments to § 4B1.2 (Definitions of Terms Used in Section 4B1.1) to (A) allow courts to consider the actual conduct of the defendant, rather than only the elements of the offense (*i.e.*, "categorical approach"), in determining whether an offense is a crime of violence or a controlled substance offense; and (B) address various application issues, including the meaning of "robbery" and "extortion," and the treatment of inchoate offenses and offenses involving an offer to sell a controlled substance.

(4) Continuation of its work with Congress and others to implement the recommendations of the Commission's 2011 report to Congress, *Mandatory Minimum Penalties in the Federal Criminal Justice System*—including its recommendations regarding the severity and scope of mandatory minimum penalties, consideration of expanding the "safety valve" at 18 U.S.C. 3553(f), and elimination of the mandatory "stacking" of penalties under 18 U.S.C. 924(c)—and preparation of a series of publications updating the data in the report.

(5) Continuation of its comprehensive, multiyear study of recidivism, including the circumstances that correlate with increased or reduced recidivism.

(6) Implementation of any legislation warranting Commission action.

(7) Study of Chapter Four, Part A (Criminal History), focusing on (A) how the guidelines treat revocations under

§ 4A1.2(k) for conduct constituting a violation of a condition of supervision that does not result in an arrest, criminal charge, or conviction for a federal, state, or local offense punishable by a term of imprisonment (other than an arrest for the violation of the condition of supervision itself); and (B) whether a downward departure may be warranted in cases in which prior sentences for misdemeanor and felony offenses arising from the same arrest or criminal conduct are considered separate sentences under § 4A1.2(a)(2).

(8) Resolution of circuit conflicts as warranted, pursuant to the Commission's authority under 28 U.S.C. 991(b)(1)(B) and *Braxton v. United States*, 500 U.S. 344 (1991).

(9) Consideration of other miscellaneous issues, including possible amendments to § 1B1.10 (Reduction in Term of Imprisonment as a Result of Amended Guideline Range (Policy Statement)) in light of *Koons v. United States*, 138 S. Ct. 1783 (2018).

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o); USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.2.

William H. Pryor Jr.,
Acting Chair.

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UNITED STATES SENTENCING COMMISSION

Request for Applications; Victims Advisory Group

AGENCY: United States Sentencing Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In view of upcoming vacancies in the membership of the Victims Advisory Group, the United States Sentencing Commission hereby invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, or experience in federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the advisory group. An applicant for membership in the Victims Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the Commission as indicated in the addresses section below. Application materials should be received by the Commission not later than October 31, 2018.

DATES: Application materials for membership in the Victims Advisory Group should be received not later than October 31, 2018.

ADDRESSES: An applicant for membership in the Victims Advisory Group should apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to the

Commission by electronic mail or regular mail. The email address is pubaffairs@ussc.gov. The regular mail address is United States Sentencing Commission, One Columbus Circle NE, Suite 2-500, South Lobby, Washington, DC 20002-8002, Attention: Public Affairs—VAG Membership.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christine Leonard, Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, (202) 502-4500, pubaffairs@ussc.gov. More information about the Victims Advisory Group is available on the Commission's website at www.ussc.gov/advisory-groups.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Victims Advisory Group is a standing advisory group of the United States Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 995 and Rule 5.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. Under the charter for the advisory group, the purpose of the advisory group is (1) to assist the Commission in carrying out its statutory responsibilities under 28 U.S.C. 994(o); (2) to provide to the Commission its views on the Commission's activities and work, including proposed priorities and amendments, as they relate to victims of crime; (3) to disseminate information regarding sentencing issues to organizations represented by the Victims Advisory Group and to other victims of crime and victims advocacy groups, as appropriate; and (4) to perform any other functions related to victims of crime as the Commission requests. The advisory group consists of not more than nine members, each of whom may serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms. Each member is appointed by the Commission.

The Commission invites any individual who has knowledge, expertise, or experience in federal crime victimization to apply to be appointed to the Victims Advisory Group by sending a letter of interest and a resume to the Commission as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section above.

Authority: 28 U.S.C. 994(a), (o), (p), 995; USSC Rules of Practice and Procedure 5.4.

William H. Pryor Jr.,
Acting Chair.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Advisory Committee on Women Veterans (Committee) will conduct a site visit on September 10-14, 2018, in Chicago, IL. Sessions are open to the public, except when the Committee is conducting tours of VA facilities, participating in off-site events, and participating in workgroup sessions. Tours of VA facilities are closed, to protect Veterans' privacy and personal information. The site visit will also include a town hall meeting for women Veterans and those who provide services to women Veterans.

The purpose of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs regarding the needs of women Veterans with respect to health care, rehabilitation, compensation, outreach, and other programs and activities administered by VA designed to meet such needs. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary regarding such programs and activities.

On Monday, September 10, the Committee will convene an open session at the Edward Hines Junior Hospital; 5000 5th Avenue Hines, IL 60141, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Room E471. The agenda will include overview briefings from the Edward Hines Junior Hospital leadership on the facilities, programs, demographics, women Veterans programs, and other services available for Veterans in Chicago. In the afternoon, the Committee will reconvene a closed session, as it tours the Edward Hines Junior Hospital.

In the morning of Tuesday, September 11, the Committee will convene an open session at Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center; 30001 Green Bay Road, North Chicago, IL 60064, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The agenda will include overview briefings from the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center leadership on the facilities, programs, demographics, women Veterans programs, and other services available for Veterans. In the afternoon, the Committee will reconvene a closed session, as it tours the Captain James A. Lovell Federal Health Care Center.

On Wednesday, September 12, the Committee will convene closed sessions, as it tours the Chicago Regional Benefits Office (2122 West Taylor Street Chicago, IL 60612) and the