

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Working Group on Covered Resources was established by the Secretary on October 5, 2023 in accordance with section 11526 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117–58). It operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) ch. 10. The purpose of the Working Group is to conduct a study on access to covered resources for infrastructure projects.

In particular, the Working Group will analyze the following: (1) the use of covered resources in transportation projects funded with Federal dollars; (2) how the proximity of covered resources to such projects affects the cost and environmental impact of those projects; (3) whether and how State, Tribal, and local transportation and planning agencies consider covered resources when developing transportation projects; and (4) any challenges for transportation project sponsors regarding access and proximity to covered resources per section 11526(d) of IIJA. The Working Group shall submit a report to the Secretary of Transportation that includes the findings of its study and any recommendations.

The Working Group will terminate 180 days after the date on which the Secretary receives the Working Group's report. The Working Group is expected to meet at least four times each year, or more frequently as is determined necessary by the DFO in coordination with the chairperson. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary, all meetings will be held virtually.

In this notice, the Department is soliciting nominations for membership to the Working Group. The Working Group shall report to the Secretary of Transportation and comprises up to 15 members, including not less than one representative from each of the following, in accordance with section 11526(c) of IIJA:

- (1) State departments of transportation;
- (2) State agencies associated with covered resources protection;
- (3) State planning and geologic survey and mapping agencies;
- (4) Commercial motor vehicle operators, including small business operators and operators who transport covered resources;
- (5) Covered resources producers;
- (6) Construction contractors;
- (7) Labor organizations;
- (8) Metropolitan planning organizations and regional planning organizations;

(9) Indian Tribes, including Tribal elected leadership or Tribal transportation officials; and

(10) Any other stakeholders that the Secretary determines appropriate.

Members are appointed by the Secretary. Members may continue to serve until their replacement has been appointed. Members will serve 2-year terms but may be reappointed. Past members of the Working Group are welcome to apply. The Department is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by the Working Group.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for the Working Group on Covered Materials, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) A letter of support from a company, union, trade association, academic, or nonprofit organization on letterhead containing a brief description why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(3) Short biography of nominee, including professional and academic credentials;

(4) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all Working Group eligibility requirements;

(5) For nominees seeking to serve in their individual capacity (and not seeking appointment to represent the interests of a nongovernmental entity, a recognizable group of persons such as an industry sector or labor union, or State or local governments), an affirmative statement that the nominee is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the nominee understands that if appointed, the nominee will not be allowed to continue to serve as a Working Group member if the nominee becomes a federally registered lobbyist;

(6) For nominees seeking to serve as chairperson, an affirmative statement from the nominee of their willingness and ability to serve as the chairperson for the Working Group, which will require additional time commitment beyond simple membership.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information. Materials submitted should total two pages or less, not including any letter(s) of support. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations, or obtain

information from publicly available sources, such as the internet.

A selection team will make recommendations regarding membership to the Secretary based on evaluation criteria including: (1) professional or academic expertise, experience, and knowledge; (2) stakeholder representation; and (3) skills working on committees and advisory panels. A list of recommended candidates to the Secretary for review and selection of Working Group members.

Nominations must be received on or before October 2, 2025 via email to H. Thomas Yu, tom.yu@dot.gov. Nominees selected for appointment to the Working Group will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

Gloria M. Shepherd,

Executive Director, Federal Highway Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

Transit Advisory Committee for Safety; Solicitation of Nominations

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation (Department or DOT).

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of nominations for TRACS membership.

SUMMARY: The Department solicits nominations for membership to serve on the Transit Advisory Committee for Safety (TRACS), which is intended to provide information, advice, and recommendations to the U.S. Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) and FTA Administrator in response to tasks assigned to TRACS.

DATES: Nominations for TRACS membership must be received on or before October 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Application packages can be emailed to TRACS@dot.gov or sent to TRACS Nominations, Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, Federal Transit Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph DeLorenzo, TRACS Designated Federal Officer, Associate Administrator, FTA Office of Transit Safety and Oversight, (202) 366–1783, Joseph.DeLorenzo@dot.gov, or TRACS@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TRACS was established on November 23, 2009.

Most recently, its charter was renewed by the Secretary on June 9, 2025. TRACS operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10. The purpose of TRACS is to provide the Secretary and the FTA Administrator with information, advice, and recommendations related to the safety of the Nation's public transportation systems. TRACS does not exercise program management responsibilities and makes no decisions directly affecting the programs on which it provides advice. The Secretary may accept or reject a recommendation made by TRACS and is not bound to pursue any recommendation from TRACS.

In particular, TRACS will provide advice and recommendations on improvements and innovations in transit safety, review current challenges and innovations in public transportation, and provide recommendations that FTA can implement in support of safety in the public transportation sector. As stated in the 2024–2026 charter, TRACS must meet at least once a year. Unless otherwise required by law or approved by the Secretary, all meetings will be held virtually or in a hybrid forum that does not require additional use of Federal funds.

In this notice, the Department is soliciting nominations for membership to TRACS. TRACS reports to the Secretary through the FTA Administrator and comprises up to 25 members. Members should be knowledgeable of trends and issues related to rail transit and/or bus transit safety. Along with their experience in the rail transit and/or bus transit industry, applicants will also be evaluated and selected based on factors including leadership and organizational skills, region of the country represented, and the overall balance of industry representation. Members will serve two-year terms but may be reappointed. Past members of the advisory committee are welcome to apply. The Department is interested in ensuring membership is balanced fairly in terms of the points of view represented and the functions to be performed by TRACS.

Process and Deadline for Submitting Nominations: Qualified individuals can self-nominate or be nominated by any individual or organization. To be considered for nomination, nominators should submit the following information:

(1) Name, title, and relevant contact information (including phone, fax, and email address) of the individual requesting consideration;

(2) A letter of support from an agency, union, trade association, academic, or

nonprofit organization on letterhead containing a brief description of why the nominee should be considered for membership;

(3) A short biography of nominee, including professional and academic credentials;

(4) An affirmative statement that the nominee meets all TRACS eligibility requirements.

Please do not send company, trade association, or organization brochures or any other information. Materials submitted should total two pages or less. Should more information be needed, DOT staff will contact the nominee, obtain information from the nominee's past affiliations, or obtain information from publicly available sources, such as the internet.

Nominations must be received before October 2, 2025. Nominees selected for appointment to TRACS will be notified by return email and by a letter of appointment.

Marcus J. Molinaro,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2025–0564]

Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, M/V DAY TRIPPER

AGENCY: Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before October 2, 2025.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2025–0564 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search the above DOT Docket Number and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Note: If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include the DOT Docket Number, your name and a mailing address, an email address or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and specific DOT Docket Number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: smallvessels@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs vessels built in the United States in that business.¹

¹ The U.S. Coast Guard and MARAD have authority under 46 U.S.C. 12121(b) through the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, respectively.