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Issued in Washington, DC.

John Karl Alexy,

Associate Administrator for Railroad Safety, Chief Safety Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[Docket No. DOT-OST-2026-0430]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology; Request for Information—Research To Support Establishing a National Strategy for Transportation Digital Infrastructure

AGENCY: Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice; request for information (RFI); extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On February 4, 2026, the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S.

DOT), Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (OST-R), published in the **Federal Register** a request for information seeking comments on the research and development activities needed to modernize the nation's transportation system through the application of digital infrastructure at scale. Responses will inform a coordinated national strategy for the development and deployment of Transportation Digital Infrastructure (TDI). That request established a 30-day comment period closing on March 6, 2026. DOT is extending the public comment period until March 20, 2026.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published on February 4, 2026 (91 FR 5150) is extended. The due date for submitting comments is March 20, 2026.

Submission Instructions: Responses should be submitted electronically as a Microsoft Word document, preferably no greater than 10 MB in file size. Recommended format for responses includes Times New Roman 12-point font and 1 inch page margins. Responses should be emailed to TDI-Strategy-RFI@dot.gov (with the Subject Line of "TDI Strategy RFI Response (INSTITUTION)". No Confidential Business Information or Sensitive Security Information should be submitted in response to this RFI. Respondents are not required to answer every question. Submissions may be as brief or detailed as appropriate and should focus on areas where the respondent has relevant experience.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this RFI, please email TDI-Strategy-RFI@dot.gov. You may also contact Alasdair Cain, Director of Research, Development and Technology Coordination, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology (202-366-0934) or by email at alasdair.cain@dot.gov.

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Michael A. Halem,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Notice of OFAC Sanctions Actions

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of one or more persons that have been placed on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List (SDN List) based on OFAC's determination that one or more applicable legal criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these persons are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: This action was issued on March 2, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Associate Director for Global Targeting, 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance, 202-622-2490 or <https://ofac.treasury.gov/contact-ofac>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Notice of OFAC Actions

On March 2, 2026, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individuals

1. GASHUGI, Stanislas, Kigali, Rwanda; DOB 03 Mar 1973; POB Burundi; nationality Rwanda; Gender Male; National ID No. 1197380088990106 (Rwanda) (individual) [DRCONGO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(E) of Executive Order (E.O.) 13413 of October 27, 2006, "Blocking Property of Certain Persons Contributing to the Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo," as amended by E.O. 13671 of July 8, 2014, "Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency With Respect to the Conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (E.O. 13413, as amended) for being a leader of an entity, including any armed group, that is or whose members are responsible for or complicit in, or who have engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

2. KARUSISI, Ruki, Kigali, Rwanda; DOB 05 Jun 1974; POB Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo;

nationality Rwanda; Gender Male (individual) [DRCONGO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(E) of E.O. 13413, as amended, for being a leader of an entity, including any armed group, that is or whose members are responsible for or complicit in, or who have engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the DRC.

3. MUGANGA, Mubarakh (a.k.a. "MK MUBARKH"), Rugando, Kigali, Rwanda; DOB 26 Jun 1967; POB Kampala, Uganda; nationality Rwanda; Gender Male; Passport PD100862 (Rwanda) expires 19 Aug 2026; National ID No. 1196780016764179 (Rwanda) (individual) [DRCONGO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(E) of E.O. 13413, as amended, for being a leader of an entity, including any armed group, that is or whose members are responsible for or complicit in, or who have engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the DRC.

4. NYAKARUNDI, Vincent, Kigali, Rwanda; DOB 05 Nov 1969; POB Cikitoke, Burundi; nationality Rwanda; Gender Male (individual) [DRCONGO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(E) of E.O. 13413, as amended, for being a leader of an entity, including any armed group, that is or whose members are responsible for or complicit in, or who have engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the DRC.

Entity

1. RWANDA DEFENCE FORCE (a.k.a. "RDF"), Ministry of Defence, KG 1 Roundabout, Kigali, Rwanda; website <https://www.mod.gov.rw/rdf/overview>; Organization Established Date Jul 2002; Organization Type: Defense activities; Target Type Government Entity [DRCONGO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C)(1) and section 1(a)(ii)(F)(ii) of E.O. 13413, as amended, for being responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, or stability of the DRC, and for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technological support for, or goods or services in support of M23, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to E.O. 13413, as amended.

(Authority: E.O. 13413, as amended.)

Bradley T. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Reestablishment of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of re-establishment of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP).

SUMMARY: The Treasury Department has determined that it is in the public interest to reestablish the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) and the Internal Revenue Service's Chief Executive Officer approved the TAP Public Interest Determination statement. A Charter for the TAP has been prepared and will be filed no earlier than 7 days following the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Saul Hernandez, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Acting Director, at TaxpayerAdvocacyPanel@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 8(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. 1008, that the Taxpayer Advisory Panel will be re-established for an additional two years beginning on the date that the charter is filed.

Public Interest Determination

The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is a federal advisory committee operating per the terms of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Under the Act, no advisory committee may conduct any meeting in the absence of a charter being properly filed by the Committee Management Officer. See Federal Management Regulation, 41 CFR 102-3.70.

TAP was established in 2002 and increases opportunities for U.S. taxpayers to communicate with the IRS. TAP is made up of a cross-section of the taxpaying public with at least one member from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, in addition to one member representing international taxpayers. TAP is composed of approximately 75 member volunteers who help the IRS improve its services by performing grassroots outreach activities by which TAP members identify taxpayer issues.

(1) *Annual budget and expected costs broken into:*

(i) *Federal personnel (based on full-time equivalent (FTE) usage basis) and other Federal internal costs:* \$1,489,066.

(ii) Proposed payments to members and number of members: 75 members. TAP does not have any proposed payments to members.

(iii) Reimbursable costs: \$142,125. Typically, at the beginning of the TAP year, the TAP staff coordinate and deliver an all-TAP Member Business Meeting that's held in the IRS Headquarters, Washington, DC The cost represents two travel days and three days of covering topics, such as:

- National Taxpayer Advocate Forum
- Introductions and partnerships with the various IRS operating divisions liaisons
- TAP outreach training, social media training
- Identifying and developing grassroots projects to improve IRS service and customer satisfaction

(2) *If applicable, the total dollar value of grants expected to be recommended during the fiscal year:* Not applicable to TAP.

(3) *Criteria for selecting members to ensure the committee has the necessary expertise and fairly balanced membership:* The TAP provides citizen volunteers from across the country the opportunity to participate in the federal tax administration system. The TAP shall provide listening opportunities for taxpayers to independently identify suggestions or comments to improve IRS service and customer satisfaction through grassroots outreach efforts. In addition, the TAP has direct access to elevate improvement recommendations to the appropriate IRS business units. The TAP shall also serve as a focus group to provide suggestions and/or recommendations directly to IRS management on IRS strategic initiatives. TAP membership includes geographically and demographically varied citizen volunteers reflecting the make-up of the U.S. taxpayer population they represent. In addition, the IRS considers whether a candidate is a tax professional during the selection process to ensure the committee is not made up entirely of tax professionals. In making selection recommendations, consideration is given for location to ensure all segments of the population are adequately represented on the TAP.

(4) *List of all other Federal advisory committees of the agency:*

- Art Advisory Panel of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue
- Electronic Tax Administration Advisory Committee
- Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council