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“(2) SUNSET.—The requirements in paragraph (1) shall cease to be effective on the date on which the rulemaking required by section 513 [of Pub. L. 118–63, 49 U.S.C. 42301 note prec.] is effective.

“(d) AIR TRAVEL CONSUMER REPORT.—

“(1) ATCSCC DELAYS.—The Secretary [of Transportation] shall include information on delays and cancellations that are due to instructions from the FAA Air Traffic Control System Command Center in the Air Travel Consumer Report issued by the Office of Aviation Consumer Protection of the Department of Transportation.

“(2) FAMILY SEATING COMPLAINTS.—The Secretary shall include information on complaints related to family seating—

“(A) in the Air Travel Consumer Report issued by the Office of Aviation Consumer Protection of the Department of Transportation; and

“(B) on the family seating dashboard required by subsection (a)(2).

“(3) SUNSET.—The requirements in paragraph (2) shall cease to be effective on the date on which the rulemaking required by section 513 is effective.”

FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL DECISIONMAKING

Pub. L. 117–58, div. B, title V, §25003, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 838, provided that:

“(a) LOCAL OUTREACH.—To determine the data analysis tools needed to assist local communities in making infrastructure decisions, the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shall perform outreach to planning and infrastructure decision-making officials in units of local government and other units of government, including a geographically diverse group of individuals from—

“(1) States;

“(2) political subdivisions of States;

“(3) cities;

“(4) metropolitan planning organizations;

“(5) regional transportation planning organizations; and

“(6) federally recognized Indian Tribes.

“(b) WORK PLAN.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 15, 2021], based on the outreach performed under subsection (a), the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shall submit to the Secretary [of Transportation] a work plan for reviewing and updating existing data analysis tools and developing any additional data analysis tools needed to assist local communities with making infrastructure investment decisions.

“(2) CONTENTS.—Based on the needs identified pursuant to the outreach performed under subsection (a), the work plan submitted under paragraph (1) shall include—

“(A) a description of the data analysis tools identified that would benefit infrastructure decision-making by local governments and address the goals described in subsection (c);

“(B) a review of the datasets that local governments need to effectively use the data analysis tools described in subparagraph (A);

“(C) an identification of existing or proposed data analysis tools that use publicly available data;

“(D) the estimated cost of obtaining each dataset described in subparagraph (B);

“(E) the estimated cost to develop the data analysis tools described in subparagraph (A);

“(F) a prioritization for the development of data analysis tools described in subparagraph (A); and

“(G) a determination as to whether it would be appropriate for the Federal Government to develop the data analysis tools described in subparagraph (A).

“(c) GOALS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A data analysis tool created pursuant to the work plan submitted under subsection

(b)(1) shall be developed to help inform local communities in making infrastructure investments.

“(2) SPECIFIC ISSUES.—A data analysis tool created pursuant to the work plan submitted under subsection (b)(1) shall be intended to help units of local government and other units of government address 1 or more of the following:

“(A) Improving maintenance of existing assets.

“(B) Rebuilding infrastructure to a state of good repair.

“(C) Creating economic development through infrastructure development.

“(D) Establishing freight plans and infrastructure that connects the community to supply chains.

“(E) Increasing options for communities that lack access to affordable transportation to improve access to jobs, affordable housing, schools, medical services, foods and other essential community services.

“(F) Reducing congestion.

“(G) Improving community resilience to extreme weather events.

“(H) Any other subject, as the Director determines to be necessary.

“(d) IMPLEMENTATION.—Subject to the availability of appropriations, the Secretary shall develop data analysis tools and purchase datasets as prioritized in the work plan.

“(e) COORDINATION.—The Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics may utilize existing working groups or advisory committees to perform the local outreach required under subsection (a).”

OFFICE OF AIRLINE INFORMATION

Pub. L. 106–181, title I, §103(b), Apr. 5, 2000, 114 Stat. 67, provided that: “There is authorized to be appropriated from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund to the Secretary [of Transportation] \$4,000,000 for fiscal years beginning after September 30, 2000, to fund the activities of the Office of Airline Information in the Bureau of Transportation Statistics of the Department of Transportation.”

§ 6303. Intermodal transportation database

(a) IN GENERAL.—In consultation with the Under Secretary Transportation for Policy, the Assistant Secretaries of the Department, and the heads of the operating administrations of the Department, the Director shall establish and maintain a transportation database for all modes of transportation.

(b) USE.—The database established under this section shall be suitable for analyses carried out by the Federal Government, the States, and metropolitan planning organizations.

(c) CONTENTS.—The database established under this section shall include—

(1) information on the volumes and patterns of movement of goods, including local, inter-regional, and international movement, by all modes of transportation, intermodal combinations, and relevant classification;

(2) information on the volumes and patterns of movement of people, including local, inter-regional, and international movements, by all modes of transportation (including bicycle and pedestrian modes), intermodal combinations, and relevant classification;

(3) information on the location and connectivity of transportation facilities and services; and

(4) a national accounting of expenditures and capital stocks on each mode of transportation and intermodal combination.

(Added Pub. L. 112–141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 890.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

§ 6304. National Transportation Library

(a) PURPOSE AND ESTABLISHMENT.—To support the information management and decision-making needs of transportation officials at the Federal, State, and local levels, there is established in the Bureau a National Transportation Library which shall—

(1) be headed by an individual who is highly qualified in library and information science;

(2) acquire, preserve, and manage transportation information and information products and services for use by the Department, other Federal agencies, and the general public;

(3) provide reference and research assistance;

(4) serve as a central depository for research results and technical publications of the Department;

(5) provide a central clearinghouse for transportation data and information of the Federal Government;

(6) serve as coordinator and policy lead for transportation information access;

(7) provide transportation information and information products and services to—

(A) the Department;

(B) other Federal agencies;

(C) public and private organizations; and

(D) individuals, within the United States and internationally;

(8) coordinate efforts among, and cooperate with, transportation libraries, information providers, and technical assistance centers, in conjunction with private industry and other transportation library and information centers, with the goal of developing a comprehensive transportation information and knowledge network that supports the activities described in section 6302(b)(3)(B)(vi); and

(9) engage in such other activities as the Director determines to be necessary and as the resources of the Library permit.

(b) ACCESS.—The Director shall publicize, facilitate, and promote access to the information products and services described in subsection (a), to improve the ability of the transportation community to share information and the ability of the Director to make statistics and other information readily accessible as required under section 6302(b)(3)(B)(x).

(c) AGREEMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—To carry out this section, the Director may enter into agreements with, award grants to, and receive amounts from, any—

(A) State or local government;

(B) organization;

(C) business; or

(D) individual.

(2) CONTRACTS, GRANTS, AND AGREEMENTS.—The Library may initiate and support specific information and data management, access, and exchange activities in connection with

matters relating to the Department's strategic goals, knowledge networking, and national and international cooperation, by entering into contracts or other agreements or awarding grants for the conduct of such activities.

(3) AMOUNTS.—Any amounts received by the Library as payment for library products and services or other activities shall be made available to the Director to carry out this section, deposited in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation's general fund account, and remain available until expended.

(Added Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52011(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 890; amended Pub. L. 113-76, div. L, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 574.)

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CHANGE OF NAME

“Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation’s” substituted for “Research and Innovative Technology Administration’s” in subsec. (c)(3) on authority of title I of div. L of Pub. L. 113-76, set out in part as a Transfer of Duties and Powers note under former section 112 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

§ 6305. Advisory council on transportation statistics

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish and consult with an advisory council on transportation statistics.

(b) FUNCTION.—The advisory council established under this section shall advise the Director on—

(1) the quality, reliability, consistency, objectivity, and relevance of transportation statistics and analyses collected, supported, or disseminated by the Bureau and the Department; and

(2) methods to encourage cooperation and interoperability of transportation data collected by the Bureau, the operating administrations of the Department, States, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, and private sector entities.

(c) MEMBERSHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The advisory council shall be composed of not fewer than 9 and not more than 11 members appointed by the Director.

(2) SELECTION.—In selecting members for the advisory council, the Director shall appoint individuals who—

(A) are not officers or employees of the United States;

(B) possess expertise in—

(i) transportation data collection, analysis, or application;

(ii) economics; or

(iii) transportation safety; and

(C) represent a cross section of transportation stakeholders, to the greatest extent possible.