

**United States Department of Transportation
2014 Intelligent Transportation Systems
Program Advisory Committee
Advice Memorandum**

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Section 53003 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), codified at 23 U.S.C. § 515, directs the Secretary to establish an ITS Program Advisory Committee (PAC) subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The ITS PAC is charged with reviewing areas of ITS research being considered for funding by the Department and advising the Secretary on policy matters related to the ITS program.

In response to the legislative directive, the Secretary established the ITS PAC in 2006. The current ITS PAC was reconstituted on June 4, 2014, and members were appointed to two-year terms. The ITS PAC membership consists of twenty members, fourteen of whom served on the previous Committee, and six new members. The Committee met twice during the past calendar year, the first was held via web conference and the second in Washington, DC.

The first meeting on July 23, 2014 provided basic information to committee members on the roles and responsibilities of the ITS PAC including a review of the MAP-21 legislation and Federal Advisory Committee Act procedures, information on conflicts of interest, and an initial overview of the Department's ITS program. The second meeting on August 13, 2014 provided the Committee members with more detailed information on the organization and functions of the ITS Joint Program Office and the new *DRAFT ITS Strategic Plan 2015 – 2019*.

The ITS PAC makes no formal recommendations to the Department in 2014. However, during a wide-ranging discussion, committee members identified the following topics for further study in developing advice to the Secretary:

- ITS Strategic Plan 2015 - 2019
- Multimodal Transportation
- Data Policy
- Institutional Issues
- Future +10 year

The topics are intended to stimulate discussions, form the basis of specific agenda topics for future meetings, and help shape the planning and execution of the ITS research program recommendations.