

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS**  
**PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**2017 REPORT TO THE SECRETARY**

**Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)  
Program Advisory Committee (PAC)  
2017 Report to the Secretary**

**1. Overview**

- a. Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 515(h)(4) – “Advisory Committee – Report”, as amended by Section 6007 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act (P.L. 114-94; December 4, 2015), this report describes how the U.S. Department of Transportation (Department) has implemented recommendations made by the Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Advisory Committee (ITS PAC or Committee).
- b. The Secretary was initially directed in the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU; P.L. 109-59; August 10, 2005) to establish the Committee with no more than 20 members to provide advice to the Secretary on ITS aspects of the Department’s strategic plan and on ITS research funding. The Secretary is directed to make an annual report available to the public on a Department of Transportation website that includes the following:
  - (1) all recommendations made by the Committee during the preceding calendar year;
  - (2) an explanation of the manner in which the Secretary has implemented those recommendations; and
  - (3) for recommendations not implemented, the reasons for rejecting the recommendations.
- c. In response to the legislative directive, the Secretary established the ITS PAC in 2006. Since its inception, the ITS PAC has met 27 times and has submitted eight advice memoranda to the Secretary.

**2. Summary of ITS PAC Activity to Date**

- a. The Committee held three in-person meetings in 2016. The first meeting on March 31, 2016 provided a review of FAST Act legislation, the Smart Cites Program and an update on the Connected Vehicle Pilots Program. The second meeting on August 11, 2016 provided the Committee members with more detailed information on ITS JPO activities. The third meeting was held on December 7, 2016 and members were provided with a comprehensive update on previous recommendations made to the Secretary since the inception of the Committee. The fourth meeting was held on April 19, 2017 [fill in what was discussed]
- b. The ITS PAC made no formal recommendations to the Department in 2016. However, during a wide-ranging discussion, committee members identified the following topics for further study in developing advice to the Secretary:

- **Traffic and Safety Culture**
  - **Automation – Connected/Automated Vehicles Inter-relationship**
  - **Rural Development Assistance**
  - **Technology and Active Transportation**
- c. **The Department looks forward to a substantive dialogue with the Committee membership. The observations and forthcoming recommendations from the Committee will serve as valuable input to the planning and execution of the ITS research agenda.**