

local governments and their instrumentalities to help carry out national goals related to mobility for elderly individuals, individuals with disabilities, and economically disadvantaged individuals.

(9) The National Intermodal Transportation System must be the centerpiece of a national investment commitment to create the new wealth of the United States for the 21st century.

(c) DISTRIBUTION AND POSTING.—The Secretary of Transportation shall distribute copies of the policy in subsections (a) and (b) of this section to each employee of the Department of Transportation and ensure that the policy is posted in all offices of the Department.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 848.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5501	49:101 (note).	Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, § 2, 105 Stat. 1914.

In this section, the words “Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways” are substituted for “National System of Interstate and Defense Highways” because of the Act of October 15, 1990 (Public Law 101-427, 104 Stat. 927).

§ 5502. Intermodal Transportation Advisory Board

(a) ORGANIZATION.—The Intermodal Transportation Advisory Board is a board in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) MEMBERSHIP.—The Board consists of the Secretary, who serves as chairman, and the Administrator, or the Administrator’s designee, of—

- (1) the Federal Highway Administration;
- (2) the Federal Aviation Administration;
- (3) the Maritime Administration;
- (4) the Federal Railroad Administration;
- (5) the Federal Transit Administration; and
- (6) the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

(c) DUTIES AND POWERS.—The Board shall provide recommendations for carrying out the duties of the Secretary described in section 301(3) of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, § 4145(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1749.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5502	49:301 (note).	Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, § 5002(b), 105 Stat. 2158.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (b)(6). Pub. L. 109-59 added par. (6).

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by Congress, its duration is otherwise provided

by law. See sections 3(2), and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 5503. Office of Intermodalism

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Research and Innovative Technology Administration an Office of Intermodalism.

(b) DIRECTOR.—The head of the Office is a Director who shall be appointed by the Secretary.

(c) DUTIES AND POWERS.—The Director shall carry out the duties of the Secretary described in section 301(3) of this title.

(d) RESEARCH.—The Director shall—

- (1) coordinate United States Government research on intermodal transportation as provided in the plan developed under section 6009(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (Public Law 102-240, 105 Stat. 2177); and
- (2) carry out additional research needs identified by the Director.

(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Director shall provide technical assistance to States and to metropolitan planning organizations for urban areas having a population of at least 1,000,000 in collecting data related to intermodal transportation to facilitate the collection of the data by States and metropolitan planning organizations. Amounts reserved under section 5504(d) not awarded to States as grants may be used by the Director to provide technical assistance under this subsection.

(f) NATIONAL INTERMODAL SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PLAN.—

- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director, in consultation with the advisory board established under section 5502 and other public and private transportation interests, shall develop a plan to improve the national intermodal transportation system. The plan shall include—

(A) an assessment and forecast of the national intermodal transportation system’s impact on mobility, safety, energy consumption, the environment, technology, international trade, economic activity, and quality of life in the United States;

(B) an assessment of the operational and economic attributes of each passenger and freight mode of transportation and the optimal role of each mode in the national intermodal transportation system;

(C) a description of recommended intermodal and multimodal research and development projects;

(D) a description of emerging trends that have an impact on the national intermodal transportation system;

(E) recommendations for improving intermodal policy, transportation decision-making, and financing to maximize mobility and the return on investment of Federal spending on transportation;

(F) an estimate of the impact of current Federal and State transportation policy on the national intermodal transportation system; and

(G) specific near and long-term goals for the national intermodal transportation system.

(2) PROGRESS REPORTS.—The Director shall submit an initial report on the plan to im-

prove the national intermodal transportation system 2 years after the date of enactment of the Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005, and a follow-up report 2 years after that, to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives. The progress report shall—

- (A) describe progress made toward achieving the plan's goals;
- (B) describe challenges and obstacles to achieving the plan's goals;
- (C) update the plan to reflect changed circumstances or new developments; and
- (D) make policy and legislative recommendations the Director believes are necessary and appropriate to achieve the goals of the plan.

(3) PLAN DEVELOPMENT FUNDING.—Such sums as may be necessary from the administrative expenses of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall be reserved by the Secretary of Transportation each year for the purpose of completing and updating the plan to improve the national intermodal transportation plan.

(g) IMPACT MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY; IMPACT REVIEW.—The Director and the Director of the Bureau of Transportation Statistics shall jointly—

- (1) develop, in consultation with the modal administrations, and State and local planning organizations, common measures to compare transportation investment decisions across the various modes of transportation; and
- (2) formulate a methodology for measuring the impact of intermodal transportation on—
 - (A) the environment;
 - (B) public health and welfare;
 - (C) energy consumption;
 - (D) the operation and efficiency of the transportation system;
 - (E) congestion, including congestion at the Nation's ports; and
 - (F) the economy and employment.

(h) ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLERICAL SUPPORT.—The Director shall provide administrative and clerical support to the Intermodal Transportation Advisory Board.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2006 through 2009 to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 850; Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5109(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 440; Pub. L. 108-426, §4(c), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2425; Pub. L. 109-59, title IV, §4149, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1750; Pub. L. 110-244, title III, §301(k), June 6, 2008, 122 Stat. 1616.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5503	49:301 (note).	Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, §5002(c), 105 Stat. 2158.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 6009(b) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, referred to in subsec.

(d)(1), is section 6009(b) of Pub. L. 102-240, which is set out as a note under section 508 of Title 23, Highways.

The date of enactment of the Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005, referred to in subsec. (f)(2), is the date of enactment of title IV of Pub. L. 109-59, which was approved Aug. 10, 2005.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (f)(2). Pub. L. 110-244, §301(k)(1), substituted “Motor Carrier Safety Reauthorization Act of 2005” for “Surface Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2005” in introductory provisions.

Subsecs. (h), (i). Pub. L. 110-244, §301(k)(2), redesignated subsec. (h), relating to authorization of appropriations, as (i) and moved such subsec. to appear in proper order.

2005—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-59, §4149(1), inserted at end “Amounts reserved under section 5504(d) not awarded to States as grants may be used by the Director to provide technical assistance under this subsection.”

Subsecs. (f), (g). Pub. L. 109-59, §4149(2), (3), added subsecs. (f) and (g). Former subsec. (f) redesignated (h) relating to administrative and clerical support.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 109-59, §4149(3), added subsec. (h) relating to authorization of appropriations.

Pub. L. 109-59, §4149(2), redesignated subsec. (f) as (h) relating to administrative and clerical support.

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-426 reenacted heading without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Secretary of Transportation shall establish in the Office of the Secretary an Office of Intermodalism.”

1998—Subsecs. (d) to (g). Pub. L. 105-178 redesignated subsecs. (e) to (g) as (d) to (f), respectively, and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (d). Text read as follows:

“(1) The Director shall develop, maintain, and disseminate intermodal transportation data through the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The Director shall coordinate the collection of data for the data base with the States and metropolitan planning organizations. The data base shall include information on—

“(A) the volume of property and number of individuals carried in intermodal transportation by relevant classification;

“(B) patterns of movement of property and individuals in intermodal transportation by relevant classification by origin and destination; and

“(C) public and private investment in intermodal transportation facilities and services.

“(2) The Director shall make information from the data base available to the public.”

§ 5504. Model intermodal transportation plans

(a) GRANTS.—The Secretary of Transportation shall make grants to States to develop model State intermodal transportation plans that are consistent with the policy set forth in section 302(e) of this title. The model plans shall include systems for collecting data related to intermodal transportation.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—The Secretary shall award grants to States under this section that represent a variety of geographic regions and transportation needs, patterns, and modes.

(c) PLAN SUBMISSION.—As a condition to a State receiving a grant under this section, the Secretary shall require that the State provide assurances that the State will submit to the Secretary a State intermodal transportation plan not later than 18 months after the date of receipt of the grant.

(d) GRANT AMOUNTS.—The Secretary shall reserve, from amounts deducted under section 104(a) of title 23, \$3,000,000 to make grants under