Subpart A—General

§ 1.1 Overview.

This part describes the organization of the United States Department of Transportation and provides for the performance of duties imposed upon, and the exercise of powers vested in, the Secretary of Transportation by law.

§ 1.2 Organization of the Department.

(a) The Secretary of Transportation is the head of the Department.

(b) The Department comprises the Office of the Secretary of Transportation (OST), the Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and the following Operating Administrations, each headed by an Administrator who reports directly to the Secretary:

1. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
2. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).
3. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).
4. The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA).
5. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
6. The Maritime Administration (MARAD).
8. The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).
10. The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (SLSDC).

§ 1.3 Exercise of authority.

(a) In exercising powers and performing duties delegated by this part or redelegated pursuant thereto, officials of the Department of Transportation are governed by applicable laws, Executive Orders and regulations and by policies, objectives, plans, standards, procedures, and limitations as may be issued from time to time by or on behalf of the Secretary, or, with respect to matters under their jurisdictions, by or on behalf of the Deputy Secretary, the Under Secretary, the General Counsel, an Assistant Secretary, the Inspector General, or an Administrator. This includes, wherever specified, the requirement for advance notice to, prior coordination with, or prior approval by an authority other than that of the official proposing to act.

(b) Subject to the reservations of authority to the Secretary of Transportation in section 1.21, the Deputy Secretary, the Under Secretary, the General Counsel, the Assistant Secretaries, the Inspector General, and the Administrators exercise the powers and perform the duties delegated to them under this part.

(c) For delegations of authority vested in the Secretary by Executive Order 13526 (see also E.O. 12958 and 12065) originally to classify documents as secret and confidential, see § 8.11 of this subtitle. Previous delegations of authority to Department of Transportation officials to originally classify information as secret and confidential are hereby rescinded.

Subpart B—Office of the Secretary

§ 1.11 Overview.

This subpart sets forth the OST’s key responsibilities, its basic organizational structure, and the line of Secretarial succession in time of need. It also describes the key responsibilities of OST officials, and sets forth delegations and reservations of authority to those officials.

§ 1.13 OST Key Responsibilities.

(a) The OST is responsible for:

1. Providing leadership in formulating and executing well-balanced national and international transportation objectives, policies, and programs to ensure the Nation has safe, economically competitive transportation systems that support U.S. interests, that are maintained in a state of good repair, that foster environmental sustainability, and that support livable communities;
2. Chairing the Department’s Safety Council;
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(3) Stimulating and promoting research and development in all modes and types of transportation, with special emphasis on transportation safety;
(4) Coordinating the various transportation programs of the Federal Government;
(5) Encouraging maximum private development of transportation services;
(6) Providing responsive, timely, and effective liaison with Congress and public and private organizations on transportation matters;
(7) Providing innovative approaches to urban transportation and environmental enhancement programs;
(8) Overseeing the Department’s multimodal freight policy;
(9) Providing effective management of the Department as a whole to ensure it achieves organizational excellence;
(10) Leading Department-wide efforts for greater transparency and accountability;
(11) Administering the Department’s Livable Communities initiative to increase access to convenient and affordable transportation choices and improve transportation networks that accommodate pedestrians and bicycles;
(12) Coordinating the Department’s credit and financial assistance programs by leading the Credit Council to ensure responsible financing for the Nation’s transportation projects; and
(13) Formulating and executing policies to ensure effective operation of the Department’s aviation economic program including functions related to consumer protection and civil rights, domestic airline licensing matters, competition oversight, airline data collection, and review of international route negotiations and route awards to carriers.

§ 1.15 OST Structure.

(a) Secretary and Deputy Secretary. The Secretary and Deputy Secretary are assisted by the following, all of which report directly to the Secretary:
(1) The Chief of Staff;
(2) The Executive Secretariat;
(3) The Departmental Office of Civil Rights;
(4) The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization;
(5) The Office of Intelligence, Security and Emergency Response;
(6) The Office of Public Affairs;
(7) The Office of the Chief Information Officer; and

(b) The Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, the General Counsel, and the Assistant Secretaries for Administration, Budget and Programs, and Governmental Affairs also report directly to the Secretary.

(c) Office of the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. This Office is composed of:
(1) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Transportation Policy, which includes:
   (i) The Office of Safety, Energy, and the Environment,
   (ii) The Office of Infrastructure Finance and Innovation, and
   (iii) The Office of Economic and Strategic Analysis.
(2) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, which includes:
   (i) The Office of International Transportation and Trade,
   (ii) The Office of International Aviation, and
   (iii) The Office of Aviation Analysis.

(d) Office of the General Counsel. This Office is composed of:
(1) The Office of General Law,
(2) The Office of International Law,
(3) The Office of Litigation,
(4) The Office of Legislation,
(5) The Office of Regulation and Enforcement,
(6) The Office of Operations, which includes the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office,
(7) The Office of Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, which includes the Aviation Consumer Protection Division, and
(8) The Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

(e) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs and Chief Financial Officer. This Office is composed of:
(1) The Office of Budget and Program Performance,
(2) The Office of Financial Management, and
(3) The Office of the Chief Financial Officer for the Office of the Secretary.