2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Transportation	2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Entry-Level Driver Training Advisory Committee	2523

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	01/15/2015	01/15/2017	01/15/2017

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
Yes		01/15/2017

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Terminate	No	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Action Memorandum to the Secretary	01/15/2015	Ad hoc	No

15. Description of Committee Regulatory Negotiations Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Established to conduct an negotiated rulemaking on Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT), the ELDTAC met from February - May 2015 and issued its recommendations to FMCSA on June 15, 2015. During this time, the committee met for 6 2-day sessions to deliberate on topics of concern to ELDT. The ELDTAC formed working groups (or subcommittees) to address the most salient issues of ELDT so that work could continue outside the plenary meetings.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?
Membership was balanced among stakeholders with direct expertise in driver training, including driving schools, training providers, small trucking operators, insurance companies, labor, safety advocacy, law enforcement, motorcoach and school bus organizations, trucking organizations, state oversight organizations, and FMCSA. Additionally, membership was balanced to include women and minorities to the maximum extent practicable.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?
ELDTAC met 6 times for 2-days each time from February - May 2015.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?
As this was a negotiated rulemaking, the members of the committee were selected for their specific expertise on driver training. Collectively, the members of the plenary provided a perspective that could not be obtained elsewhere.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
Not Applicable

21. Remarks
Established to conduct an negotiated rulemaking on Entry-Level Driver Training, the ELDTAC met from February - May 2015 and issued its recommendations to FMCSA on June 15, 2015. The Committee is extant for 2 years from date of charter. The Agency may reconvene it once we publish an NPRM to get final comments from the members before drafting a final rule.

Designated Federal Officer

Larry W. Minor Associate Administrator for Policy

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Byrd, LaMont	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director, Health and Safety, International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Representative Member
Edwards, James	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Washington Representative, National Association of Small Trucking Companies	Representative Member
Garsee, Martin	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Immediate Past President, National Association of Publicly Funnded Truck Driving Schools	Representative Member
Grenerth, Scott	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director, Regulatory Affairs, Owner-Operator Independent Drivers Association	Representative Member
Hart, Clyde	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	American Bus Association	Representative Member
Heller, David	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director, Safety and Policy, Truckload Carriers Association	Representative Member
Hood, Charles	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services	Representative Member
Kurdock, Peter	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director of Regulatory Affairs, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety	Representative Member
Lannen, John	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Executive Director, Truck Safety Coalition	Representative Member

Lewis, Kevin	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director, Driver Programs, American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators	Representative Member
Minor, Larry	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Associate Administrator, FMCSA	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Money, David	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Chairman, Board of Directors, Professional Truck Drivers Institute	Representative Member
Parker, David	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Senior Legal Counsel, Great West Casualty Company	Representative Member
Presley, Ken	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Vice President, Industry Operations, and Chief Operating Officer, United Motorcoach Association	Representative Member
Ramsdell, Bob	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Chief Operating Officer, West, Durham School Services, National School Transportation Association	Representative Member
Rohanna, Margaret	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	School Bus Program Manager, Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicle Division, MassDOT	Representative Member
Samet, Lauren	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director, Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel, American Federation of Teachers AFL-CIO	Representative Member
Sherlock, Brian	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	International Safety Specialist, Amalgamated Transit Union, AFL-CIO	Representative Member

Smith, Alan	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director of Safety and Security, Greyhound Lines, Inc.	Representative Member
Spatocco, Carl	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Regional Vice President, Educational Affiliates, Commercial Vehicle Training Association	Representative Member
Spoon, Bryan	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Owner-Operator, Spoon Trucking	Representative Member
Spoonhour, Louis	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Senior Advisor for CDL Programs, Stevens Transport	Representative Member
Stephenson, Boyd	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Director of Hazardous Materials and Commercial Licensing Policy, American Trucking Associations	Representative Member
Tershak, Robert	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Master Trooper, Virginia State Police, Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance	Representative Member
Voie, Ellen	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	President and CEO, Women in Trucking	Representative Member
Wood, Ron	02/12/2015	01/15/2017	Volunteer Coordinator, Citizens for Reliable and Safe Transportation	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 26

Narrative Description

ELDTAC supported the Agency's regulatory agenda by assisting the Agency in completing a rulemaking on ELDT and it responds to the MAP-21 Congressional mandate. Additionally, it allowed the Agency to address recommendations made by the NTSB on driver training and by other oversight agencies. ELDTAC's work served as the basis for the Agency's NPRM on ELDT, which is now under review at the Office of Management and Budget. ELDTAC completed its meetings in 2015 and took no action during FY17.

The final rule on ELDT was published December 8, 2016. The ELDTAC charter expired 1/15/2017, and there are no plans to renew it.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	✓
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	✓
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	

Outcome Comments

As there currently is no established curricula for training of entry-level drivers of CMVs, this rulemaking would establish such, improving the safety of CMV drivers and the traveling public on our roads. Additionally, establishing training curricula for each segment of the driver population and providing refresher training for those who have been out of the industry for some time encourages a sharper focus on skills and on practices that will improve delivery, save on fuel economy and CMV repair and maintenance, and will result in greater customer satisfaction.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	
$100,000 - $500,000	
$500,001 - $1,000,000	
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	
Over $10,000,000	

Cost Savings Other ☐

Cost Savings Comments
While data on its costs and benefits is now scarce, once established, we will receive important data that will improve safety and delivery of goods nationwide.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
1

Number of Recommendations Comments
Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
Not Applicable

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
1%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
The final rule on ELDT was published December 8. 2016. It incorporated many of the points made in EDLTAC's consensus recommendation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☐ No ☑ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☑

Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	✓
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

Final rule on ELDT published December 8, 2016.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	✓
Online Agency Web Site	✓
Online Committee Web Site	✓
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✓
Publications	✓
Other	✓

Access Comments

Meetings of the ELDTAC and its working groups (subcommittees) were open to the public for their duration. All documents developed, created, and detailed minutes of all sessions are found online at the FMCSA website at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/eldtac.