

2017 Current Fiscal Year Report: Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Transportation

2. Fiscal Year

2017

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Air Traffic Procedures Advisory
Committee

3b. GSA Committee No.

675

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

10/29/2014

6. Expected Renewal Date

10/29/2016

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

10/29/2016

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Terminate

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Charter based on PL
92-463

13. Effective Date

10/08/1975

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Scientific Technical Program
Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

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?

The Committee made recommendations for standardizing, clarifying and upgrading terminology and procedures as a result of its review of present air traffic control (ATC) procedures and practices. The Committee held two meetings in FY2016, during which they reviewed the adequacy of information concerning the application of ATC procedures . The Committee identified Areas of Concern (AOC) which addressed the work to be completed. All AOCs for which the Committee was responsible have been closed.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The ATPAC consisted of representatives from organizations selected by the FAA as most representative of the various viewpoints of aviation and airspace users representing civil and military operators, air traffic controllers, industry and safety organizations. The FAA ensured a membership that was fairly balanced in terms of points of view of those represented and the functions to be performed by the ATPAC. To ensure the recommendations of the ATPAC took into account the needs of diverse groups served by the department, membership included, to the extent practicable, individuals or organizations representing minorities, women, and persons with disabilities. Subject matter experts participated in the Committee as required to address the specific items on each agenda.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Committee meetings were held as needed, approximately twice yearly. The level of expertise and balanced viewpoint of the committee enabled early identification of potential problem areas and accelerated early corrective action, thereby creating greater safety and public confidence in the Nation's air transportation system.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The members of the Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee represented the airspace users and air traffic service providers in the National Airspace System. The views represented and the action taken by the Committee ensured the safe, orderly, and expeditious movement of all

aircraft in the National Airspace System.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

None

Designated Federal Officer

Heather Hemdal Executive Director

Narrative Description

The committee supports the agency mission by reviewing current and proposed air traffic procedures and providing advice on changes and improvements to these procedures. There were no changes to the number of recommendations during FY2016. The charter lapsed in early FY 2017, and FAA does not intend to renew it.

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

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NA

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

300

Number of Recommendations Comments

Recommendations ranged from en route and terminal air traffic procedures to changes in aviation charts and airport markings as well as separation standards and wake turbulence procedures.

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

80%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Because representatives of the FAA participate as members of the Committee, the recommendations of the Committee are vetted for acceptability.

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

5%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Some of the recommendations spur additional ideas resulting in multiple part

recommendations. In some cases, only one section of the recommendation is implemented.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Via reports at each meeting. dissemination of meeting minutes and web site.

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Changes to air traffic procedures have been implemented.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

N/A