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Attachment: Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee

Fiscal Year 2021 Recommendations Periodic Update

According to the requirements of Section 1969(e)(4) of the TSA Modernization Act, Division K of the FAA Modernization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–254; Oct. 5, 2018), this report provides a status update on the 18 recommendations submitted by the Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee (STSAC) to the Transportation Security Administration Administrator on April 1, 2021.

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Surface Transportation Security Advisory Committee



Fiscal Year 2021 Recommendations

Recommendation	Concur/Non-Concur	Current Stage
Security Risk and Intelligence Subcommittee		
Establish a National Intelligence Manager for surface transportation	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Use private sector intelligence requirements to guide federal intelligence collection and inform intelligence analyses and product development by Intelligence Community agencies and analytical centers	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Approve and implement the Surface Information Sharing Cell (SISC) charter	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Complete the Security Risk Methodology Matrix as a resource to support efforts to drive down risk across surface transportation modes	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Cybersecurity Information Sharing Subcommittee		
Establish a surface transportation cyber information sharing network on threats, incidents, and security concerns and related alerts, advisories, analyses, and assessments	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Manage the operations of the Surface Information Sharing Cell (SISC) under the express authorization provided by the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Establish effective procedures for broad sharing of cyber threat and security information across surface transportation modes	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Conduct an annual review to assess the performance and impact of the Surface Information Sharing Cell (SISC)	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.

Insider Threat Subcommittee		
Expand the newly established Insider Risk Mitigation Hub (IRMH) by integrating surface transportation industry representatives and leveraging the combined expertise of public and private security professionals	Concur	Fully Implemented
Develop a Case Optimization and Risk Evaluation (CORE) tool by applying analyses of, and lessons learned from, case studies of insider incidents that have affected transportation organizations	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Implement a nationwide online tip capability that provides a timely and simple means to report suspicious activity and threats for surface transportation organizations lacking effective procedures for reporting significant security concerns	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Define parameters for assessing the level of potential insider threat risk posed to organizations in the surface transportation modes	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Produce and disseminate recommendations on effective practices for workforce vetting programs for surface transportation organizations	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Expand the scope of participation in TSA's existing Insider Threat Executive Steering Committee by including representatives of the STSAC and Aviation Security Advisory Committee (ASAC)	Concur with Conditions	Fully Implemented
Establish a consistent coordination process to facilitate communication of sensitive information on reports or allegations of terrorist or extremist ties, or suspected illicit insider activity	Concur with Conditions	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.
Maintain a consolidated insider threat information resource for transportation on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN).	Concur	Administrator Review Complete. Implementation Underway.

Emergency Management and Resiliency Subcommittee		
Enhance pandemic preparedness by sharing lessons learned on response to COVID-19 across modes	Concur	Fully Implemented
Support COVID continuing education to enhance response capabilities and resiliency through recurring review and update of the report on effective practices and lessons learned and supporting information	Concur	Fully Implemented