

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

November 4, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 4:25 PM (EST)

- 9:00am – 9:30am** **WELCOME, 2027 FOCUS, AND MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS**
- *Daniel Edwards, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation*
 - *Chair: Christopher Bidwell, Senior Vice President of Security, Airports Council International - North America*
 - *Vice Chair: Megan Lundstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Polaris*
- 9:30am – 9:40am** **COMMITTEE OVERVIEW: STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS**
- Maha Alkhateeb, ACHT Designated Federal Officer, Senior Counter-Trafficking Advisor, Office of International Transportation and Trade, Office of the Secretary, USDOT*
- 9:40am – 10:30am** **USDOT’S COUNTER-TRAFFICKING INITIATIVE & FMCSA EFFORTS**
- *Maha Alkhateeb, Senior Counter-Trafficking Advisor, OST Office of International Transportation and Trade, USDOT*
 - *Cicely Waters, Director of the Office of Communications, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, USDOT*
- 10:30am – 10:45am** **BREAK**
- 10:45am – 12:00pm** **PROSECUTION, PROTECTION & PREVENTION**
- Moderator: Julie Abraham, Director, OST Office of International Transportation and Trade, USDOT*
- *U.S. Department of Justice*
 - *Hilary Axam, Senior Counsel for Combating Human Trafficking, Criminal Division, Human Rights & Special Prosecutions Section*
 - *Ayn Ducao, Senior Counsel, Criminal Division, Human Rights & Special Prosecutions Section*
 - *Tara Ratz, Project Safe Childhood and Human Trafficking Coordinator, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys*
 - *Michael Cestare, Acting Division Chief for Programs, Center for Countering Human Trafficking, U.S. Department of Homeland Security*

- *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services +
National Human Trafficking Hotline*
 - *Katherine Chon, Director, Office on Trafficking in Persons,
Administration for Children and Families*
 - *Tiffany Taylor, Executive Director, Call Center Operations,
Compass Connections*

12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH

1:00pm – 1:20pm U.S. ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING
Sameer Jain, Member

1:20pm – 2:35pm RESEARCH PANEL: EVIDENCE, PRACTICE & KNOWLEDGE GAPS
*Moderator: Jodi Godfrey, Senior Research Associate, Center for Urban
Transportation Research, University of South Florida*

- *Megan Lundstrom, Chief Executive Officer, Polaris*
- *Trayce Hockstad, Law & Policy Analyst, Transportation Policy
Research Center, University of Alabama*
- *Kezban Yagci Sokat, Associate Professor of Business Analytics and
Research Associate, Mineta Transportation Institute, San Jose State
University*

2:35pm – 2:50pm BREAK

2:50pm – 3:10pm PUBLIC COMMENT
*(For requests submitted to trafficking@dot.gov by October 28. See [FRN](#))
DFO Alkhateeb*

3:10pm – 4:10pm DISCUSSION: BEST PRACTICES & POTENTIAL GAPS
Chair Bidwell & Vice Chair Lundstrom

4:10pm – 4:25pm NEXT STEPS & CLOSING
Chair Bidwell & Vice Chair Lundstrom