DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

November 4, 2026 | 9:00 AM – 4:00 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 – 3:50pm **DISCUSSION: BEST PRACTICES & POTENTIAL GAPS**
Chair Bidwell & Vice Chair Lundstrom

3:50pm – 4:00pm **NEXT STEPS & CLOSING**
Chair Bidwell & Vice Chair Lundstrom

Revised Agenda: Please note that the agenda has been condensed as no requests for public comment were received by the Federal Register Notice deadline.