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Department of Transportation

Agency description:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) oversees the implementation and operation of safe, efficient,

Website:

www.dot.gov

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Key issues:

Distracted driving; air passenger consumer protection; truck driver hours of service; high speed rail; ligl

Sub-agencies:

Bureau of Transportation Statistics; Federal Aviation Administration; Federal Highway Administration; F

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Bureau of Transportation Statistics

Agency description:

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics provides objective data and research on the nation's transporta

Website:

www.bts.gov

Key issues:

Airline traffic data; airfare information; air travel on time data; maritime trade and transportation; househ

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency description:

The Federal Aviation Administration regulates air craft operation and air travel.

Website:

www.faa.gov

Key issues:

Air traffic safety; aircraft security; airport safety; pilot and air traffic controller fatigue.

Federal Highway Administration

Agency description:

The Federal Highway Administration oversees the design, construction, and maintenance of the highwa

Website:

www.fhwa.dot.gov

Key issues:

Highway funding; congestion management; road and bridge safety; construction safety.

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Agency description:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulates the nation's trucking industry and

Website:

www.fmcsa.dot.gov

Key issues:

Texting ban; fatigue; hours of service regulations; drug and alcohol testing; cross-border trucking progr

Federal Railroad Administration

Agency description:

The Federal Railroad Administration regulates the railroad industry.

Website:

www.fra.dot.gov

Key issues:

Railroad freight; Amtrak; high speed rail; tank care safety.

Federal Transit Administration

Agency description:

The Federal Transit Administration regulates the operation of public transit.

Website:

www.fta.dot.gov

Key issues:

Metropolitan planning; clean fuels; grants to fund safety improvements.

Maritime Administration

Agency description:

The Maritime Administration oversees the maintenance of merchant marines to assist in maritime com

Website:

www.marad.dot.gov

Key issues:

Ship disposal; United States Merchant Marine; port and cargo security.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Agency description:

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) regulates the safety of highways and veh

Website:

www.nhtsa.gov

Key issues:

Automobile recalls; distracted driving; aggressive driving; motorcycle safety; bicycle road safety; child s

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

Agency description:

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration manages the safe transportation of hazar

Website:

www.phmsa.dot.gov

Key issues:

Hazmat labeling; pipeline security.

Research and Innovative Technology Administration

Agency description:

The Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) manages DOT's research and educat

Website:

www.rita.dot.gov

Key issues:

Distracted driving initiatives; airline passenger consumer protection; crash fatality rates.

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Agency description:

The Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation operates the Saint Lawrence Seaway between

Website:

www.seaway.dot.gov

Key issues:

Seaway security; recreational boating safety.

Surface Transportation Board

Agency description:

The Surface Transportation Board deals with railroad rate and service disputes.

Website:

www.stb.dot.gov

Key issues:

Competition in the rail industry; mitigating environmental hazards.