Appendix B - Glossary


14 CFR 135 (Air): Code of Federal Regulations, Title 14, part 135. Prescribes rules governing the operations of commuter air carriers (scheduled) and on-demand air taxi (unscheduled).

ACCIDENT (Aircraft): As defined by the National Transportation Safety Board, an occurrence incidental to flight in which, as a result of the operation of an aircraft, any person (occupant or nonoccupant) receives fatal or serious injury or any aircraft receives substantial damage.

ACCIDENT (Automobile): See Crash (Highway)

ACCIDENT (Gas): 1) An event that involves the release of gas from a pipeline or of liquefied natural gas (LNG) or other gas from an LNG facility resulting in personal injury necessitating in-patient hospitalization or a death; or estimated property damage of $50,000 or more to the operator or others, or both, including the value of the gas that escaped during the accident; 2) An event that results in an emergency shutdown of an LNG facility; or 3) An event that is significant in the judgment of the operator even though it did not meet the criteria of 1) or 2).

ACCIDENT (Hazardous liquid or gas): Release of hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide while being transported, resulting in any of the following: 1) An explosion or fire not intentionally set by the operator; 2) Loss of 50 or more barrels of hazardous liquid or carbon dioxide; 3) Release to the atmosphere of more than 5 barrels a day of highly volatile liquids; 4) Death of any person; 5) Bodily harm resulting in one or more of the following: a) The loss of consciousness, b) The necessity of carrying person from the scene, c) The necessity for medical treatment, d) Disability that prevents the discharge of normal duties; and 6) Estimated damage to the property of the operators and/or others, exceeding $50,000.

ACCIDENT (Highway-Rail Grade-Crossing): An impact between on-track railroad equipment and an automobile, bus, truck, motorcycle, bicycle, farm vehicle, or pedestrian or other highway user at a designated crossing site. Sidewalks, pathways, shoulders, and ditches associated with the crossing are considered to be part of the crossing site.

ACCIDENT (Rail): A collision, derailment, fire, explosion, act of God, or other event involving operation of railroad on-track equipment (standing or moving) that results in railroad damage exceeding an established dollar threshold.

ACCIDENT (Recreational Boating): An occurrence involving a vessel or its equipment that results in 1) A death; 2) An injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid; 3) Damage to a vessel and other property, totaling to more than $500 or complete loss of a vessel; or 4) The disappearance of the vessel under circumstances that indicate death or injury. Federal regulations (33 CFR 173-4) require the operator of any vessel that is numbered or used for recreational purposes to submit an accident report.

ACCIDENT (Transit): An incident involving a moving vehicle. Includes a vehicle, object, or person (except suicides) or a derailment/left roadway.

ACTIVE AIRCRAFT (General Aviation): All legally registered civil aircraft that flew one or more hours.

AERIAL APPLICATION FLYING (General Aviation): The operation of aircraft for the purposes of dispensing any substances required for agriculture, health, forestry, seeding, firefighting, and insect control purposes.

AERIAL OBSERVATION FLYING (General Aviation): Any use of an aircraft for aerial mapping and photography, surveying, patrolling, fish spotting, search and rescue, hunting, sightseeing, or highway traffic advisory not included under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 135.

AIR CARRIER: An aircraft with seating capacity of more than 60 seats or a maximum payload capacity of more than 18,000 pounds carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation.
AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER: A facility established to provide air traffic control service to aircraft operating on an IFR (instrument flight rule) flight plan within controlled airspace and principally during the en route phase of flight.

AIR TAXI: An aircraft operator who conducts operations for hire or compensation in accordance with 14 CFR 135 (for safety purposes) or FAR Part 135 (for economic regulations/reporting purposes) in an aircraft designed to have a maximum seating capacity of 60 seats or less or a maximum payload capacity of 18,000 pounds or less carrying passengers or cargo for hire or compensation.

AIRCRAFT REVENUE HOURS: The airborne hours in revenue service, computed from the moment an aircraft leaves the ground until it lands.

AIRCRAFT REVENUE MILES: The miles (computed in airport-to-airport distances) for each interairport hop actually completed in revenue service, whether or not performed in accordance with the scheduled pattern. For this purpose, operation to a flag stop is a hop completed even if a landing is not actually made. In cases where the interairport distances are inapplicable, aircraft-miles flown are determined by multiplying the normal cruising speed for the aircraft type by the airborne hours.

AIRPORT: A landing area regularly used by aircraft for receiving or discharging passengers or cargo.

AIRPORT/AIRWAY TRUST FUND: See Trust Funds.

ALTERNATIVE FUELS: The Energy Policy Act of 1992 defines alternative fuels as methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohol; mixtures containing 85 percent or more (but not less than 70 percent as determined by the Secretary of Energy by rule to provide for requirements relating to cold start, safety, or vehicle functions) by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with gasoline or other fuels. Includes compressed natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, hydrogen, coal-derived liquid fuels, fuels other than alcohols derived from biological materials, electricity, or any other fuel the Secretary of Energy determines by rule is substantially not petroleum and would yield substantial energy security and environmental benefits.

AMTRAK: Operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation of Washington, D.C., this rail system was created by the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-518, 84 Stat. 1327) and given the responsibility for the operation of intercity, as distinct from suburban, passenger trains between points designated by the Secretary of Transportation.

ARTERIAL HIGHWAY: A major highway used primarily for through traffic.

ASPHALT: A dark brown to black cement-like material containing bitumens as the predominant constituent. The definition includes crude asphalt and finished products such as cements, fluxes, the asphalt content of emulsions, and petroleum distillates blended with asphalt to make cutback asphalt. Asphalt is obtained by petroleum processing.

AVAILABLE SEAT-MILES (Air Carrier): The aircraft miles flown in each interairport hop multiplied by the number of seats available on that hop for revenue passenger service.

AVERAGE HAUL: The average distance, in miles, one ton is carried. It is computed by dividing ton-miles by tons of freight originated.

AVERAGE PASSENGER TRIP LENGTH (Bus/Rail): Calculated by dividing revenue passenger-miles by the number of revenue passengers.

AVIATION GASOLINE (General Aviation): All special grades of gasoline used in aviation reciprocating engines, as specified by American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) Specification D910 and Military Specification MIL-G5572.

Includes refinery products within the gasoline range marketed as or blended to constitute aviation gasoline.
BARREL (oil): A unit of volume equal to 42 U.S. gallons.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION (Highway): A measurement of the percentage of alcohol in the blood by grams per deciliter.

BRITISH THERMAL UNIT: The quantity of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 pound of water by 1 F at or near 39.2 F.

BULK CARRIER (Water): A ship with specialized holds for carrying dry or liquid commodities, such as oil, grain, ore, and coal, in unpackaged bulk form. Bulk carriers may be designed to carry a single bulk product (crude oil tanker), or accommodate several bulk product types (ore/bulk/oil carrier) on the same voyage or on a subsequent voyage after holds are cleaned.

BUS: Large motor vehicle used to carry more than 10 passengers, includes school buses, intercity buses, and transit buses.

BUSINESS TRIP (American Travel Survey): A trip taken for business or business combined with pleasure, or for attending a convention, conference, or seminar.

CAFE STANDARDS: See Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards.

CAR-MILE (Rail): The movement of a railroad car a distance of 1 mile. An empty or loaded car-mile refers to a mile run by a freight car with or without a load. In the case of intermodal movements, the designation of empty or loaded refers to whether the trailers/containers are moved with or without a waybill.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY (Air Carrier): A certificate issued by the Department of Transportation to an air carrier under Section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act authorizing the carrier to engage in air transportation.

CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER: An air carrier holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to conduct scheduled services interstate. These carriers may also conduct nonscheduled or charter operations. Certificated air carriers operate large aircraft (30 seats or more or a maximum load of 7,500 pounds or more) in accordance with FAR Part 121. See also Large Certificated Air Carrier.

CERTIFICATED AIRPORTS: Airports that serving scheduled air carrier operations in aircraft designed for more than 9 passenger seats but less than 31 passenger seats. air carrier operations with aircraft seating more than 30 passengers.

CHAINED DOLLARS: A measure used to express real prices, defined as prices that are adjusted to remove the effect of changes in the purchasing power of the dollar. Real prices usually reflect buying power relative to a reference year. The chained-dollar measure is based on the average weights of goods and services in successive pairs of years. It is chained because the second year in each pair, with its weights, becomes the first year of the next pair. Prior to 1996, real prices were expressed in constant dollars, a weighted measure of goods and services in a single year. See also Constant Dollars and Current Dollars.

CLASS I RAILROAD: A carrier that has an annual operating revenue of $250 million or more after applying the railroad revenue deflator formula, which is based on the Railroad Freight Price Index developed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The formula is the current year's revenues x 1991 average index/current year's average index.

COASTWISE TRAFFIC (Water): Domestic traffic receiving a carriage over the ocean, or the Gulf of Mexico (e.g., between New Orleans and Baltimore, New York and Puerto Rico, San Francisco and Hawaii, Alaska and Hawaii). Traffic between Great Lakes ports and seacoast ports, when having a carriage over the ocean, is also considered coastwise.

COEFFICIENT OF VARIATION: Ratio of the sampling error (or standard error) of a statistic to the value of that statistic. Also referred to as relative standard error.
**COLLECTOR (Highway):** In rural areas, routes that serve intracounty rather than statewide travel. In urban areas, streets that provide direct access to neighborhoods and arterials.

**COLLISION WITH OBJECT (Transit):** An incident in which a transit vehicle strikes an obstacle other than a vehicle or person (e.g., building, utility pole). Reports are made if the accident results in a death, injury, or property damage over $1,000.

**COLLISION WITH PEOPLE (Transit):** An incident in which a transit vehicle strikes a person. Excludes suicides and suicide attempts. Reports are made if the incident results in death, injury, or property damage over $1,000.

**COLLISION WITH VEHICLE (Transit):** An incident in which a transit vehicle strikes or is struck by another vehicle. Reports are made if the incident results in a death, injury, or property damage over $1,000.

**COMBINATION TRUCK:** A power unit (truck tractor) and one or more trailing units (a semitrailer or trailer).

**COMMERCIAL BUS:** Any bus used to carry passengers at rates specified in tariffs; charges may be computed per passenger (as in regular route service) or per vehicle (as in charter service).

**COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIRPORT:** Airport receiving scheduled passenger service and having 2,500 or more enplaned passengers per year.

**COMMUTER AIR CARRIER:** Different definitions are used for safety purposes and for economic regulations and reporting. For safety analysis, commuter carriers are defined as air carriers operating under 14 CFR 135 that carry passengers for hire or compensation on at least five scheduled round trips per week on at least one route between two or more points according to published flight schedules, which specify the times, days of the week, and points of service. On March 20, 1997, the size of the aircraft subject to 14 CFR 135 was reduced from 30 to fewer than 10 passenger seats. (Larger aircraft are subject to the more stringent regulations of 14 CFR 121.) Helicopters carrying passengers or cargo for hire, however, are regulated under CFR 135 whatever their size. Although, in practice, most commuter air carriers operate aircraft that are regulated for safety purposes under 14 CFR 135 and most aircraft that are regulated under 14 CFR 135 are operated by commuter air carriers, this is not necessarily the case. For economic regulations and reporting requirements, commuter air carriers are those carriers that operate aircraft of 60 or fewer seats or a maximum payload capacity of 18,000 pounds or less. These carriers hold a certificate issued under section 298C of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended.

**COMMUTER RAIL (Transit):** Urban passenger train service for short-distance travel between a central city and adjacent suburb. Does not include rapid rail transit or light rail service.

**COMPACT CAR:** An automobile industry designation usually consisting of cars with a wheelbase between 100 and 105 inches.

**COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS:** Natural gas compressed to a volume and density that is practical as a portable fuel supply. It is used as a fuel for natural gas-powered vehicles.

**CONSTANT DOLLAR:** Dollar value adjusted for changes in the average price level by dividing a current dollar amount by a price index. See also Chained Dollar and Current Dollar.

**CORPORATE AVERAGE FUEL ECONOMY STANDARDS (CAF):** Originally established by Congress for new automobiles and later for light trucks. Under CAFE, automobile manufacturers are required by law to produce vehicle fleets with a composite sales-weighted fuel economy not lower than the CAFE standards in a given year. For every vehicle that does not meet the standard, a fine is paid for every one-tenth of a mile per gallon that vehicle falls below the standard.

**CORPORATE FLYING (General Aviation):** Corporate aircraft piloted by a professional crew.

**CRASH (Highway):** An event that produces injury and/or property damage, involves a motor vehicle in transport, and occurs on a traffic way or while the vehicle is still in motion after running off the traffic way.
**CRUDE OIL**: A mixture of hydrocarbons that exists in the liquid phase in natural underground reservoirs and remains liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface-separating facilities.

**CURRENT DOLLAR**: Dollar value of a good or service in terms of prices current at the time the good or service is sold. See also Chained Dollar and Current Dollar.

**DEADWEIGHT TONNAGE (Water)**: The carrying capacity of a vessel in long tons (2,240 pounds). It is the difference between the number of tons of water a vessel displaces light and the number of tons it displaces when submerged to the load line.

**DEMAND-RESPONSIVE VEHICLE (Transit)**: A nonfixed-route, a nonfixed-schedule vehicle that operates in response to calls from passengers or their agents to the transit operator or dispatcher.

**DERAILMENT/LEFT ROADWAY (Transit)**: A noncollision incident in which a transit vehicle leaves the rails or road on which it travels. This also includes rollovers. Reports are made for all occurrences.

**DESTINATION OF TRIP (American Travel Survey)**: The place the survey respondent names as the destination of the trip. If more than one location is visited on the same trip, the farthest point from the origin is considered the destination.

**DIESEL FUEL**: A complex mixture of hydrocarbons with a boiling range between approximately 350 and 650 °F. Diesel fuel is composed primarily of paraffins and naphthenic compounds that auto-ignite from the heat of compression in a diesel engine. Diesel is used primarily by heavy-duty road vehicles, construction equipment, locomotives, and by marine and stationary engines.

**DISTILLATE FUEL OIL**: A general classification for one of the petroleum fractions produced in conventional distillation operations. Included are No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4 fuel oils and No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 diesel fuels. Distillate fuel oil is used primarily for space heating, on- and off-highway diesel engine fuel (including railroad engine fuel and fuel for agricultural machinery), and electric power generation.

**DISTRIBUTION MAINS (Gas)**: A network of pipelines, services, and equipment that carry or control the supply of gas from the point of local supply to, and including, the sales meters.

**DOMESTIC FREIGHT (Water)**: All waterborne commercial movements between points in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, excluding traffic with the Panama Canal Zone. Cargo moved for the military in commercial vessels is reported as ordinary commercial cargo; military cargo moved in military vessels is omitted.

**DOMESTIC OPERATIONS (Air Carrier)**: All air carrier operations having destinations within the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

**DOMESTIC PASSENGER (Water)**: Any person traveling on a public conveyance by water between points in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

**DRY CARGO BARGES (Water)**: Large flat-bottomed, nonself-propelled vessels used to transport dry-bulk materials such as coal and ore.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TRUST FUND**: See Trust Funds.

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY**: The ratio of energy inputs to the outputs from a process; for example, miles traveled per gallon of fuel (mpg).

**ENPLANED PASSENGERS (Air Carrier)**: See Revenue Passenger Enplanements.

**ETHANOL**: A clear, colorless, flammable oxygenated hydrocarbon with a boiling point of 78.5 °C. in the anhydrous state. It is used in the United States as a gasoline octane enhancer and oxygenate (10-percent concentration).
Ethanol can be used in high concentrations in vehicles optimized for its use. Otherwise known as ethyl alcohol, alcohol, or grain-spirit.

**FATAL CRASH (Highway):** A police-reported crash involving a motor vehicle in transport on a trafficway in which at least one person dies within 30 days of the crash as a result of that crash.

**FATAL INJURY (Air):** Any injury that results in death within 7 days of the accident.

**FATALITY:** For purposes of statistical reporting on transportation safety, a fatality shall be considered a death due to injuries in a transportation crash, accident, or incident that occurs within 30 days of that occurrence.

**FATALITY (Rail):** 1) Death of any person from an injury within 30 days of the accident/incident (may include nontrain accidents/incidents); or 2) Death of a railroad employee from an occupational illness within 365 days after the occupational illness was diagnosed by a physician.

**FATALITY (Recreational Boating):** All deaths (other than deaths by natural causes) and missing persons resulting from an occurrence that involves a vessel or its equipment.

**FATALITY (Transit):** A transit-caused death confirmed within 30 days of a transit incident. Incidents include collisions, derailments, personal casualties, and fires associated with transit agency revenue vehicles, transit facilities on transit property, service vehicles, maintenance areas, and rights of way.

**FATALITY (Water):** All deaths and missing persons resulting from a vessel casualty.

**FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC):** The Federal agency with jurisdiction over, among other things, gas pricing, oil pipeline rates, and gas pipeline certification.

**FERRY BOAT (Transit):** Vessels that carry passengers and/or vehicles over a body of water. Generally steam or diesel-powered, ferry boats may also be hovercraft, hydrofoil, and other high-speed vessels. The vessel is limited in its use to the carriage of deck passengers or vehicles or both, operates on a short run on a frequent schedule between two points over the most direct water routes other than in ocean or coastwise service, and is offered as a public service of a type normally attributed to a bridge or tunnel.

**FIELD AND GATHERING GAS PIPELINES:** A network of pipelines (mains) transporting natural gas from individual wells to a compressor station, processing point, or main trunk pipeline.

**FLAG STOP (Air):** A drop-off or pick-up point along a predetermined route that is visited only by request or if a signal to stop is given.

**FOSSIL FUELS:** Any naturally occurring organic fuel formed in the Earth's crust, such as petroleum, coal, and natural gas.

**FREIGHT REVENUE (Rail):** Revenue from the transportation of freight and from the exercise of transit, stopoff, diversion, and reconsignment privileges as provided for in tariffs.

**FREIGHTERS (Water):** General cargo carriers, full containerships, partial containerships, roll-on/rolloff ships, and barge carriers.

**FULL-SIZE CAR:** As designated by the automobile industry, cars with a wheelbase between 110 and 115 inches.

**GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES:** Pipelines installed for the purpose of transmitting gas from a source or sources of supply to one or more distribution centers, or to one or more large volume customers; or a pipeline installed to interconnect sources of supply. Typically, transmission lines differ from gas mains in that they operate at higher pressures and the distance between connections is greater.

**GASOLINE:** A complex mixture of relatively volatile hydrocarbons, with or without small quantities of additives that have been blended to produce a fuel suitable for use in spark ignition engines. Motor gasoline includes both
leaded or unleaded grades of finished motor gasoline, blending components, and gasohol. Leaded gasoline is no longer used in highway motor vehicles in the United States.

GENERAL AVIATION: 1) All facets of civil aviation, except facets of those air carriers holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. 2) All civil aviation activity except that of air carriers certificated in accordance with Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Parts 121, 123, 127, and 135. The types of aircraft used in general aviation range from corporate multijet aircraft piloted by professional crews to amateur-built single-engine piston-driven acrobatic planes to balloons and dirigibles. 3) All civil aviation operations other than scheduled air services and nonscheduled air transport operations for taxis, commuter air carriers, and air travel clubs that do not hold Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity.

GENERAL ESTIMATES SYSTEM: A data collection system that uses a nationally representative probability sample selected from all police-reported highway crashes. It began operation in 1988.

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT: The total output of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States, valued at market prices. As long as the labor and property are located in the United States, the suppliers (workers and owners) may be either U.S. residents or residents of foreign countries.

GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (gvwr) (Truck): The maximum rated capacity of a vehicle, including the weight of the base vehicle, all added equipment, driver and passengers, and all cargo.

HARBOR MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND: See Trust Funds.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL: Any toxic substance or explosive, corrosive, combustible, poisonous, or radioactive material that poses a risk to the public’s health, safety, or property-particularly when transported in commerce.

HEAVY RAIL (Transit): An electric railway with the capacity to transport a heavy volume of passenger traffic and characterized by exclusive rights-of-way, multcar trains, high speed, rapid acceleration, sophisticated signaling, and high-platform loading. Also known as subway, elevated (railway), or metropolitan railway (metro).

HIGHWAY-RAIL GRADE CROSSING (Rail): A location where one or more railroad tracks are crossed by a public highway, road, or street or a private roadway at grade, including sidewalks and pathways at or associated with the crossing.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND: A grant-in-aid type fund administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration. Most funds for highway improvements are apportioned to States according to formulas that give weight to population, area, and mileage.

HOUSEHOLD TRIP (American Travel Survey): A trip in which one or more members of a household travel together.

HIGHWAY-USER TAX: A charge levied on persons or organizations based on their use of public roads. Funds collected are usually applied toward highway construction, reconstruction, and maintenance.

INCIDENT (Hazmat): Any unintentional release of hazardous material while in transit or storage.

INCIDENT (Train): Any event involving the movement of a train or railcars on track equipment that results in a death, a reportable injury, or illness, but in which railroad property damage does not exceed the reporting threshold.

INCIDENT (Transit): Collisions, derailments, personal casualties, fires, and property damage in excess of $1,000 associated with transit agency revenue vehicles; all other facilities on the transit property; and service vehicles, maintenance areas, and rights-of-way.

INJURY (Air): See SERIOUS INJURY (air and general aviation).
INJURY (Gas): Described in DOT Forms 7100.1 or 7100.2 as an injury requiring in-patient hospitalization (admission and confinement in a hospital beyond treatment administered in an emergency room or out-patient clinic in which confinement does not occur).

INJURY (Hazardous Liquid Pipeline): An injury resulting from a hazardous liquid pipeline accident that results in one or more of the following: 1) Loss of consciousness, 2) A need to be carried from the scene, 3) A need for medical treatment, and/or 4) A disability that prevents the discharge of normal duties or the pursuit of normal duties beyond the day of the accident.

INJURY (Highway): Police-reported highway injuries are classified as follows:

Incapacitating Injury: Any injury, other than a fatal injury, that prevents the injured person from walking, driving, or normally continuing the activities the person was capable of performing before the injury occurred. Includes severe lacerations, broken or distorted limbs, skull or chest injuries, abdominal injuries, unconsciousness at or when taken from the accident scene, and inability to leave the accident scene without assistance. Exclusions include momentary unconsciousness.

Nonincapacitating Evident Injury: Any injury, other than a fatal injury or an incapacitating injury, evident to observers at the scene of the accident. Includes lumps on head, abrasions, bruises, minor lacerations, and others. Excludes limping.

Possible Injury: Any injury reported or claimed that is not evident. Includes momentary unconsciousness, claim of injuries not obvious, limping, complaint of pain, nausea, hysteria, and others.

INJURY (Highway-Rail Grade Crossing): 1) An injury to one or more persons other than railroad employees that requires medical treatment; 2) An injury to one or more employees that requires medical treatment or that results in restriction of work or motion for one or more days, or one or more lost work days, transfer to another job, termination of employment, or loss of consciousness; 3) Any occupational illness affecting one or more railroad employees that is diagnosed by a physician.

INJURY (Rail): 1) Injury to any person other than a railroad employee that requires medical treatment, or 2) Injury to a railroad employee that requires medical treatment or results in restriction of work or motion for one or more workdays, one or more lost workdays, termination of employment, transfer to another job, loss of consciousness, or any occupational illness of a railroad employee diagnosed by a physician.

INJURY (Recreational Boating): Injury requiring medical treatment beyond first aid as a result of an occurrence that involves a vessel or its equipment.

INJURY (Transit): Any physical damage or harm to a person requiring medical treatment or any physical damage or harm to a person reported at the time and place of occurrence. For employees, an injury includes incidents resulting in time lost from duty or any definition consistent with a transit agency’s current employee injury reporting practice.

INJURY (Water): All personal injuries resulting from a vessel casualty that require medical treatment beyond first aid.

INLAND AND COASTAL CHANNELS: Includes the Atlantic Coast Waterways, the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the New York State Barge Canal System, the Gulf Coast Waterways, the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, the Mississippi River System (including the Illinois Waterway), Pacific Coast Waterways, the Great Lakes, and all other channels (waterways) of the United States, exclusive of Alaska, that are usable for commercial navigation.

INSTRUCTIONAL FLYING: Flying accompanied in supervised training under the direction of an accredited instructor (excludes proficiency flying).

INTERCITY CLASS BUS I: As defined by the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, an interstate motor carrier of passengers with an average annual gross revenue of at least $1 million.

INTERCITY TRUCK: Truck that carries freight beyond local areas and commercial zones.
**INTERMEDIATE - SIZE CAR:** As designated by the automobile industry, a car with a wheelbase between 105 and 110 inches.

**INTERNAL TRAFFIC (Water):** Vessel movements (origin and destination) that take place solely on inland waterways located within the boundaries of the contiguous 48 states or within the state of Alaska. The term internal traffic also applies to carriage on both inland waterways and the water of the Great Lakes; carriage between offshore areas and inland waterways; and carriage occurring within the Delaware Bay, Chesapeake Bay, Puget Sound, and the San Francisco Bay, which are considered internal bodies of water rather than arms of the ocean.

**INTERSTATE HIGHWAY:** Limited access, a divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and grade separations at major intersections.

**INTRAPORT (Water):** Movement of freight within the confines of a port whether the port has one or several channels included in the port definition. Does not include car-ferries and general ferries moving within a port.

**INTRATERRITORIAL TRAFFIC (Water):** Traffic between ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which are considered a single unit.

**JET FUEL:** The term includes kerosene-type jet fuel and naphtha-type jet fuel. Kerosene-type jet fuel is used primarily for commercial turbojet and turboprop aircraft engines. Naphtha-type jet fuel is used primarily for military turbojet and turboprop aircraft engines.

**LAKEWISE OR GREAT LAKES TRAFFIC:** Waterborne traffic between U.S. ports on the Great Lakes system. The Great Lakes system is treated as a separate waterways system rather than as a part of the inland system.

**LARGE CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIERS:** An air carrier holding a certificate issued under section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, that: 1) Operates aircraft designed to have a maximum passenger capacity of more than 60 seats or a maximum payload capacity of more than 18,000 pounds, or 2) Conducts operations where one or both terminals of a flight stage are outside the 50 states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Large certificated air carriers are grouped by annual operating revenues: 1) Majors (more than $1 billion in annual operating revenues), 2) Nationals (between $100 million and $1 billion in annual operating revenues), Large regionals ($20 million and $99,999,999 in annual operating revenues), and 4) Medium regionals (less than $20 million in annual operating revenues).

**LARGE REGIONALS (Air):** Air carrier groups with annual operating revenues between $20 million and $99,999,999.

**LARGE CAR:** As designated by the automobile industry, a car with a wheelbase greater than 115 inches.

**LARGE TRUCK:** Trucks over 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating, including single-unit trucks and truck tractors.

**LEASE CONDENSATE:** A mixture consisting primarily of pentanes and heavier hydrocarbons, which are recovered as a liquid from natural gas in lease or field separation facilities. This category excludes natural gas liquids, such as butane and propane, which are recovered at natural gas processing plants or facilities.

**LIGHT-DUTY VEHICLE:** A vehicle category that combines light automobiles and trucks.

**LIGHT RAIL:** A streetcar-type vehicle operated on city streets, semiexclusive rights-of-way, or exclusive rights-of-way. Service may be provided by step-entry vehicles or by level boarding.

**LIGHT TRUCK:** Trucks of 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight rating or less, including pickups, vans, truck-based station wagons, and sport utility vehicles.

**LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG):** Natural gas, primarily methane, that has been liquefied by reducing its temperature to -260 F. at atmospheric pressure.
LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG): Propane, propylene, normal butane, butylene, isobutane, and isobutylene produced at refineries or natural gas processing plants, including plants that fractionate new natural gas plant liquids.

LOCOMOTIVE: A self-propelled unit of equipment designed for moving other railroad rolling equipment in revenue service including a self-propelled unit designed to carry freight or passenger traffic, or both, and may consist of one or more units operated from a single control.

LOCOMOTIVE-MILE: The movement of a locomotive unit, under its own power, the distance of 1 mile.

MAINS (Gas): A network of pipelines that serves as a common source of supply for more than one gas service line.

MAJORS (Air): Air carrier groups with annual operating revenues exceeding $1 billion.

MEDIUM REGIONALS (Air): Air carrier groups with annual operating revenues less than $20 million.

MERCHANDISE TRADE EXPORTS: Merchandise transported out of the United States to foreign countries whether such merchandise is exported from within the U.S. Customs territory, from a U.S. Customs bonded warehouse, or from a U.S. Foreign Trade Zone. (Foreign Trade Zones are areas, operated as public utilities, under the control of U.S. Customs with facilities for handling, storing, manipulating, manufacturing, and exhibiting goods.)

MERCHANDISE TRADE IMPORTS: Commodities of foreign origin as well as goods of domestic origin returned to the United States with no change in condition or after having been processed and/or assembled in other countries. Puerto Rico is a Customs district within the U.S. Customs territory, and its trade with foreign countries is included in U.S. import statistics. U.S. import statistics also include merchandise trade between the U.S. Virgin Islands and foreign countries even though the Islands are not officially a part of the U.S. Customs territory.

METHANOL: A colorless poisonous liquid with essentially no odor and very little taste. It is the simplest alcohol and boils at 64.7 degrees Celsius. In transportation, methanol is used as a vehicle fuel by itself, or blended with gasoline.

METHYL TERTIARY BUTYL ETHER (MTBE): A colorless, flammable, liquid oxygenated hydrocarbon that contains 18.15 percent oxygen. It is a fuel oxygenate produced by reacting methanol with isobutylene.

MID-SIZE CAR: See Intermediate-Size Car.

MINI-COMPACT CAR: An automobile industry designation usually consisting of cars with a wheelbase of less than 95 inches.

MINOR ARTERIALS (Highway): Streets and highways linking cities and larger towns in rural areas, in distributing trips to small geographic areas in urban areas (not penetrating identifiable neighborhoods).

MOTOR BUS (Transit): A rubber-tired, self-propelled, manually steered bus with fuel supply onboard the vehicle. Motor bus types include: intercity, school, and transit.

MOTORCYCLE: A two- or three-wheeled motor vehicle designed to transport one or two people, including motor scooters, minibikes, and mopeds.

NATIONALS (Air): Air carrier groups with annual operating revenues between $100 million and $1 billion.

NATURAL GAS: A naturally occurring mixture of hydrocarbon and nonhydrocarbon gases found in porous geologic formations beneath the Earth's surface, often in association with petroleum. The principal constituent is methane.

NATURAL GAS PLANT LIQUIDS: Liquids recovered from natural gas in processing plants or field facilities, or extracted by fractionators. They include ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane, pentanes plus, and other
products, such as finished motor gasoline, finished aviation gasoline, special naphthas, kerosene, and distillate fuel oil produced at natural gas processing plants.

NEAR MIDAIR COLLISION (Air): An incident in which the possibility of a collision occurred as a result of aircraft flying with less than 500 feet of separation, or a report received from a pilot or flight crew member stating that a collision hazard existed between two or more aircraft.

NONOCCUPANT (Automobile): Any person who is not an occupant of a motor vehicle in transport (e.g., bystanders, pedestrians, pedalcylists, or an occupant of a parked motor vehicle).

NONRESPONSE ERROR: Error that results from some members of the sample or census not providing information. Nonresponse bias results from a systematic difference between those who do and those who do not respond to the measurement instrument.

NONSAMPLING ERROR: All sources of bias or inaccuracy in a study other than sampling error. Examples of nonsampling errors include processing, recording, or data entry errors; nonresponse error; and response error.

NONSCHEDULED SERVICE (Air): Revenue flights not operated as regular scheduled service, such as charter flights, and all nonrevenue flights incident to such flight.

NONSELF-PROPELLED VESSEL (Water): A vessel without the means for self-propulsion. Includes dry cargo and tanker barges.

NONTREASURE (Rail): A person lawfully on any part of railroad property used in railroad operations, or a person adjacent to railroad premises when injured as the result of railroad operations.

NONVESSEL-CASUALTY-RELATED DEATH: A death that occurs onboard a commercial vessel but not as a result of a vessel casualty, such as a collision, fire, or explosion.

OCCUPANT: Any person in or on a motor vehicle in transport. Includes the driver, passengers, and persons riding on the exterior of a motor vehicle (e.g., a skateboard rider holding onto a moving vehicle). Excludes occupants of parked cars unless they are double parked or motionless on the roadway.

OCCUPATIONAL FATALITY: Death resulting from a job-related injury.

OPERATING EXPENSES (Air): Expenses incurred in the performance of air transportation, based on overall operating revenues and expenses. Does not include nonoperating income and expenses, nonrecurring items, or income taxes.

OPERATING EXPENSES (Rail): Expenses of furnishing transportation services, including maintenance and depreciation of the plant used in the service.

OPERATING EXPENSES (Transit): The total of all expenses associated with operation of an individual mode by a given operator. Includes distributions of joint expenses to individual modes and excludes reconciling items, such as interest expenses and depreciation. Should not be confused with vehicle operating expenses.

OPERATING EXPENSES (Truck): Includes expenditures for equipment maintenance, supervision, wages, fuel, equipment rental, terminal operations, insurance, safety, and administrative and general functions.

OPERATING REVENUES (Air): Revenues from the performance of air transportation and related incidental services. Includes 1) Transportation revenues from the carriage of all classes of traffic in scheduled and nonscheduled services, and 2) Nontransportation revenues consisting of federal subsidies (where applicable) and services related to air transportation.
OTHER FREEWAYS AND EXPRESSWAYS (Highway): All urban principal arterials with limited access but not part of the Interstate system.

OTHER PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL (Highway): Major streets or highways, many of multilane or freeway design, serving high-volume traffic corridor movements that connect major generators of travel.

OTHER RAIL REVENUE: This includes revenues from miscellaneous operations (i.e., dining- and bar-car services), income from lease of road and equipment, miscellaneous rental income, income from nonoperating property, profit from separately operated properties, dividend income, interest income, income from sinking and other reserve funds, release or premium on funded debt, contributions from other companies, and other miscellaneous income.

OTHER REVENUE VEHICLES (Transit): Other revenue-generating modes of transit service, such as cable cars, personal rapid transit systems, monorail vehicles, inclined railway cars, etc., not covered otherwise.

OTHER 2-AXLE 4-TIRE VEHICLES (Truck): Includes vans, pickup trucks, and sport utility vehicles.

OTHER WORK (General Aviation): Construction work (not Federal Aviation Regulations, Part 135), helicopter hoist, parachuting, aerial advertising, and towing gliders.

OXYGENATES: Any substance that when added to motor gasoline increases the amount of oxygen in that gasoline blend. Includes oxygen-bearing compounds such as ethanol, methanol, and methyl tertiary butyl ether. Oxygenated fuel tends to give a more complete combustion of carbon into carbon dioxide (rather than monoxide), thereby reducing air pollution from exhaust emissions.

PASSENGER CAR: A motor vehicle designed primarily for carrying passengers on ordinary roads, includes convertibles, sedans, and station wagons.

PASSENGER-MILE: 1) Air: One passenger transported 1 mile; passenger-miles for one interairport flight are calculated by multiplying aircraft miles flown by the number of passengers carried on the flight. The total passenger-miles for all flights is the sum of passenger-miles for all interairport flights. 2) Auto: One passenger traveling 1 mile; e.g., one car transporting two passengers 4 miles results in eight passenger-miles. 3) Transit: The total number of miles traveled by transit passengers; e.g., one bus transporting five passengers 3 miles results in 15 passenger-miles.

PASSENGER REVENUE: 1) Rail: Revenue from the sale of tickets. 2) Air: Revenues from the transport of passengers by air. 3) Transit: Fares, transfer, zone, and park-and-ride parking charges paid by transit passengers. Prior to 1984, fare revenues collected by contractors operating transit services are not included.

PASSENGER VESSELS: A vessel designed for the commercial transport of passengers.

PEDALCYCLIST: A person on a vehicle that is powered solely by pedals.

PEDESTRIAN: Any person not in or on a motor vehicle or other vehicle. Excludes people in buildings or sitting at a sidewalk cafe. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration also uses an “other pedestrian” category to refer to pedestrians using conveyances and people in buildings. Examples of pedestrian conveyances include skateboards, nonmotorized wheelchairs, roller-skates, sleds, and transport devices used as equipment.

PERSON-MILES (American Travel Survey): An estimate of the aggregate distances traveled by all persons on a given trip based on the estimated transportation-network-miles traveled on that trip.

PERSON TRIP (American Travel Survey): A trip taken by an individual. For example, if three persons from the same household travel together, the trip is counted as one household trip and three person trips.

PERSONAL BUSINESS TRIP (American Travel Survey): A trip taken for a school-related activity or for personal or family business, including weddings and funerals.
PERSONAL-USE VEHICLE TRIP (American Travel Survey): A trip in which the principle means of transportation is a car, pickup truck, or van; other truck; rental car, truck, or van; recreational vehicle or motor home; or motorcycle or moped.

PLEASURE TRIP (American Travel Survey): Any trip where the purpose of the trip is given as to visit friends or relatives, rest or relaxation, school activities, sightseeing, entertainment, outdoor recreation, or shopping.

PERSONAL CASUALTY (Transit): 1) An incident in which a person is hurt while getting on or off a transit vehicle (e.g., falls or door incidents), but not as a result of a collision, derailment/left roadway, or fire. 2) An incident in which a person is hurt while using a lift to get on or off a transit vehicle, but not as a result of a collision, derailment/left roadway, or fire. 3) An incident in which a person is injured on a transit vehicle, but not as a result of a collision, derailment/left roadway, or fire. 4) An incident in which a person is hurt while using a transit facility. This includes anyone on transit property (e.g., patrons, transit employees, trespassers), but does not include incidents resulting from illness or criminal activity.

PERSONAL WATERCRAFT: Craft less than 13 feet in length designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing, or kneeling on the craft rather than within the confines of a hull.

PETROLEUM (OIL): A generic term applied to oil and oil products in all forms, such as crude oil, lease condensate, unfinished oils, petroleum products, natural gas plant liquids, and nonhydrocarbon compounds blended into finished petroleum products.

PROPERTY DAMAGE (Transit): The dollar amount required to repair or replace transit property (including stations, right of way, bus stops, and maintenance facilities) damaged during an incident.

PUBLIC ROAD: Any road under the jurisdiction of and maintained by a public authority (federal, state, county, town, or township, local government, or instrumentality thereof) and open to public travel.

RAIL MOTOR CARS: Self-propelled passenger rail cars that are driven by electric motors energized from an electrified roadway or by a generator driven by a diesel or gas turbine engine.

RAPID RAIL TRANSIT: Transit service using rail cars driven by electricity usually drawn from a third rail, configured for passenger traffic, and usually operated on exclusive rights-of-way. It generally uses longer trains and has longer station spacing than light rail.

REFORMULATED GASOLINE: Gasoline whose composition has been changed to meet performance specifications regarding ozone-forming tendencies and release of toxic substances into the air from both evaporation and tailpipe emissions. Reformulated gasoline includes oxygenates and, compared with gasoline sold in 1990, has a lower content of olefins, aromatics, volatile components, and heavy hydrocarbons.

RESIDUAL FUEL OIL: The heavier oils that remain after the distillate fuel oils and lighter hydrocarbons are distilled away in refinery operations and that conform to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Specifications D396 and 976. Includes, among others, Navy Special oil used in steam-powered vessels in government service and No. 6 oil used to power ships. Imports of residual fuel oil include imported crude oil burned as fuel.

RESPONSE ERROR: Error that results from the tendency of people to answer a question falsely, deliberate misrepresentation, unconscious falsification, or misunderstanding of what is required.

REVENUE: Remuneration received by carriers for transportation activities.

REVENUE PASSENGER: 1) Air: Person receiving air transportation from an air carrier for which remuneration is received by the carrier. Air carrier employees or others, except ministers of religion, elderly individuals, and handicapped individuals, receiving reduced rate charges (less than the applicable tariff) are considered nonrevenue passengers. Infants, for whom a token fare is charged, are not counted as passengers. 2) Transit:
Single-vehicle transit rides by initial-board (first-ride) transit passengers only. Excludes all transfer rides and all nonrevenue rides. 3) Rail: Number of one-way trips made by persons holding tickets.

**REVENUE PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (Air):** The total number of passengers boarding aircraft. Includes both originating and connecting passengers.

**REVENUE PASSENGER LOAD FACTOR (Air):** The percent that revenue passenger-miles are of available seat-miles in revenue passenger services, representing the proportion of aircraft seating capacity that is actually sold and utilized.

**REVENUE PASSENGER-MILE:** One revenue passenger transported 1 mile.

**REVENUE PASSENGER TON-MILE (Air):** One ton of revenue passenger weight (including all baggage) transported 1 mile. The passenger weight standard for both domestic and international operations is 200 pounds.

**REVENUE TON-MILE:** One short ton of freight transported 1 mile.

**REVENUE VEHICLE-MILES (Transit):** One vehicle (bus, trolley bus, streetcar) traveling 1 mile while revenue passengers are on board generates one revenue vehicle-mile. Revenue vehicle-miles reported represent the total mileage traveled by vehicles in scheduled or unscheduled revenue-producing services.

**ROAD OIL:** Any heavy petroleum oil, including residual asphaltic oil, that is used as a dust palliative and surface treatment on roads and highways. It is generally produced in 6 grades from 0, the most liquid, to 5, the most viscous.

**ROLL ON/ROLL OFF VESSEL:** Ships that are designed to carry wheeled containers or other wheeled cargo and use the roll on/roll off method for loading and unloading.

**ROUND-TRIP DISTANCE (American Travel Survey):** The estimated transportation network-miles traveled at the time of the trip from the household residence to the destination and back.

**RURAL HIGHWAY:** Any highway, road, or street that is not an urban highway.

**RURAL MILEAGE (Highway):** Roads outside city, municipal district, or urban boundaries.

**SAMPLING ERROR:** The estimated inaccuracy of the results of a study when a population sample, rather than a census, is used to explain the behavior of the total population. (Also referred to as margin of error and standard error.)

**SCHEDULED SERVICE (Air):** Transport service operated over an air carrier's routes, based on published flight schedules, including extra sections.

**SCHOOL BUS:** A passenger motor vehicle that is designed or used to carry more than 10 passengers, in addition to the driver, and, as determined by the Secretary of Transportation, is likely to be significantly used for the purpose of transporting pre-primary, primary, or secondary school students between home and school.

**SCHOOL-BUS-RELATED CRASH:** Any crash in which a vehicle, regardless of body design, used as a school bus is directly or indirectly involved, such as a crash involving school children alighting from a vehicle.

**SCOW (Water):** Any flat-bottomed, nonself-propelled, rectangular vessel with sloping ends. Large scows are used to transport sand, gravel, or refuse.

**SELF-PROPELLED VESSEL:** A vessel that has its own means of propulsion. Includes tankers, containerships, dry bulk cargo ships, and general cargo vessels.

**SERIOUS INJURY (Air Carrier/General Aviation):** An injury that requires hospitalization for more than 48 hours, commencing within 7 days from the date when the injury was received; results in a bone fracture (except simple fractures of fingers, toes, or nose); involves lacerations that cause severe hemorrhages, nerve, muscle, or tendon
damage; involves injury to any internal organ; or involves second- or third-degree burns or any burns affecting more than 5 percent of the body surface.

**SMALL CERTIFICATED AIR CARRIER:** An air carrier holding a certificate issued under section 401 of the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, that operates aircraft designed to have a maximum seating capacity of 60 seats or fewer or a maximum payload of 18,000 pounds or less.

**STATE AND LOCAL HIGHWAY EXPENDITURES:** Disbursements for capital outlay, maintenance and traffic surfaces, administration and research, highway law enforcement and safety, and interest on debt.

**STREETCARS:** Rail cars with motive capability, usually driven by electric power taken from overhead lines, configured for passenger traffic and usually operating on non-exclusive right-of-way.

**SUBCOMPACT CAR:** As designated by the automobile industry, a car with a wheelbase between 95 and 100 inches.

**SUPPLEMENTAL AIR CARRIER:** An air carrier certificated in accordance with FAR Part 121, and providing nonscheduled or supplemental carriage of passengers or cargo, or both, in air transportation. Also referred to as nonscheduled or charter air carriers.

**TANKER:** An ocean going ship designed to haul liquid bulk cargo in world trade.

**TON-MILE (Truck):** The movement of 1 ton of cargo the distance of 1 mile. Ton-miles are calculated by multiplying the weight in tons of each shipment transported by the miles hauled.

**TON-MILE (Water):** The movement of 1 ton of cargo the distance of 1 statute mile. Domestic ton-miles are calculated by multiplying tons moved by the number of statute miles moved on the water (e.g., 50 short tons moving 200 miles on a waterway would yield 10,000 ton-miles for that waterway). Ton-miles are not computed for ports. For coastwise traffic, the shortest route that safe navigation permits between the port of origin and destination is used to calculate ton-miles.

**TRAFFICWAY (Highway):** Any right-of-way open to the public as a matter of right or custom for moving persons or property from one place to another, including the entire width between property lines or other boundaries.

**TRAIN LINE MILEAGE:** The aggregate length of all line-haul railroads. It does not include the mileage of yard tracks or sidings, nor does it reflect the fact that a mile of railroad may include two or more parallel tracks. Jointly-used track is counted only once.

**TRAIN-MILE:** The movement of a train a distance of one mile measured by the distance between terminals and/or stations and includes yard switching miles, train switching miles, and work train miles. Yard switching miles may be computed on any reasonable, supportable, and verifiable basis. A train-mile differs from a vehicle-mile, which is the movement of one car (vehicle) the distance of 1 mile. A 10-car (vehicle) train traveling 1 mile is measured as 1 train-mile and 10 vehicle-miles. Caution should be used when comparing train-miles to vehicle-miles.

**TRANSIT VEHICLE:** Includes light, heavy, and commuter rail; motor bus; trolley bus; van pools; automated guideway; and demand-responsive vehicles.

**TRANSSHIPMENTS:** Shipments that enter or exit the United States by way of a U.S. Customs port on the northern or southern border, but whose origin or destination was a country other than Canada or Mexico.

**TRAVEL PARTY (American Travel Survey):** Household and nonhousehold members traveling together on a trip.

**TRESPASSER (Rail):** Any person whose presence on railroad property used in railroad operations is prohibited, forbidden, or unlawful.

**TRIP (American Travel Survey):** Roundtrip travel to a destination at least 100 miles from home. The following types of trips are excluded: 1) travel as part of an operating crew on a train, airplane, truck, bus, or ship; 2) regular
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TROLLEY BUS: Rubber-tired electric transit vehicle, manually steered and propelled by a motor drawing current, normally through overhead wires, from a central power source.

TRUST FUNDS: Accounts that are specifically designated by law to carry out specific purposes and programs. Trust Funds are usually financed with earmarked tax collections.

TUG BOAT: A powered vessel designed for the towing or pushing of ships, dumb barges, pushed-towed barges, and rafts, but not for the carriage of goods.

U.S. FLAG CARRIER OR AMERICAN FLAG CARRIER (Air): One of a class of air carriers holding a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation and approved by the President, authorizing scheduled operations over specified routes between the United States (and/or its territories) and one or more foreign countries.

UNLEADED GASOLINE: See Gasoline.

UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS (Transit): The number of passengers who board public transportation vehicles. A passenger is counted each time he/she boards a vehicle even if on the same journey from origin to destination.

URBAN HIGHWAY: Any highway, road, or street within the boundaries of an urban area. An urban area is an area including and adjacent to a municipality or urban place with 5,000 or more population. The boundaries of urban areas are fixed by the states, subject to the approval of the Federal Highway Administration, for purposes of the Federal-Aid highway program.

VANPOOL (Transit): Public-sponsored commuter service operating under prearranged schedules for previously formed groups of riders in 8- to 18-seat vehicles. Drivers are also commuters who receive little or no compensation besides the free transportation and use of the vehicle during off hours.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE (Transit): All activities associated with revenue and nonrevenue (service) vehicle maintenance, including administration, inspection and maintenance, and servicing (cleaning, fueling, etc.) vehicles. In addition, it includes repairs due to vandalism or to revenue vehicle accidents.

VEHICLE-MILES (Highway): Miles of travel by all types of motor vehicles as determined by the states on the basis of actual traffic counts and established estimating procedures.

VEHICLE-MILES (Transit): The total number of miles traveled by transit vehicles. Commuter rail, heavy rail, and light rail report individual car-miles, rather than train-miles for vehicle-miles.

VEHICLE OPERATIONS (Transit): All activities associated with the subcategories of the vehicle operations function: transportation administration and support; revenue vehicle operation; ticketing and fare collection; and system security.

VESSEL CASUALTY (Water): An occurrence involving commercial vessels that results in 1) Actual physical damage to property in excess of $25,000; 2) Material damage affecting the seaworthiness or efficiency of a vessel; 3) Stranding or grounding; 4) Loss of life; or 5) Injury causing any person to remain incapacitated for a period in excess of 72 hours, except injury to harbor workers not resulting in death and not resulting from vessel casualty or vessel equipment casualty.

VESSEL-CASUALTY-RELATED DEATH: Fatality that occurs as a result of an incident that involves a vessel or its equipment, such as a collision, fire, or explosion. Includes drowning deaths.

WATERBORNE TRANSPORTATION: Transport of freight and/or people by commercial vessels under U.S. Coast Guard jurisdiction.
WAYBILL: The document covering a shipment and showing the forwarding and receiving stations, the name of consignor and consignee, the car initials and number, the routing, the description and weight of the commodity, instructions for special services, the rate, total charges, advances and waybill reference for previous services, and the amount prepaid.

WEEKEND TRIP (American Travel Survey): Travel by persons who stay one or two nights away, including a Friday night. Travel over three to five nights including a Friday and/or Saturday night stay is defined as a long-weekend trip.