



Polly Trottenberg

Polly Ellen Trottenberg (born March 16, 1964)^[1] is an American government official who is serving as Deputy Secretary of Transportation under Pete Buttigieg since April 14, 2021. She was named acting administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration in June 2023. She previously served as commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation from 2014 to 2020.

Early life and education

Trottenberg was born in Boston and grew up in Pelham, New York and Cambridge, Massachusetts.^[2] She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from Barnard College in 1986 and a Master of Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government.^{[3][4]}

Career

Early career

During the Obama administration, Trottenberg was the Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, helping develop the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery grant program.^{[5][6]}

Trottenberg also served as a transportation policy adviser for Senators Chuck Schumer, Barbara Boxer, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, in addition to holding positions with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the nonprofit Building America's Future.^[7]

NYC DOT

Polly Trottenberg was appointed by New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio on December 31, 2013, to replace Janette Sadik-Khan as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation.^[8] Trottenberg was sworn in on January 27, 2014.^{[9][10]}

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Official portrait, 2021

13th United States Deputy Secretary of Transportation

Incumbent

Assumed office

April 14, 2021

President Joe Biden

Secretary Pete Buttigieg

Preceded by Jeffrey A. Rosen

Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation

In office

January 27, 2014 - December 11, 2020

Appointed by Bill de Blasio

Preceded by Janette Sadik-Khan

Succeeded by Ydanis Rodríguez

Trottenberg was also a board member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, having been confirmed for a 10-year term on June 23, 2014.^[9] Seen as a voice of "sanity" on the board,^[11] she resigned from the position on June 3, 2019.^[12] Trottenberg also served as the chair of TRANSCOM, a coalition of 16 transportation-related agencies in the New York metropolitan area, from 2015 to 2019.^[13]

Deputy Secretary of Transportation

In November 2020, Trottenberg was named a volunteer member of the Joe Biden presidential transition Agency Review Team to support transition efforts related to the United States Department of Transportation.^[14] On January 18, 2021, it was announced that Trottenberg would serve as United States Deputy Secretary of Transportation in the incoming Biden administration.^[15] On February 13, 2021, her nomination was formally submitted to the Senate for confirmation.^[16] On April 13, 2021, Trottenberg was confirmed in a 82–15 vote.^[17] She was sworn into office on April 14, 2021.^[18]

Trottenberg was named acting administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration by President Biden on June 8, 2023.^[19]

Personal life

Trottenberg is Jewish.^[20] She lives on Capitol Hill with husband Mark Zuckerman, president of The Century Foundation.^[21]

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Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy	
President	<u>Barack Obama</u>
Personal details	
Born	March 16, 1964 <u>Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.</u>
Political party	<u>Democratic</u>
Spouse	<u>Mark Zuckerman</u>
Education	<u>Barnard College (BA)</u> <u>Harvard University (MPP)</u>

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