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Suzanne Masterson is the Strategic Policy Manager for Transport Airplanes in the Policy & Innovation Division of the Aircraft Certification Service, a new position established in December 2020. Suzanne and her staff are responsible for defining strategic priorities and plans for regulatory and policy development for transport category (large) airplanes, including assessing existing regulatory and policy effectiveness, establishing safety initiatives, and planning for new technology. Suzanne coordinates with international authorities on regulation and policy initiatives in support of global harmonization.



Prior to this position, Suzanne managed the Program Management Section of the Boeing Aviation Safety Oversight Office (BASOO). Suzanne joined the BASOO in May 2019, shortly before the grounding of the Boeing 737 MAX. Suzanne's staff of program managers were responsible for management of design certification programs for all Boeing airplane models, including the return to service of the Boeing 737 MAX.

Over the previous 12 years, Suzanne managed the Airframe & Cabin Safety Section, the Safety Management Section, and the Standardization Section in the Transport Standards Branch, responsible for development and implementation of transport airplane design standards in these areas. Suzanne joined the FAA in 2002 as an airframe engineer in the Seattle Aircraft Certification Office. Before joining the FAA, Suzanne worked for Boeing, developing fatigue and damage tolerance analysis methods.

Suzanne holds a Master of Science in Aeronautics and Astronautics from the University of Washington, and Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University.