

**Minutes of AT045 Committee Meeting  
TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee  
January 10, 2005**

1. Attendance – See Attachment A
2. Agenda – See Attachment B
3. General Items for the Record
  - a) Steve Kale welcomed attendees. The meeting started with group introductions. Member turnout was excellent – 24 of 29 members.
  - b) Joedy Cambridge provided an update on the 2005 Joint Summer Meeting in Boston, July 10-12, 2005. She left Steve with a copy of the information for the 2005 summer meeting. She also provided a flier on the National Commodity Flow Survey Conference to be held on July 8-9 prior to the Joint Summer Meeting.
4. Old Business
  - a) Committee member rotation occurs every 3 years. In 2005, the committee added 12 new members and 11 rotated off the committee. The committee has slots for two additional international members. Steve welcomed the new members
  - b) 2004 Annual Meeting – The committee recommended three papers for publication in the *Transportation Research Record* from the 2004 Annual Meeting.
  - c) 2004 Summer Meeting in Park City, Utah – The overall meeting was a success. The Intermodal Freight Transport Committee had a business meeting with several other freight committees. Minutes from this meeting will be posted on the committee website.
  - d) Progress Reports – Two projects (NCHRP 8-36, Task 40 and NCHRP 8-47) resulted from problem statements developed by this committee:
    - i. Gary Maring summarized the findings from the project on “Workshop on Issues in Intermodal Connectors” (NCHRP 8-36 Task 30). Gary discussed the project’s final report “Freight Intermodal Connectors, Strategies for Improvement.” The report is available at: [http://freight.transportation.org/doc/8-36\(30\)connectors.pdf](http://freight.transportation.org/doc/8-36(30)connectors.pdf).
    - ii. Michael Williamson provided an update on NCHRP Project 8-47 “Guidebook for Freight Policy, Planning, and Programming in Small- and Medium-Sized Metropolitan Areas.” The project is described at: <http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/All+Projects/NCHRP+8-47>.
    - iii. Mike Onder provided an update on the US DOT’s “Freight Council” and “Freight Professional Development Program.” For more information see: [www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp).
    - iv. Ron McCready reported that NCHRP Project 8-53, “Integrating Freight into Transportation Planning and Project-Selection Processes,” will be under contract soon.
5. New Business/Sub-Committee Reports
  - a) 2005 Annual Meeting - Ted Dahlburg assisted with the paper review process. Each paper had at least 4 reviewers, some had up to 6. Two papers were accepted for presentation and possible publication in the *Transportation Research Record*, four were accepted for presentation only, and two were rejected. February 1 is the deadline for making recommendations to TRB on papers to be recommended for publishing. The committee is co-sponsoring 8 speaker, panel and poster sessions, as well as the Freight Systems and Marine Forum. Eight committee members are participating in the sessions as either presenters or moderators.

- b) Performance Measures – Ted Dahlburg handed out the latest version of the committee’s performance measures. The performance measures will be made available on the committee Web site. The committee met 15 of the 16 performance measures.
- c) Liaison Activity – Jocelyn Jones reported on the liaison activities of the committee. She handed out a draft list of committees and industry groups for the committee to consider for liaison activities. The list will continue to be updated. In addition, Carl Seiberlich reported that he was involved in coordinating supply chain logistics with several organizations.
- d) Communications – Jack Klodzinski recommended changing the process for updating the committee’s Web site. He is working on updates to the Web site.
- e) Meetings – Suzann Rhodes and Libby Ogard helped develop sessions and identify speakers for the 2005 Annual Meeting. They will assist with similar activities for the 2006 Annual Meeting.
- f) Research - Leigh Boske handed out a list of committee tasks and implementing actions to address the committee’s research activities. Some of the tasks have deadlines within the next few months while others are more long term. One of the tasks involves updating previous research problem statements. Leigh will be contacting authors of previous problem statements to update their statements. He will also be working with the committee at large to solicit new problem statements.
- g) NCHRP Synthesis Program - Steve Kale noted that the NCHRP Synthesis Program has a deadline of January 31<sup>st</sup> for submitting problem statements for the 2006 program. A problem statement submitted by one of the committee members was accepted for the 2005 program.
- h) Strategic Plan Evaluation – Steve Kale informed the committee that the next evaluation would need to be completed during 2005. Steve asked Paul Belella and Arno Hart to take the lead in developing the evaluation.
- i) TRB Critical Issues – Steve Kale summarized TRB’s request for input on updating its “Critical Issues in Transportation” during 2005. As part of the process for updating, TRB is requesting input from its standing committees by January 31, 2005. Steve requested that committee members send their comments to Leigh Boske or Steve by January 28.
- j) Seaport Activity and Freight Movement Information Source Catalog on CD-ROM - Leigh Boske made a presentation and overview of the information on the CD-ROM and handed out a 2-page information sheet.
- k) Chicago Metropolis 2020 Study - Gerald Rawling introduced Larry Wilson, Wilson Consulting, who provided an update on the Chicago Metropolis 2020 Study. The study is available at: [www.chicagometropolis2020.org](http://www.chicagometropolis2020.org).

Attachment A

List of Meeting Attendees

**AT045: Intermodal Freight Transport  
Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 10, 2005, 7:30 pm  
Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

**Members:**

Steve Kale, SR Kale Consulting LLC (chair)  
James Badgley, New Jersey Department of Transportation  
Paul Belella, Delcan Inc.  
Mark Berndt, Wilbur Smith Associates  
Leigh Boske, University of Texas at Austin  
Jim Brogan, Cambridge Systematics  
Ted Dahlburg, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission  
Steve Eisenach, Norfolk Southern  
Erin Flanigan, TransCore  
Arno Hart, Wilbur Smith Associates  
Mark Jensen, SAIC  
Jocelyn Jones, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT  
Jack Klodzinski, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise  
Sara Leitner, TranSystems Corporation  
Tom Messer, California Department of Transportation  
Libby Ogard, Prime Focus LLC  
Mike Onder, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT  
Gerald Rawling, Chicago Area Transportation Study  
Suzann Rhodes, Ohio Department of Transportation  
Steve Roop, Texas A&M University  
Carl Seiberlich, TranSystems Corporation  
Jordan Srour, SAIC  
Rod Troutbeck, Queensland University of Technology  
Chip Wood, US Department of Transportation

**Friends:**

Steven Beningo, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT  
Brenda Boyce, Mixon/Hill, Inc.  
Russ Capelle, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT  
Harold Cerveney, The Tioga Group  
Bruce Dahnke, Skytech Transportation  
Robert Easley, E-Squared Engineering  
Ariel Iris, Chicago Area Transportation Study  
Max Kalhammer, Independent Consultant  
Gary Maring, Cambridge Systematics  
Doug McLeod, Florida Department of Transportation  
Jung Eun Oh, Purdue University  
John Reed, Consulting Services International  
Howard Rosen, Rosen Consulting  
Steve Silvis, Genco  
Fawn Thompson, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT  
Dimitrios Tsamboulas, National Technical University of Athens  
Xiubin Wang, University of Wisconsin-Superior  
Joyce Wenger, Booz Allen Hamilton  
John Wiegmann, Booz Allen Hamilton  
Larry Wilson, Wilson Consulting  
Joan Yim, Global Insight  
Michael Williamson, Cambridge Systematics

**TRB:**

Joedy Cambridge, TRB Staff Representative  
Tina Casgar, TRB Freight Systems Group Chair  
Ron McCready, NCHRP

Attachment B

**Agenda**

**TRB Intermodal Freight Transport (AT045) Committee**

Monday, January 10, 2005

7:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall A, Shoreham Hotel  
Washington, DC

<b>Opening Comments and Introductions</b>	All
<b>Comments from Committee Staff</b>	Joedy Cambridge
<b>Old Business</b> Member Rotation 2004 Summer Meeting (Park City)	Steve Kale
<b>Progress Report</b> on "Workshop on Issues in Intermodal Gary Maring Connectors," NCHRP Project 8-36, Task 30 <a href="http://freight.transportation.org/doc/8-36(30)connectors.pdf">http://freight.transportation.org/doc/8-36(30)connectors.pdf</a>	
<b>Progress Report</b> on "Guidebook for Freight Policy, Planning, and Programming in Small - and Medium-Sized Metropolitan Areas," NCHRP Project 8-47 <a href="http://www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/All+Projects/NCHRP+8-47">www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/All+Projects/NCHRP+8-47</a>	Michael Williamson
<b>Update</b> on US DOT's "Freight Council" and "Freight Professional Development Program" <a href="http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp">www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp</a>	Mike Onder
<b>New Business/Subcommittee Reports</b> 2005 Annual Meeting 2005 Summer Meeting: Boston, MA, July 10-12 <a href="http://www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/calendar.nsf">www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/calendar.nsf</a> Performance Measures Reports Communications Liaison Meetings Research Strategic Plan Evaluation (Triennial Self-Evaluation) Updating TRB "Critical Issues" <a href="http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/trnews/2002_critical_issues_article.pdf">http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/trnews/2002_critical_issues_article.pdf</a>	Various
<b>Presentation</b> on "Seaport Activity and Freight Movement Information Source Catalog on CD-ROM"	Leigh Boske
<b>Announcements</b> NCHRP Synthesis Program <a href="http://www4.nas.edu/trb/synthrep.nsf">http://www4.nas.edu/trb/synthrep.nsf</a> National Commodity Flow Survey Conference Boston, MA, July 8-9, 2005 <a href="http://www.trb.org/Conferences/CFS">www.trb.org/Conferences/CFS</a> Chicago Metropolis 2020 Study: <i>The Metropolis Freight Plan: Delivering the Goods</i> <a href="http://www.chicagometropolis2020.org/">www.chicagometropolis2020.org/</a>	Various
<b>Other</b>	All
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