

Minutes of Committee Meeting

A1B05: Intermodal Freight Transport

Wednesday, January 13, 2003, 7:30 – 9:30 pm
Omni Shoreham Hotel
Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting

1. Attendance (Attachment A)
2. Agenda (Attachment B)
3. Old Business
 - a. 2002 Annual Meeting
 - i. Two papers our committee recommended for publication are included in Transportation Research Record 1790.
 - b. 2002 Summer Conference (Providence)
 - i. Not great committee attendance at this meeting but a good meeting overall.
4. Comments from Committee Staff – Joedy Cambridge
 - a. Attendance at this year's Annual Meeting is in line with the more than 9,000 who attended last year. Pre-registrations were higher this year since TRB has made that process easier.
 - b. More than 2200 papers were submitted this year. 1400 presentations were scheduled (about 30% in poster sessions). Approximately 650 papers will be published.
 - c. TRB is considering eliminating Thursday from the Annual Meeting schedule since programs held on Thursday are so poorly attended. This will result in even more activity crammed into a short time-frame. Likely, even more papers will be presented in poster sessions as a result.
 - d. TRB has completed their move to new space near the MCI Center/Chinatown area.
 - e. The 2003 Summer Meeting will be held in Portland, OR. The Committees on Ports, Waterways, International Trade and Intermodal Freight will meet July 13-16. The Committees on Data, Economics, Finance and Planning will meet July 16-19. Both meetings will be held at the same hotel. Plans are being discussed to coordinate and overlap some of the meetings, but nothing is set yet.
 - f. TRB is considering a 2005 Summer Meeting of all committees. This session would be similar to the Annual Meeting with all committees attending, held someplace other than the Washington, DC area. Contact Mark Norman (mnorman@nas.edu) if you have comments.
 - g. Mark Norman is also collecting "big issue" ideas for future TRB policy studies.
 - h. TRB has completed several reports. The Freight Research Needs Statement has been published. The Freight Capacity Study is available on

the Web site. The Proceedings from the Environmental Research Needs conference are also out.

- i. Several Transportation Research Records may be published with papers submitted to freight committees for the 2003 Annual Meeting.
 - j. Reorganization is planned for Division A. This reorganization will not have a significant impact on routine committee activity, but will give higher visibility to marine and rail and other non-highway modes within the TRB structure. There is much work to do before the reorganization is set.
5. Presentation on *Intermodal Freight Transportation*
- a. Bill DeWitt is working with Gerhardt Mueller to update the *Intermodal Freight Transportation* text. The 5th edition will take more of a textbook structure and follow the flow of intermodal freight from time of request for service to drayage, terminal, through the modes, etc.
 - b. Publication is scheduled for early Fall 2003.
 - c. The authors welcome comments and suggestions.
6. New Business/Subcommittee Reports
- a. 2003 Annual Meeting
 - i. Reviewed 5 papers, accepting 3 for presentation
 - ii. Achieved 3 or more reviews per paper
 - iii. Sponsored or co-sponsored 5 sessions and the Marine and Intermodal Forum
 - b. Suggested Topics for 2003 Summer Meeting (Portland, OR)
 - i. Follow-up to Libby Ogard's Annual Meeting session
 - ii. Speaker from large short haul railroad
 - iii. Session on reauthorization
 - iv. FHWA's freight professional capacity building program
 - v. Economic impact of investment in container security
 - vi. Washington state research on supply chain security
 - vii. European Commission research/studies on intermodal freight
 - viii. E-seals, border crossing in Blaine, WA. Washington State DOT and Coast Guard could participate.
 - ix. How data moves through the system
 - x. Air freight cargo at Portland airport
 - c. Committee "fun" activity after Portland Meeting. If you have any ideas on a group activity, contact Steve Kale.
7. TRB Policy Studies
- a. Identify "big issues" for TRB self-initiated policy studies.
 - b. Send ideas to Jack Klodzinski who will coordinate and forward to Mark Norman. Ideas due by January 21.
8. A1B05 Performance Measures
- a. Ted Dahlburg reported on the committee's activities this year. We have met or exceeded most of the performance measures. Some changes in the performance measures were instituted.
 - b. We are one of the only committees that track our progress with performance measures.
9. Strategic Planning Concept
- a. Time to review the Strategic Planning Concept created several years ago.

- b. Volunteers agreed to review the existing concept and try to add even more substance to it. The goal for the next version is the 2004 Annual Meeting.
- c. Volunteers: Paul Bellela, Mike Onder, Jennifer Clinger, Bill DeWitt, Carl Seiberlich.

10. Reports.

- a. Internal Liaison – talking points have been developed for committee members to use when updating others on A1B05 activities. (Attachment C). Anyone who attended other committee meetings at the 2003 Annual Meeting should send their reports to Jocelyn Jones.
- b. External Liaison – not much activity. This subcommittee needs to be formalized to work with other intermodal groups and share the activities of the committee. A subcommittee chair is needed. Mark Jensen and Carl Seiberlich volunteered to identify Web site links to other organizations. Links should be e-mailed to mberndt@wilbursmith.com. Also, Jordan Ludders Sroul volunteered to update the existing links on the Web site.
- c. Communications – the latest committee newsletter is on the Web site at www.wilbursmith.com/A1B05/newsletter.cfm. An e-mail with the newsletter link was sent to all committee members and friends. More committee member news is needed for the newsletter. Thanks again to Wilbur Smith Associates for hosting the Web site.
- d. Research – the research problem statements that this committee and others submitted are now a TRB electronic circular. Mike Onder asked if the committee wants to support the development of an upcoming international scanning tour on Freight Security. The committee would assist AASHTO in developing research questions, selecting the countries for the tour, developing proposals to those countries, etc. If there are no objections from TRB, the committee would like to be a sponsor.
- e. Membership – the committee has a full roster of members, with the exception of international members. Dimitrios Tsamboulas expressed interest in becoming an international member. Many members' terms are up early next year. Members should indicate their interest in staying on the committee and suggest others who might be invited. Jennifer Clinger chairs the Membership subcommittee.

11. 2004 Annual Meeting

- a. Members are encouraged to submit papers and suggest ideas for sessions.
- b. Paper submission deadline is August 1.

12. Announcements

- a. Harry Caldwell discussed FHWA's Office of Freight Management and Operations recent outreach meetings and work over the last few years that the department used to formulate its reauthorization proposal.
- b. Several states and MPOs indicated the need for more training. In response, FHWA is creating a comprehensive freight capacity building program to be deployed in FY 2004. This program will help inform decisions, share best practices, provide training, help universities educate students, provide technical assistance and peer-to-peer exchanges and sustain outreach to the public, elected officials and other stakeholders. In addition, a program evaluation strategy will be developed.

Attachment A

List of Meeting Attendees

**A1B05: Intermodal Freight Transport
Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 13, 2003, 7:30 pm
Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Members:

Steve Kale, Oregon Department of Transportation (chair)
Jennifer Clinger, DMJM & Harris (vice chair)
Rob Ritter, Eno Transportation Foundation (secretary)
Anne Aylward, EG&G Technical Services
Paul Belella, Booz-Allen & Hamilton
Mark Berndt, Wilbur Smith Associates
Leigh Boske, University of Texas at Austin
Ted Dahlburg, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
William DeWitt, University of Maryland
Erin Flanigan, TransCore
Jocelyn Jones, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Jack Klodzinski, University of Central Florida
Mike Onder, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Gerald Rawling, Chicago Area Transportation Study
Carl Seiberlich, Transystems Corporation
Chip Wood, US Department of Transportation
Shmuel Yahalom, SUNY Maritime College

Friends:

Kathleen Belmonte, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
William Browder, Association of American Railroads
Kathy Busby, FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations
Harry Caldwell, FHWA Office of Freight Management and Operations
Rob Harrison, University of Texas at Austin
Neenvu Ittyerah, Rutgers University
Mark Jensen, SAIC
Susie Lahsene, Port of Portland
Brian Lewis, Georgia Institute of Technology
Donald Lotz, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Asher Markowitz
Jolanda Prozzi, University of Texas at Austin
John Reilly, TTX Company
Steve Roop, Texas A&M University
Kellie Spurgeon, University of Texas at Austin
Jordan Srour, SAIC
Dimitrios Tjamboulas, National Technical University of Athens
Rod Troutbeck, Queensland University of Technology
Erik Wik, SAIC
Michael Wolfe, North River Consulting Group

TRB Staff:

Joedy Cambridge

Attachment B

TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee
A1B05

Monday, January 13, 2003
7:30 p.m., Executive Room
Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC

Opening Comments and Introductions	All
Comments from Committee Staff	Joedy Cambridge
Old Business	Steve Kale
2002 Annual Meeting	
2002 Summer Conference (Providence)	
Presentation on <i>Intermodal Freight Transportation</i> (5 th edition)	Bill DeWitt
New Business/Subcommittee Reports	Various
2003 Annual Meeting	
2003 Summer Meetings: Portland, Oregon	
http://www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/calendar.nsf	
Committees on Ports, Waterways, Freight and International Trade, July 13-15	
Committees on Data, Economics, Finance, and Planning, July 17-19	
TRB Policy Studies	
Strategic Planning Concept	
A1B05 Performance Measures	
Reports	
Internal TRB Liaison	
External Liaison	
Communications	
Newsletter	
Web site	
Research	
Membership	
2004 Annual Meeting	
2005 Joint Summer Meeting	
Announcements/Other	All
New TRB Marine Environmental Task Force	
Adjourn	

Attachment C

Intermodal Freight Transport Committee Talking Points

The scope of this committee includes all aspects of research pertaining to intermodal freight transport. Attention will be given initially to rail-water, rail-highway, highway-water, and highway-air modal combinations, but other combinations may be considered later. As used here, intermodal freight transport includes all shipments that employ more than one mode in a single through movement from origin to destination; local pick-up and delivery by truck for other modes is not included. Consideration of rates, routes, services, transfer facilities, containers, and other items that impact the movement of freight in intermodal transport are included.

- Committee has 25 regular members, 2 international members, and 2 “under 30” members.
- In January 2000, the committee developed a “Strategic Planning Concept” to help guide its activities (see: <http://www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/spc.cfm>).
- The Strategic Planning Concept focuses committee activities in the following areas:
 - Internal TRB Liaison.
 - External Liaison,
 - Communications,
 - Research, and
 - Membership.
- Selected activities/products of the subcommittees include:
 - Sponsoring or co-sponsoring annual meeting sessions,
 - Maintaining a committee Web site at: <http://www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/>,
 - Producing a newsletter,
 - Preparing intermodal freight research topics and supporting TRB research activities, and
 - Developing membership guidelines.
- Committee is sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following sessions at the 2003 annual meeting:
 1. Global Freight Data Standards in an E-Business World
 2. Incorporating Freight into Statewide and Metropolitan Planning
 3. Outreach to the Public on Freight Issues, Benefits, and Needs
 4. Short-Haul Intermodal Rail: Options and Opportunities
 5. Trends in the Security and Efficiency of Container Movements
 6. Marine and Intermodal Forum
- Four committee members serving on the advisory panel for NCHRP Synthesis Project “Freight Transportation as a Good Neighbor.”
- Three committee members serving on the advisory panel for NCHRP Project “Financing and Improving Land Access to U.S. Intermodal Cargo Hubs.”
- Committee member serving as chair of the advisory panel for NCHRP Project “Guidebook for Freight Policy, Planning, and Programming in Small and Mid-sized Metropolitan Areas.”
- Committee sponsored two papers published in TRR 1790 (2002): *Freight Transportation*.