

Minutes of Committee Meeting

A1B05: Intermodal Freight Transport

Friday, July 12, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm

Providence Marriott Hotel

Providence, RI

1. Attendance (Attachment A)
2. Agenda (Attachment B)
3. Minutes from January 2002 Committee Meeting
 - a. There was no quorum in attendance to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Committee Chair Steve Kale will distribute an e-mail vote to approve the minutes. Minutes can be reviewed on the committee's website at <http://www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/jan2k2minutes.pdf>
4. Minutes from Joint Meeting of TRB Committees A1B02, A1B05, A1B06 and A1B07 (Attachment C)
5. Old Business
 - a. All sessions at the 2002 Annual Meeting were well attended, some with more than 100 people in attendance. In addition, the committee meeting was well attended.
 - b. Ted Dahlburg is leading an effort to develop a Strategic Planning Concept for the committee. See the website for the current version and get any comments back to Ted.
 - c. Steve Kale received approval of the committee's Triennial Self Evaluation.
 - d. Ted Dahlburg has also worked up some performance measures for the committee. We are currently meeting almost all of the measures. (Attachment D). However, we need more committee members to submit papers and problem statements. The performance measures were well received by members in attendance. A recommendation was made to review the performance measures at all future meetings.
 - e. Research problem statements are needed by August 15. Please submit them to Steve using the same format as others that can be seen on our website.
6. New Business/Subcommittee Reports
 - a. 2003 Annual Meeting Session Topics
 - i. Building on the discussion from the earlier joint meeting of freight committees, we discussed the opportunity to conduct multiple sessions on a particular theme. By co-sponsoring these sessions, we can leverage our allotted 2.5 session slots. Several ideas were discussed including:
 1. Container freight security. We could co-sponsor this session with several possible committees. Given Paul

Bellela and Mike Onder's current work in this area and their status as Research subcommittee chairs, they will be contacted to develop this session.

2. Rail intermodal. This session could include short line intermodal issues since many connections are being sold off by the Class 1's. This could be co-sponsored with the Rail committees.
 3. International trade flows. This session might cover potential future international trade networks of the future and their implications on U.S. port capacities and requirements.
 4. Each of these sessions could be combined under an overall theme of trends in containerization.
 5. John Flora, Chair of the international committee, offered his committee's support for our programs.
7. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Attachment 1

List of Meeting Attendees

A1B05: Intermodal Freight Transport
Summer Meeting

Friday, July 12, 2002, 10:15 pm
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Members:

Steve Kale, Oregon Department of Transportation (chair)
Jennifer Clinger, DMJM + Harris (vice chair)
Rob Ritter, Eno Transportation Foundation (secretary)
Jim Brogan, Cambridge Systematics
Ted Dahlburg, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Bryan Stone, Stone Intermodal Consulting

Friends:

Russ Capelle, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT
Arun Chatterjee, University of Tennessee
John Flora, World Bank
Libby Ogard, Tioga Group
Kate Quinn, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT

TRB Staff:

Elaine King

Attachment 2

Meeting Agenda

TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee

A1B05

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Opening Comments and Introductions

Additions to the Agenda

Minutes from January 2002 Committee Meeting

Old Business

2002 Annual Meeting
Strategic Planning Concept
Tri-ennial Self Evaluation
Performance Measures

New Business/Subcommittee Reports

2003 Annual Meeting
Subcommittee Reports
Internal TRB Liaison
External Liaison
Communications
Research
Membership

Announcements/Other

Adjourn

Attachment 3

Notes taken by Arun Chatterjee – Edited by Rob Ritter and Bob Smith

Joint Meeting of A1B07 (Urban Freight); A1B05 (Intermodal); A1B02 (Freight Transportation Planning & Logistics); A1B06 (Freight Transportation Economics & Regulation) (Susie Lahsene, Steve Kale, Isaac Shafran, Pete Swan)

July 12, 2002 @ 8:00 am
Providence Marriott Hotel – Canal Room

1. Isaac Shafran opened the meeting with introductory comments. This is the first time these committees have met jointly. There is some overlap of interest among these committee. Susie Lahsene emphasized the need for coordination. Steve Kale also mentioned the need for coordination.
2. Elaine King made a few comments:
 - a) Website for TRB Freight activities:
<http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/dva/FreightSummary.pdf>
 - b) TRB office is moving to downtown DC on July 19.
 - c) Papers for the annual meeting are due on August 1.
 - d) Committee session plans are due on September 30.
3. Jill Hochman, Director, Office of Intermodal & Statewide Programs, FHWA
 - a) Seven planning factors (in TEA-21) include one for freight planning – statewide and metropolitan.
 - b) Her office is working with other groups within FHWA; Freight Management and Operations, and Metropolitan Planning
 - c) Will do a ‘scan’.
4. Steve Kale gave a ‘summary’ of a freight meeting held on the previous day on Incorporating Freight in Transportation Planning. A ‘scan’ will be performed to address: capability, institutional issues, data, resource requirements, and outreach (customer needs)
5. Kate Quinn (FHWA) made a presentation on “US Freight System – Policy Options”. Her presentation addressed: policy challenges, international gateways, impact areas, congestion, metropolitan and state freight regions, multi-state trade areas and corridors, national policy options, and reauthorization of TEA-21.
6. Susie Lahsene led a discussion on 2003 TRB Annual Meeting possible session topics and opportunities for committee co-sponsorship
 - a) Poster sessions and regular paper sessions
 - b) Topics not included in the list on Agenda:
 - (i) Regional and multi-state freight planning
 - (ii) How to integrate freight into transportation planning process – state, MPO, international
 - (iii) Federal role in freight

- (iv) International markets, trade blocks and new routes (e.g., Panama Canal)
 - (v) Competition for resources between passengers and freight
 - (vi) Balance between economic development and security
 - (vii) Strategies for maintaining and expanding freight capacity
 - Physical – exclusive truck lanes
 - Operational - ITS
 - (viii) Value pricing in freight
 - (ix) Public involvement in freight
 - (x) Parking and loading spaces in urban areas
 - (xi) Land use planning and freight
 - (xii) Transportation routes in Europe and implications for freight. (Problems in Europe are similar to those in USA)
 - (xiii) What can public agencies do to provide more freight capacity
7. A discussion was held about sessions for specific committees and those with unified themes.
 8. A ‘show of hands’ was solicited for each topic listed on the AGENDA to see the magnitude of interest.
 9. Elaine King discussed research needs and gave to each committee chair a collection of freight-related Research Problem Statements, which will be published by TRB as an e-Circular later this year. Any revisions should be sent to Elaine by August 15.
 10. Steve Kale discussed the forthcoming NCHRP project on “Policy, Planning, and Programming for Goods Movement and Freight in Small and Mid-Sized Metropolitan Areas.”
 11. Elaine King announced that the 2003 Summer meeting will be held in Portland, OR, and will include more committees, including ports and waterways and other freight committees.
 12. A statewide planning conference will be held in May, 2003 in the Florida Keys. Ideas for the conference should be sent to Jill Hochman at FHWA.
 13. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Attachment 4

Performance Measures Intermodal Freight Transport Committee (A1B05) *Draft–January 4, 2002*

At the January 2002 committee business meeting, the following draft performance measures were presented for committee review.

General

- Involve 80 percent of members in at least one committee or TRB activity annually.
- Involve 100 percent of members in at least one committee or TRB activity bi-annually.
- Enlist each committee member in a subcommittee.
- Have at least a quorum of committee members at the annual and summer meetings.

Internal TRB Liaison

- Participate in business meetings of at least five or more committees at the annual meeting.
- Participate in business meetings of at least five or more committees at the summer meeting.
- Co-sponsor at least three sessions with related committees at the annual meeting.

External Liaison

- Update committee website links to external organizations no less than semi-annually.
- Participate in meetings of at least two external intermodal freight organizations annually.

Communications

- Update committee website no less than semi-annually.
- Prepare committee newsletter semi-annually.

Research

- Update list of potential intermodal freight research topics at least once annually.
- Submit at least two intermodal freight research problem statements annually to TRB or other organizations.
- Sponsor or co-sponsor at least five sessions annually at the annual meeting.
- Accomplish at least three reviews per paper assigned to the A1B05 committee for review.
- Sponsor/recommend at least one paper annually for TRB publication.
- Involve all members in one Research Subcommittee activity bi-annually.
- Make at least two member-generated presentations at the annual meeting.

Membership

- Review membership guidelines at least once annually.
- Maintain full committee membership, including 25 regular members, two under-30 members, and four international members.
- Add at least 10 new committee friends annually.
- Rotate at least one-third of members off the committee every three years.
- Ensure that no member serves more than three 3-year terms.