

Minutes of Committee Meeting

A1B05: Intermodal Freight Transport

Wednesday, January 19, 2002

7:30 – 9:30 pm

Omni Shoreham Hotel

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting

1. Attendance (Attachment A)
2. Agenda (Attachment B)
3. Minutes from Summer 2001 Meeting
 - a. Minutes from the Summer meeting were distributed to committee members in attendance. With a quorum in attendance, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed. The minutes will be available on the committee website: www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05
4. Comments from Committee Staff – Joedy Cambridge
 - a. Despite earlier attendance concerns due to the terrorist attacks and downturn in the economy, the 2002 Annual Meeting continued to set attendance records. More than 8,700 people attended this year. More than 2000 papers were submitted. Most were reviewed electronically.
 - b. TRB's Task Force on Critical Transportation Security was formed in 1997 and held a record number of sessions this year. Over 30 sessions and events focused on security. A post-meeting circular with summaries or presentations will be published. The Cooperative Research Programs have devoted \$2 million for quick response studies on security issues.
 - c. More than 50 sessions focused on freight this year.
 - d. TRB is moving their office in July. They will relocate to the MCI Center/Chinatown area – which is Metro accessible.
5. Committee Program
 - a. A1B05 has developed a strategic planning concept. It is available for review at www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/spc.cfm. Committee members should forward comments on the strategic planning concept to Ted Dahlburg who is heading a group of volunteers to update and refresh the concept.
 - b. The triennial self-evaluation was submitted in March. No news so far from TRB.
 - c. A1B05 co-sponsored 8 sessions and the Marine and Intermodal forums at the 2002 TRB Annual Meeting. All sessions were well-attended, some with over 100 people. The committee reviewed 6 papers. For all but one paper, there were more than 3 reviews. Two papers were accepted for presentation, two for presentation and publication. Two papers were rejected. Paul Bellala and Mike Onder, co-chairs of the Research subcommittee, encouraged more members to review papers. The on-line review process is very simple now.

d. Presentations

- i. Security Enhanced Electronic Supply Chain Manifest for the Air Cargo Supply Chain. Erik Wik, ATA Foundation, presented this innovative project that verifies cargo security using biometrics and smart cards. Phase II of the project designs and tests a viable technology-based alternative to existing manual processes in the distribution chains. Several companies have been recruited to test real-world applications. Preliminary findings show more accurate and faster manifest preparation and transmission as well as increased security. More information is available at www.cargosafety.net.
- ii. Carl Seiberlich presented a summary of various marine and intermodal activities. These included three cooperative programs sponsored by MARAD, the Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group and the I-95 Corridor Coalition.

6. New Business/Subcommittee Reports

a. 2002 Summer Meetings

- i. Steve Kale surveyed committee members to decide whether to affiliate with the Ports and Waterways summer meeting (in Pittsburgh) as was done the year before last or the Data, Economics, Finance, Planning, etc. committees (in Providence) as was done last year. A majority of responding members wanted to affiliate with the Data, Economics, etc. committees. The summer meeting will be in Providence, RI, July 10-13, 2002. Two other freight committees also will be in Providence. The themes of the summer meeting will be:

1. Integrating security across modes
2. Integrating operations across the system
3. Meeting customer needs under enhanced security requirements

Sessions at the summer meeting will focus on discussion, not on formal presentations. Possible discussion items could include:

1. Operations and other freight considerations in TEA 21 reauthorization
2. Incorporation of security considerations into state regulations and transportation plans – using actual plans as examples
3. Review/consideration of various reauthorization recommendations

Several committee members and friends volunteered to review these and other ideas to determine the A1B05 session for the summer meeting.

b. 2003 Annual Meeting – Possible Session topics

- i. European Urban Freight
- ii. Short line/regional rail connections with inland marine system
- iii. Follow-up: Public Involvement
- iv. Follow-up: Other 2002 sessions
- v. Intermodal freight education in colleges and universities

- vi. Intermodal traffic and congestion
- c. Subcommittee Reports
 - i. Due to limited time, subcommittee reports were very short.
 - ii. Internal Liaison
 - 1. Jocelyn Jones asked for committee members who attended other committee meetings to submit summaries to be published in the minutes. These summaries follow:
 - a. A1B09 Freight Data Committee - Update on existing freight data programs and data bases included information on the Commodity Flow Survey 2002 (in progress). Committee is considering combining the private freight data providers workshop & public freight data users forum into a TRB poster session.
 - b. Conference Report is available from the NY State DOT “Data Needs in the Changing World of Logistics and Freight Transportation,” November 2001 at <http://www.dot.state.ny.us/progs/conference/index.html>.
 - c. A1B11 Military Transportation Committee - Major focus on ITS, emergency response issues, and in-transit visibility.
 - d. A1T52 Environmental Justice in Transportation Task Force - Task Force is interested in the connection between environmental justice (the adverse impact of transportation projects on low-income and minority communities) and freight activity. Task force expressed interested in working with Urban Freight Committee.
 - 2. Also Coordinated with:
 - a. Freight Transportation Planning and Logistics (A1B02)
 - b. Urban Freight Transportation (A1B07) – interested in cosponsoring sessions at next year’s annual meeting
 - iii. Communications
 - 1. Steve Kale noted that Mark Berndt has replaced Arno Hart as co-chair of the subcommittee. Ed Rosen remains as co-chair.
 - 2. Ed Rosen reported that the committee website has been updated and expanded.
 - 3. The first edition of a committee newsletter is available on the website.
 - 4. TR News will now accept articles on ongoing research in a “Research Pays Off” section. Ed offered to help committee members format and submit their information.
 - iv. External Liaison

1. Steve Kale reported that a group of committee friends have updated website links to intermodal freight transportation resources.
2. Bill DeWitt distributed an outline for the 5th edition of *Intermodal Freight Transportation* which he and subcommittee chair Gerhardt Muller are updating.

v. Research

1. Paul Belella reported that problem statements have been solicited for a possible freight research tract. Eight of the total 18 submitted were from members or friends of this committee.
2. The subcommittee is focusing on the intermodal freight research agenda and to help promote it within TRB.

vi. Membership

1. Jennifer Clinger reported on the Membership Guidelines.
2. The committee needs more private sector representation.

Attachment A

List of Meeting Attendees

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Members:

Steve Kale, Oregon Department of Transportation (chair)
Jennifer Clinger, DMJM + Harris (vice chair)
Rob Ritter, Eno Transportation Foundation (secretary)
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
Andreas Galluzzi, Trenitalia—Divisione Cargo
Jack Klodzinski, University of Central Florida
Ysela Llort, Florida Department of Transportation
Mike Onder, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Gerald Rawling, Chicago Area Transportation Study
Ed Rosen, Consultant
Carl Seiberlich, Transystems Corporation
Bryan Stone, Stone Intermodal Consulting
Chip Wood, US Department of Transportation

Friends:

Mario Aispuro, Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Mike Belzer, Wayne State University
Greg Bereskin, St. Ambrose University
Joe Bryan, Reebie Associates
John Bushery, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT
Russ Capelle, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT
Michael Dometsky, University of Virginia
Michael Fisher, Cambridge Systematics
Nick Fortey, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Matt Fullenbaum, Intermodal Association of North America
Lance Grenzeback, Cambridge Systematics
Mark Jensen, SAIC
Robin Katz, Port of Portland
Kazuya Kawamura, University of Illinois, Chicago

Steve Laffey, Illinois Commerce Commission
Jordan Ludders, University of Texas at Austin
Dave Mangold, Western Reserve Railway
Mark Major, European Commission
Richard Nordahl, California Department of Transportation
Libby Ogard, Tioga Group
Cathy Petersen, C.J. Petersen & Associates
Kate Quinn, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Fawn Thompson, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Erik Wik, ATA Foundation
Michael Wolfe, North River Consulting Group

TRB Staff:

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Attachment B

Agenda

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Opening Comments and Introductions	All
Additions to the Agenda	All
Minutes from Summer 2001 Committee Meeting	Rob Ritter
Comments from Committee Staff	Joedy Cambridge
Old Business	Steve Kale
Strategic Planning Concept http://www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/spc.cfm Tri-ennial Self Evaluation http://www.wilbursmith.com/a1b05/tseintro.cfm 2002 Annual Meeting	
Special Presentation	Erik Wik, ATA Foundation
“Security Enhanced Electronic Supply Chain Manifest for the Air Cargo Supply Chain”	
New Business/Subcommittee Reports	Various
2002 Summer Meetings http://www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/calendar.nsf Committees on Ports, Waterways, Freight and International Trade, Pittsburgh, PA, June 23-26 Committees on Data, Economics, Finance, Freight, and Planning, Providence, RI, July 10-13 2003 Annual Meeting Subcommittee Reports Internal TRB Liaison External Liaison Communications Research Membership A1B05 Performance Measures	
Announcements/Other	All
Transportation and Economic Development Conference, May 5-7, 2002, Portland, OR http://www.ted2001.com/	
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