



URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Introduction

I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself. I am Arun Chatterjee. I am an Emeritus Member of the Urban Freight Transportation Committee. I have been a member of the committee continuously since 1978. I chaired the committee for six years. I also served as the Secretary for many years both prior to my chairmanship and afterwards.



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Professional Background

I studied Civil Engineering and Urban Planning in India before I came to USA in 1965 for graduate studies. I received MS and PH.D. in Civil Engineering (Transportation Major) from North Carolina State University. My primary interest has been in urban transportation planning, and I worked as a Transportation Planner for North Carolina DOT and also Wilbur Smith Associates prior to joining the academic world.

My first involvement with urban freight was through a study performed by the University of Tennessee. It was funded by Federal Highway Administration in 1977. The study involved several case studies in medium sized urban areas. We interviewed a variety of stakeholders including truck drivers, managers of freight delivery firms, traffic engineers, and land use planners. I learned about the problems and opportunities directly from the stakeholders. Since then I did a variety of studies involving freight transportation including access to sea ports. I had the opportunity of visiting the City of Shanghai (China) and Bangkok (Thailand) multiple times and to give lectures on urban freight problems and opportunities. I gave a few lectures in India also. I taught a course on Intermodal Transportation at the University of Tennessee, and I had the opportunity for inviting many distinguished speakers for lectures.

TRB Involvement

In addition to the urban freight committee, I was a member of TRB's Committee on Planning for Small and Medium Sized Urban Areas for six years and assisted the committee on freight related issues. I also participated in a few NCHRP studies. I was the PI of an NCHRP study dealing with transportation and air quality.

Personal Note

I retired from my university position about six years ago, but I am still active with some professional work. I have the status of an Emeritus Professor and that keeps me connected with the university in many ways. My serious hobbies include reading and writing on Philosophy topics and playing Indian music on keyboards. I was a student athlete, and I played a lot of soccer during my young days; unfortunately, I cannot run or play soccer any more due to health reasons, but I still walk a lot.