



URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Introduction

Hi, Urban Freight Committee members and friends. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I'm Barbara Ivanov, serving as your TRB Freight Group Chair.

Professional Background

As the director of the WSDOT Freight Systems Division my responsibilities include developing the Washington State Freight Mobility Plan; please see our new Plan at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Freight/freightmobilityplan> hot off the press. I direct the state's freight research program; and lead initiatives to analyze and improve freight corridor performance, develop a resilient freight system, and reduce the environmental impacts of freight movements. I also oversee Washington State's freight rail program which includes operating a short line railroad.

Before coming to WSDOT I was the executive director of the Kent, Washington Chamber of Commerce. Many of my clients were medium-sized manufacturers who expected us to analyze the root causes of freight delays and work with all parties to improve the system. Great preparation for my current job.

I'm very interested in practical research we can use to do a better job at work, particularly to evaluate the economic impacts of both preservation and freight mobility projects; and analyze travel time and reliability performance on multimodal freight corridors that include first and last mile connector routes.

The TRB Freight Systems Group oversees and supports the work of 11 freight committees. I'm also a member of the American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI) Research Advisory Committee, AASHTO freight committees, and lots of cool TRB/NCHRP/NCFRP panels.

TRB Involvement

My involvement began when I attended a federal freight conference in the early 2000s and thought: "This is a very slow-moving group. My colleagues and friends and I must take over." TRB welcomed us as it welcomes everyone with drive and a desire to do great work. Your Urban Freight Committee, led by Ted Dahlburg, is an outstanding example of an inclusive and smart team. Only good surprises come from Urban Freight.

Personal Note

I love my family and have 10 wonderful grandchildren. One is collecting majors at the university (why leave?), one joined the Air Force Reserve where he learned to love country-fried steak with gravy at Camp Lost in the Woods Arkansas, the next is an apprentice tattoo artist, there are sweet 13-year olds who join me in Martha baking marathons, a violinist, a small-charm-your-socks-off-lazy-person, and more.

I am loving God and the people in my church and community, and since my town has lots of immigrants, working folks, and poor, everyday is an adventure. I live with a pleasant cat, piano, many books, and garden.



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