



## URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Introduction

I am Kazuya Kawamura. I have been serving as the Committee's paper review co-coordinator with Mike Browne. I also serve as the research program coordinator for the Committee. I am truly honored to be a part of the Urban Freight Committee.



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### Professional Background

I started my career in transportation planning and engineering at JHK & Associates back in 1990. I worked mainly on freeway operations studies in California, Washington, and Florida while at JHK. In 1994, I left JHK to pursue a doctorate in transportation engineering. I studied value of time of truck operators for my dissertation research and I have been hooked on freight since. I have been a faculty at the Department of Urban Planning and Policy at University of Illinois at Chicago since 1999. My research interests include urban freight delivery operations, economic impacts of freight activities, and freight demand modeling. Chicago is truly a great place to study those issues. Recently, I worked on the feasibility study of connecting Chicago and St. Louis with a 220mph high speed rail (for people, not freight). I teach transportation planning, data analysis, and plan making courses at UIC.

### TRB Involvement

I have been attending TRB meetings since 1999. Back then, freight was not as visible within TRB as it is today. It has been such a joy to see freight becoming one of the major focus areas at TRB. Aside from Urban Freight Committee, I was a member of Committee on Transportation and Economic Development (ADD10) from 2006 to 2012.

### Personal Note

I was born in Japan. I first came to the US when I was 16 as an exchange student and I have been here since. I became a US citizen in 1999. I still visit Japan quite often and enjoy working with excellent freight researchers there. Freight survey in Japan is really impressive. I live in a town called Oak Park with my wife and son. Until I moved to the Chicago area, the coldest place I had ever lived was San Francisco. Yes, first few winters were challenging but we love Chicago now. My only complaint is that there is no decent surf spot in Lake Michigan. My job takes me to many countries and I am passionate about photographing natural beauty of the places I visit.