



URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Introduction

Hi, nice meeting you, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to re-introduce myself. I'm Susie Lahsene. I am past Chair of the Urban Freight Committee and current subcommittee co-chair of the Freight and Logistics modeling subcommittee AT015(1).

Professional Background

I am the Senior Manager for Transportation and Land use Policy at the Port of Portland. The Port is a consolidated port in the three county metropolitan area of Portland Oregon that manages the international airport, two general aviation airports and four marine facilities as well as over 10,000 acres of industrial property. I manage land use policy and transportation capital strategy and fund acquisition for the Port's transportation system, terminals and industrial land base. I also chair the State of Oregon's Freight Advisory Committee (OFAC). For the past several years I have been involved in the annexation of an 800 acre site into the City of Portland for a future marine terminal. I have also been involved in developing policy around freight needs, trade and our most recent Metropolitan Export initiative, in collaboration with the Brookings Institution. I have a B.A. degree in urban studies and a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning MURP, both from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg Virginia. I also have an M.B.A. from the University of Portland in Portland Or. I have authored several articles and studies on industrial land, freight transportation, economics, supply chain and freight demand forecasting.

TRB Involvement

I have been involved with TRB since the mid 1990's first participating in strategic planning for the Urban Freight Committee. I became Chair of the Committee from 1999 to 2005, and really enjoyed the work of the committee. I also chaired a TRB Task Force on Freight modeling and Chaired the committee to develop the first conference on Freight Demand Modeling: Improving Forecasting Tools for Public-Sector Decision Making. In 2010, I was asked to chair the SHRP-2 study on freight Demand Modeling Strategic Plan, which resulted in two symposiums on innovations in freight modeling. I look forward to continued participation in TRB

Personal Note

I am from the Washington DC area, and moved to Oregon in the late 70's after graduate school in planning. Studying Oregon's land use laws and senate Bill 100, establishing the urban growth boundaries and land use goals- piqued my interest in the state. I am personally interested in logistics, driven partially by our ownership in a wonderful restaurant in Portland, Oregon. My husband I have two grown sons one in engineering school and the other in business.