



URBAN FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself. I am Vicente (“Vince”) Mantero, and have been a member of the Urban Freight Transportation Committee for about five years.

Professional Background

Currently I serve as Project Manager for CH2M in Austin, TX. Until July 2015, I served as a Senior Planner and Project Manager for CDM Smith in Austin, TX. My focus has been primarily on goods movement and transportation planning. I received a Bachelor’s of Science in Architecture from Georgia Tech and then switched focus, receiving my Masters in City and Regional Planning from The Ohio State University. Fifteen years of planning later, I think I made the right decision.

I began as an urban designer and planner for the cities of Greensboro and Fort Worth. I really didn’t begin to immerse myself into transportation planning until I worked for the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, in Columbus, OH. There, I was largely responsible for transportation security and goods movement planning. My freight planning experience continued at my next position, working as a Senior Planner for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. Living and working in the New York metro area gave me first-hand experience understanding the dynamics of urban freight. While at the Port Authority, I managed a number of transportation plans, including a Regional Goods Movement Plan and Regional Passenger Ferry Study.

Two years ago, my wife and I moved from New York City to Austin by CDM Smith, which offered me the opportunity to work on the Texas Freight Mobility Plan. As the plan wraps up, I continue to work on other statewide and regional plans, while also still staying involved in urban freight transportation issues.

TRB Involvement

I have been attending TRB workshops and conferences since 2008, after I joined the Port Authority. I met Ted while working in Ohio, and knew then that TRB was something I wanted to be involved in. Shortly thereafter I joined the Urban Freight Transportation Committee as a member. I have also served on the TRB NCHRP Panel 24: Preserving and Protecting Freight Infrastructure and Routes

Personal Note

When I first met my wife, her job was as a logistics coordinator for a clothing manufacturer. She could speak “freight-speak”, such as 3PL, freight forwarders, brokers, etc. I knew then she was going to be a hard act to follow. We are now doing our best to “Keep Austin Weird”.