



TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (AT025) Meeting

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

10:15 am – 12:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Dial-in option available: 866-528-2256; Access Code: 1716247

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review (Bill Eisele) (10:15-10:25)

Bill welcomed everyone to the meeting. Acknowledged the COVID-19 situation.

TRB Staff Report (Scott Babcock) (10:25-10:35 minutes)

We've had to cancel or postpone a number of conferences. CFS tentatively rescheduled for Sept. Cancelled semi-annual roundabouts conference. Continuing every day to look at other conferences coming up.

We are in the middle of the committee re-organization. The freight systems group is not that affected. The process is a large workload for TRB staff. We are busy changing committee codes. We are going to put a number of functions on hold for this year. We will reassess through the year to see if we want to go forward. There will be no blue ribbon or emeritus nominations, and no individual committee calls for papers. Paper submission will open June 1. We are going to give authors the opportunity to opt-in full papers to the online program along with abstracts and paper titles, authors. We are proceeding with Annual Meeting planning. Scenario testing what might happen. DC is locked down now. Not sure what form AM will take, not sure if there will be social distance pressure, or what travel restrictions people might have. Have been encouraged to work from home past two weeks. Now building closed, no one can come in. Stay at home until at least May 1.

New Committee Assignments

- Thanks Chip for his long excellent service as Secretary and to Erica Wygonik as Committee Research Coordinator.
- Incoming Committee Research Coordinator – Ivan Sanchez-Diaz
- Incoming Committee Secretary – Erica Wygonik
- New Social Media Coordinator – Robyn Bancroft

Research Subcommittee Update (Ivan Sanchez-Diaz and Erica Wygonik) (10:35-10:45)

- Call for Papers – per Scott's update, we will want to do our own call for papers.
- Anticipated paper review process – Ivan: Thank you for the opportunity. I wanted to mention we have two new members in the subcommittee, Gabriela Giron, Johanna Amaya-Leal, Jeff Ang-Olson, Erica Wygonik. Members are a key part; we count on them to do paper reviews.

TRB Annual Meeting – AT025 Sessions/Activities (Bill Eisele) (10:45-11:00)

- 2021 Theme: *Launching A New Century of Mobility and Quality of Life*
- Freight Day Sessions – Fatemeh: We finalized the 4 topics for freight day: applications and online form proposal to be distributed soon to committee chairs, and subsequently to members and friends. A bit different, instead of an open theme, everyone proposes on any subject. Four (4) themes for freight day developed, and asked to submit under these themes. Themes are: Atypical disruption: Pandemics, other weather-related events – climate change; automation, AVs; energy; market dynamics. May 15th deadline. Try to be more collaborative.

- Sunday Workshop(s) – Tamiko: Proposing to shift to Sunday afternoon to alleviate crowding. Collaboration on-going with other committees. Freight planning, transportation systems, maybe truck size & weight. Maybe econ part of freight. On federal side, issues with all the linkages between planning, size & weight, uncertainty of disruption affect moving parts. Other things will happen, how do we deal with that issue – planning for this, logistics, economic impact. Working on a draft statement next few weeks. It will be sent out to the group via Bill. Ask for feedback, your comments.
- Other Sessions – Matt Roorda – we haven’t started workshop planning for AT015 (Transportation Planning and Logistics). Tamiko: We don’t know what kind of format TRB will take on.

Other Committee Activities (11:00-11:15)

- See website for important updates <http://urbanfreight.tti.tamu.edu>
 - Research topics should be posted in about 2 weeks (from the 2020 TRB AM Sunday workshop).
- Rotation in April 2021
 - Rotating 1/3 of the membership every 3 years. We are due.
 - We will start very soon. Circulate survey, assess interest, why interest in being a member.
 - 9 years of service: Giorgio Ambrosio, Chip Millard, John Tompkins, Mike Brown, Tom Cherrett, Peter Plumeau. About 1.5 year ago – Barb Ivanov retired, so she will also be removed. Additional members, who aren’t very active, may also be rotated out to make up the 1/3 rotation. We will draft a survey to distribute in May (or so) as we did in the last rotation. Evaluate June/July time frame. Decision Aug 15th. Seckin Ozkul will assist with the survey tool as he did with the last rotation.
 - Current committee demographics: 23 male and 11 female. Less women than 3 years ago. Something to think about. At least 5 members are younger than 35.
- Problem Statements
 - Seckin Ozkul and John Tompkins: A 9-step process, similar to last year, added a step. Sunday TRB workshop generated several ideas, and we identified the top 3-4 ideas. Seckin provided an overview of the process. Meeting virtual with AASHTO in spring. Not sure how COVID-19 will affect the process.
 - Statements that Bill sent along to AASHTO for consideration are the ones identified in our Sunday TRB workshop. John: once select 3 topics, push out to state partners to get their feedback. States play a big part in that. Bill noted that he will check with AASHTO about the possibility of interest in COVID-19-specific statements.
- Other Committee business
 - Updated Triennial strategic plan
 - TRB has requested as part of Centennial, “tell us your story.” We will get a note out (Fateme) tell us your story, how you got involved, helped you, etc.

Upcoming Calls/Meetings (11:15-11:20)

- Partner conferences (VREF Conference on Urban Freight 2020, October 2020, Gothenburg, Sweden)
 - Still planning for October. Sent call for abstracts first day research. Planning to hold it. Looks very unclear. Deadline is end of April for abstracts.
- Next Committee call: Wed, September 9, 2020, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Eastern Time, Committee Conference Call
- Committee call: Fri, December 4, 2020, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Eastern Time, Pre-TRB Business Call

“30-second” Announcements (adjourn by 12:00 pm) (11:20-12:00)

- Michelle Miller U of Wisconsin. Zhaohui Wu with Oregon State monitoring Europe, food supply chain dynamic in northern Italy.
- Hugo Yoshizaki; Brazil research helping Air Force deliver food & hygiene materials to low income people.

- Matt Roorda: our province Ontario enabled an off-peak delivery program, relaxing noise bylaw restrictions across province to allow more flexible supply chain to delivery for retail
- Tom O'Brien: we've been doing work under California SB1 funding workforce development, including how supply chain stakeholders have changed staffing needs, employee offers, increased compensation, etc. regional supply chain particularly trucking community.
- Akiko Yamagami: currently LA Metro we are moving forward rather aggressively how we are going to accelerate deployment and market penetration of clean tech trucks. Implement on IH-710 freeway. Port of LA/Long Beach have clean truck program for drayage trucks newer engine model or natural gas trucks. Take one step farther – what it takes to have majority of trucks on 710 natural gas or all electric, zero tailpipe emissions. In conversation, almost as important as vehicle technology, plan for infrastructure. Hope for update at 2021 AM.
- Teddy Forscher Berkeley. Asked to use SB1 Funding from last academic year, differential access to basic needs goods in light of COVID 19. Results soon.
- Michelle Miller U of Wisconsin, meeting food transportation demand. We've got research at Champaign Urbana on food flow. Infuse NSF grants, hope to obtain ground truth out of that work. Mid-American freight coalition working on freight parking. In the thick of putting up pop-up food terminals to assist in covid disruption period. May write something up about that. Mention north American council on freight efficiency, work on what regional efficiencies are on freight, how to look at settlement patterns, ID key locations for regional warehousing.
- John Tompkins: MnDOT is looking at developing project for urban centers mitigation of rush hour congestion when freight-passenger coexist. An urban goods movement program. Understand perspective of trucks in urban areas, industry supply chain, truck productivity, align long term needs stakeholder. Support improvements in metro segment.
- Bill Eisele: Things moving through and around supply chain (around and through urban areas). We did previous work on Freight fluidity with transport Canada. We are expanding it to interface between the ports and roadways. Identify activity at the ports, extending that to see what it means on the roadways, when/where do things peak, think more of a systematic perspective. Move some fluidity work forward in urban space, urban freight.
- Allison Conway: A lot of things rescheduled; CFS Workshop has been reschedule Sept 24/25 in DC. [Bill Eisele says we may move Sept 9th planned call to meeting the day before if the CFS conference occurs.]
- Robin Bancroft: New Committee Social Media Coordinator. LinkedIn invitations to connect will be sent. Send her any applicable items to share on behalf of committee.
- Tamiko Burnell (FHWA): most you all showed interest in the ModalPlex peer exchange. It is postponed until next spring, because so much other stuff is now reschedule to the fall. Will be an extended webinar or feedback event to keep ModalPlex multimodal freight discussion going. Getting ready to launch truck parking guide study. Land use for truck parking, policies for truck parking at muni level, design support also. Reaching out to get input to guide, start next few months.
- Chip Millar: not a formal announcement, talking freight webinar features presentations from urban freight committee. Various e-newsletters from trade journals, modal specific, some broadly supply chain, can sign up for, what's going on in world of freight transportation and supply chain.
- Seckin Ozkul: writing a few different proposals on supply chain optimization, special forces command in Tampa.
- Bill Eisele: if you haven't seen, TRB is having a supply chain webinar, "Supply Chain and COVID-19" , in a few hours. April 8 from 2-3:30 eastern.

Bill thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:35.

Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact us!

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