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TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (AT025) Meeting

Friday, April, 16, 2021

11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Eastern Time)

WebEx Call: see calendar item for WebEx Link to Join (Or Dial 855-282-6330 [US]; Access Code: 145 669 2378)

(Please note that the WebEx link in the calendar item includes Global call-in numbers, if needed)

Agenda

Welcome, Agenda Review and Member Roll-call (Bill Eisele) (11:00-11:10)

TRB Staff Report (Scott Babcock) (11:10-11:20)

- Posted annual meeting info to website this past week.
- One thing flew over my head in virtual platform. First question: will slides be available? It occurred to me, we didn't have the slides for any presentations, nor did vendor. Presentations recorded but not slides. Devised functionality on MyTRB to upload presentation if you chose.
- Working on getting poster content. We have over 250 hours of workshop & session recordings. Another 3000 recordings from poster presentations, plus actual posters, plus PPTs, plus other stuff being uploaded.
- Next year: 2022 Annual Meeting. We don't know yet.
- Current restrictions right now don't allow annual meeting. Planning on full in-person, full virtual, hybrid.
- Rotation: accept invitations in MyTRB for my committees. If you haven't accepted you will hear from me.

Stephanie Finch port authority: I appreciate looking at three annual meeting options. Being respectful of rates as they are, not as we wish they'd be to maximize safety.

Scott: it's not just what we are allowed to do, able to do, what people are willing to do. Understanding a lot of reluctance. If in person, drastically reduced size of attendance.

TRB Freight Group Update (Rick Bornhorst) (11:20-11:30)

Principle Factor Inc, about 2 years in role

Spring Freight Group call in 2 weeks (4/30).

Plan for green technology important aspect problem statements. As well as social equity.

AASHTO Update (Caroline Kieltyka) (11:30-11:40)

- Not too many updates
- Surface reauthorization, new infrastructure package, research
- Covid relief package 10B direct aid stabilize state DOTs
- Covid relief preserve core capabilities.
- Covid relief was backstop, not stimulus
- 2 weeks ago Biden proposed fed infrastructure jobs. Addresses climate change, resiliency, equity.
- Suggesting distributed through existing allocation. Provided 100% federal share, recognize on-going revenue losses. AASHTO state DOTs look forward to a leading role with Congress.
- Surface reauthorization. Main 5 policy principles: timely reauthorization of long-term bill. Enact long-term sustainable revenue fund. Increase formula-based funding. Increase flexibility, reduce burdens, support DOT ability to harness technology
- Policy.transportation.org
- Goals of Special committee on Freight
 - o Develop and support legislation, regulation, policy matters related to multimodal movement of goods, improve freight transportation planning, enhance freight data analytical methods, disseminate best practice, innovative technologies implications state DOT, urban rural interstate cross border mobility. Freight trans support community environmental goals, inform members depts of program requirements funding opportunities.
- Received committee top research ideas from Bill. Our committee will take ideas and provide feedback.

- We met Wednesday/Thursday to decide which NCHRP projects funded current research cycle. Should get results later today. We submitted a couple on behalf of your committee. Communicating value of freight, just-in-time delivery impacts. Covid 19 influence shaping ecommerce last-mile impacts.

Committee Overview (Bill Eisele) (11:40-11:55)

Urban Freight Transportation Committee (AT025) Scope

The committee is concerned with the study and research of urban freight transportation topics and issues, including urban transportation system demand and economic relationships, right-of-way issues, pick-up and delivery needs, terminal transportation needs, institutional challenges, and new technology, with an emphasis on providing support to practitioners.

Examples/photos

- New member brief introductions: Dr. Georgia Ayfantopoulou, Trevor Brydon, Dr. Alireza Ermagun, Dr. Miguel Figliozzi, Dr. Roel Gevaers, Brian Hunter, DJ Mason, Asheque Rahman, Jeff Salvail, Julia Thayne, Dr. Wenjuan Zhao
- Many thanks to the folks rotating off: Giorgio Ambrosino, Michael Browne, Tom Cherrett, Eulois Cleckley, Yatman Kwan, Chip Millard, Peter Plumeau, John Tompkins, Akiko Yamagami.
- Review committee structure/leadership
- Website: <https://urbanfreight.tti.tamu.edu/>
- Important dates: Feb 17 NCHRP Synthesis topics due; mid-year meeting TBD; July 15 Annual meeting prelim sessions/workshops due; Aug 1 paper submissions for AM; Sept 15th reviews due; Oct 1 papers and sessions finalized; November NCHRP problem statements due; Jan 9-13, 2022 TRB Annual Meeting (Innovating an Equitable, Resilient, Sustainable, and Safe Transportation System)
- Volunteer opportunities: always looking for help, especially paper reviews, problem statement development.

Problem Statement Development (Seckin Ozkul and Casey Wells) (11:55-12:05)

- Process and next steps
 - Feedback middle May from AASHTO; conduct survey to members/friends, entire distribution list.
- The “top 6” ideas (sent to AASHTO for review)
 - Freight data improvements for changing conditions
 - Curbside delivery and management
 - Freight and societal goods
 - Resiliency considerations for freight infrastructure
 - Changing land use impacts on freight
 - Sizing up the electric freight vehicle market and the electrification impacts on climate change
- BE: what is timeline you’d try to get feedback on our problem statements?
 - CK: we have a spring meeting coming up May 11th. I will send these out to committee members before, we will talk about them then.
 - CK: If we can get final statements early Oct, it would give us time to provide final feedback before Nov submission
- Thanks to Seckin Ozkul, John Thompkins (rotated off, still involved wants to help), Casey Wells (co-problem statement coordinator role)
- Great role for new members
- Alison Conway: TRB workshop resiliency. A lot of DOTs on agenda. I’m in charge of Circular. Casey, Erik Fredricks Caltrans. Might be good resources if that statement moves forward. 3-day workshop, one of best at producing new info and idea

Committee Research Coordinator (Ivan Sanchez-Diaz) (12:05-12:10)

- Typical paper review process & timeline
 - Committee overview
 - survey 15 July about paper review capacity. Members to review 3, friends to review 2.
 - 1 August submit papers. Then TRB allocate papers to committees
 - Mid August allocate papers to reviewers.
 - Deadline 15 Sept. like to get reviews early. Need reviews in system by then.
 - 26 Sept decisions in place
- Call for papers
 - Typically due May 1 (AC: sounds like they are waiting to figure out format first. It wouldn't hurt to develop it, even if just distribute within committee as an informal document.)

Social Media Coordinator Update (Robyn Bancroft) (12:10-12:15)

- Just invited new members on LinkedIn. Logos for Facebook & linked in top of agenda
- Anyone can post. Please do so.

Special Report-outs and updates (12:15-12:20)

- VREF Urban Freight Conference Summary (Michael Browne)
 - 100 presentations, 93 parallel, 7 plenaries. 350 attendees
- Urban Freight Roundtable, April 27, 2021 (DJ Mason and Tamiko Burnell)
 - TRB international urban freight roundtable. 2-3 minutes what work doing recently. Update one another on what working on. Usually constrained by fire code. If you haven't heard about, link in chat. You have until midnight Sunday or Monday to register. 25 spots.
 - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/annual-international-urban-freight-roundtable-tickets-144230626687?ref=estw>
 - 200 spots, not all will present.

TRB Annual Meeting (Bill Eisele) (12:20-12:25)

- 2022 Theme: *Innovating an Equitable, Resilient, Sustainable and Safe Transportation System*
- Workshops/session planning (underway very soon) Sunday if in person.
 - Sessions were different virtually. If in person 2022, in 2020 got so many good papers a few best paper sessions we packaged around theme areas. That might be the way to go if we get a bunch of good papers (like we usually do!). In grey area of annual meeting. A couple ideas of how things might pan out, think about session planning, hot topic ideas, might want to promote
- Committee meeting. Last few years we've had a speaker come in and speak to us ideally from private sector/different perspective, how "rubber hits the road" in their sector. If you have someone in mind, let me know. I'm working a couple of ideas, but open to suggestions.

"30-second" Announcements (adjourn by 12:30 pm) (12:25-12:30)

- TRR Special Issue on Freight Transportation (see handout in calendar invite)
 - We are cosponsoring. Open Nov 30, 2021. Opportunity to highlight freight in TRR.
- 9th International Urban Freight Conference (and Town Hall Meeting), Hyatt Regency Long Beach, CA, Oct 5-8, 2021
 - Hoping not entirely virtual, but will have virtual option. Workshop day before. Site visit day before Friday alt fuel pilot. Tuesday afternoon hoping to host at partner high school. Academy of global logistics. We are moving forward optimistic/realistic. Call is out.
- Alison Conway: Innovations in Freight Data Workshop program decisions made. Expect agenda to include content from submitted abstracts as well as invited presentations. 3 topic areas: freight data in decision making; acquiring and procuring freight data; measuring community impacts of freight projects.

Jonathan Peters: chairing NCHRP curb management.

Next meeting: July 30, Friday same time. 11-12:30 eastern.

Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact us!

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*Shown in **bold** are new members invited to begin a term beginning April 15, 2021

Yellow highlight, members noted in attendance

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