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## TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (AT025) Meeting

Friday, July 30, 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: 145 939 1841)

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

### Agenda

Welcome and Agenda Review (Bill Eisele) (11:00-11:10)

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

- 2022 TRB Theme: *Innovating an Equitable, Resilient, Sustainable and Safe Transportation System*
- AT025 will have a sponsored workshop (“Freight for All: Defining Major Equity Considerations in Goods Movement”) 1,100 papers received so far for TRB 2022. Record pace with papers still coming in.
- Mask mandate indoors in DC at the moment, this may impact TRB 2022.

Agency Updates (11:20-11:35)

- AASHTO Update (Caroline Kieltyka, AASHTO)
  - \*AASHTO hosted Symposium with TRB on July 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3 breakout rooms, focus on freight rail, marine issues, highway freight; top issues were highlighted - truck parking, freight bottlenecks, future of e-comm, curbside management, intl. Supply chains. RNS feedback was shared with AT025.
  - \*If freight program gets reauthorized, top priorities for RNS will be asked to be funded
  - \*One of the NCHRP developed by AT025 was funded and is upcoming (“Communicating the Value, Interactions, and Impacts of Freight to Stakeholders” – see <http://www.trb.org/NCHRP/NCHRP.aspx> and [http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP\\_Announcement2022.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/docs/NCHRP_Announcement2022.pdf)).
  - \*AASHTO Special Committee on Freight – Meeting in San Diego, Oct 27 and 28, 2021 (planned for in-person)
- FHWA Update (DJ Mason, Volpe Center [on behalf of Tamiko Burnell])
  - \*DJ Mason – Developing freight professional capacity building (PCB) website – Hub for talking about opportunities available through the office, education and training opportunities, launching soon
  - \*State Freight Planning Tool Kit is being developed as a part of the PCB website. Level up freight planning for states.
  - \*Call to action – Complete streets initiative. Looking for examples of how people are incorporating freight into complete streets. Any leads please reach out to Tamiko or DJ
  - \*Also looking for examples and case studies how folks are implementing freight into curbside management strategies

TRB Annual Meeting Update (11:35-11:50)

2022 TRB Theme: *Innovating an Equitable, Resilient, Sustainable and Safe Transportation System*

- Sponsored Workshop (“Freight for All: Defining Major Equity Considerations in Goods Movement”) (DJ Mason)
  - \*Sunday morning workshop, theme will be freight and equity and experts on that theme, do an exercise to develop RNS
- 1 Sponsored session per committee (likely a “best papers” session)
- Committee meeting speaker ideas – pass along to Bill!
  - \*Send speaker ideas to Bill via email
- Blue ribbon awards released – our committee will submit in the “Renewal” category
  - Renewal: “Attracting and preparing the next generation of professionals and scholars in TRB”
  - Any volunteers to help write short nomination? Tell Bill!
  - Pass along bullet points/text of your related experiences to Bill!

#### Problem Statement Development (Seckin Ozkul, Alireza Ermagun and Casey Wells) (11:50-12:00)

- Process and timeline  
Seckin Ozkul brought the committee up to speed in the call.
- 1. Put together the Survey of members/friends to identify statement authorship leadership and statement author team interest **(by August 6)**
- 2. Receive all feedback from members/friends **(by August 13)**
- 3. Assign statements to leaders/teams based on survey feedback **(by August 20)**
- 4. Review first drafts – for review/comment, and edits made **(by September 10)**
- 5. Final Draft of each statement(s) completed to solicit state DOT/AASHTO support **(by October 1)**
- 6. Submit final drafts to AASHTO (and other supporting states/coalitions) for endorsement **(by November 1)**
- “The ideas”
  - Freight Data for Disruptions:** A lack of data hindered timely responses to changing freight patterns during the pandemic. How can freight practitioners better access the most recent or real-time freight data to enable more nimble responses to rapidly changing existing conditions?
  - Curbside Management:** What is the public sector’s role in encouraging more efficient use of the curbside? What available policy levers (e.g., truck consolidation subsidies, joint procurement, integrating building and curb design/management) are most effective in creating efficient curb use? What lessons learned can states and regions develop from ecommerce leaders (Amazon, UPS, etc.) on building more efficiency into home delivery?
  - E-commerce Impacts:** What is the impact of ecommerce/home deliveries on residential property values? Does an increase in truck volumes from ecommerce measurably affect local governments’ available tax revenues?
  - Freight Resiliency under the Emerging Next Normal.** Climate and other resiliency impacts on freight and infrastructure needs based on that. How do we make our freight infrastructure more resilient? *Alireza to clean this one up.*
  - Land Use Impacts of Freight Travel Demand Changes:** How will travel demand change as more urban and suburban storefronts double as micro-distribution hubs for their parent companies? Which populations will be most affected because of these changes? Might covid-era suburbanization trends hasten these changes?
  - Electrification of Freight Fleet:** What methods should states employ to identify current and potential commercial freight electric vehicle users? How can states use this information to best plan for electric vehicle corridors and other related infrastructure?

#### Committee Research Coordinator (Ivan Sanchez-Diaz) (12:00-12:10)

- Paper review process and timeline
  - \*Bill Eisele covered this. Aug. 1 is when the papers are due.
  - \*Aug. 12 invitations will sent out to reviewers
  - \*Sept. 15 deadline to submit reviews
  - \*Oct. 15-20 Decisions are sent on papers
  - \*Bill stressed importance of quickly accepting reviews when solicited from you (or quickly decline if that is the case, so others can be found); Please complete reviews just as soon as possible to ensure we get the required number of reviews for each paper in a timely manner

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

- \*Follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn pages; post to the site and/or provide material to Robyn to post.

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

- Urban Freight Roundtable, April 27, 2021 summary (DJ Mason and Tamiko Burnell)
  - \*85 people attended
  - \*Finishing up compendium of projects

- 9<sup>th</sup> International Urban Freight Conference (and Town Hall Meeting), Hyatt Regency Long Beach, CA, Oct 5-8, 2021 (Tom O'Brien)
  - \*In-person conf. currently planned
  - \*LA County renewed in door mask mandate, that may be the case but that won't prevent in-person sessions
  - \*110 proposals/presentations
  - \*Site visit will be Santa Monica zero emissions effort
  - \*Oct. 5 townhall, free event, focus is on chasing sustainability, intention between state mandates and changing consumption patterns
- TRB Innovations in Freight Data Workshop, September 21-23, 2021 (Alison Conway)
  - \*This will be a VIRTUAL event.
  - \*Aug. 21 early registration ends <https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/InnovationsFreightData/2021FreightDataCall>
  - \*How agencies best practices for procuring data and how they should be obtaining data
  - \*Closing panel on LA area experts with focus on how to measure community impact of freight and how to measure that using data?

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

- Committee "Quarterly" Call, Sept 10, 2021, 11:00am - 12:30pm ET
- Committee Business Meeting, Dec 10, 2021, 11:00am - 1:00pm ET
- Robert DeDomenico, Will bring prototype energy efficient utility for last mile distribution to the New York city fleet show, Sept. 22 – Flushing Meadow Park, brief paper on his LinkedIn if you want to read about the prototype "Little last mile". <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/littlelast-mile-wisdom-robert-dedomenico/?trackingId=AaZk7wv%2FRly7GeqYqHTF8A%3D%3D>

*Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact us!*

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