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### **TRB Urban Freight Transportation Committee (AT025) Meeting**

Friday, September 10, 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: 145 199 2735)

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

#### **MEETING NOTES**

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

Bill Eisele kicked-off the meeting.

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

Scott Babcock

-Paper reviews going well. Due September 15.

Annual Meeting still on as in-person. If COVID ramps up, they may do fully online, but it will be one or the other (fully in-person or fully-online)

-Bill Rogers retired. Trey Wiseworth replaced his position.

-Hotel minimum numbers will control if meeting might need to be on-line only.

-Registration opens early October.

-New e-newsletter – TRB weekly – Not an automatic subscription. You need to resubscribe to it if you have not done so already.

Rick Bornhorst – Blue Ribbon submissions are due next week, Week of September 13, 2021.

Agency Updates (11:20-11:35)

- AASHTO Update (Caroline Kieltyka, AASHTO) (Bill reported notes from Caroline on her behalf)
  - Patiently waiting for the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill.
  - The FY23 NCHRP Research Problem Statements are due Monday November 1, 2021. If TRB Committees would like support from the AASHTO Special Committee on Freight on their research problem statements, please send the research problem statements to me by Friday October 1st. This will give AASHTO enough time to review and provide any feedback before the deadline.
  - The AASHTO Special Committee on Freight and the Council on Water Transportation are scheduled to hold an in-person meeting October 27-28, 2021 in conjunction with the AASHTO Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Our Special Committee on Freight meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 27, 2021 from 8:30-11:30am PST and the Council on Water Transportation meeting is scheduled from 12:30-3:30pm PST. The morning hours on Thursday October 28, 2021 are reserved for a tour.
- FHWA Update (Tamiko Burnell, FHWA)
  - Looking at launching a new product in 2022 to do research on suburban and urban freight. They are writing a white paper how this would look. They will talk with AASHTO and TRB about what research topics we can infuse into infrastructure research to highlight these are the research we need. They will also look at what type of freight research regarding countermeasures we can come up with. Whitepaper will highlight these in detail.
  - On the reauthorization bill, there is no news yet.

## 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 Equity Considerations in Goods Movement”) (DJ Mason)
  - Research workshop Sunday morning. Identifying leading edge topic and figure out gaps in knowledge in practice. This year partnered with 5 committees, so these 6 committees will focus on freight and equity.
  - 3-hour workshop. 1<sup>st</sup> hour to have a panel on freight equity. Looking for candidates for speaking spots. Please email DJ by September 17.
- 1 Sponsored session per committee (likely a “best papers” session)
  - Presentation based
- Committee meeting (“Speed Presentations” idea)
  - 2-3 minute presentations planned so we can present more of our exceptional papers and other presentations of particular interest.
- 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”
  - Bill drafting based on feedback from several individuals.

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

- Process and timeline
  - Draft back to Alireza and Casey by Sept. 25
  - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> initial drafts sent to AASHTO
  - Oct. 15 final draft due to Alireza and Casey by each RNS development team
- Statement teams
  - 6 topics are being developed as RNS.
    - Freight Data for Disruptions: Limon Barua
    - Curbside Management: Fernando Zingler
    - E-commerce Impacts: Makarand Gawade and Matthew Reiter
    - Freight Resiliency under the Emerging Next Normal: Amlan Mitra and Robert DeDomenico
    - Land use Impacts of Freight Travel Demand Changes: Matthew Reiter
    - Electrification of Freight Fleet: Robert DeDomenico

## Committee Research Coordinator (Ivan Sanchez-Diaz) (12:00-12:15)

- Paper review process update and timeline
  - 41 papers submitted
  - Please submit reviews by Sept. 15

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

- Innovations in Freight Data Workshop, September 21-23, 2021 (Alison Conway)
  - Innovations in Freight Data Workshop
  - September 21-23, Online
  - Many sessions are focused on areas of specific interest to this committee – e.g. e-commerce, truck parking, equity/community impacts.
  - Full Program is here: [https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/InnovationsFreightData/Virtual\\_Program](https://trb.secure-platform.com/a/page/InnovationsFreightData/Virtual_Program)
  - Event will be summarized in an e-circular edited by Kitty Hancock
  - Registration is here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/ebef9640-5576-42e2-9cc0-89cb42511b82/websitePage:18647cf2-f444-46d9-8b37-39c723ad529e>
- 9<sup>th</sup> International Urban Freight Conference (and Town Hall Meeting), Postponed to 2022 (Tom O’Brien)
  - They are shooting to reschedule it to May 24-27, 2022
  - They will be reaching out soon to confirm if those who submitted abstracts want to carry them over to May.

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

- Committee Business Meeting, Dec 10, 2021, 11:00am - 1:00pm ET
- Here is a link to the NJTPA multi-state freight working group meeting (includes sign on, agenda and bios):  
<https://njtpa.org/IndustrialTrendsEvent2021.aspx>

Questions? Want to get more involved? Contact us!

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