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**Minutes of TRB Task Force on Trucking Industry Research
(AT060T) - www.ugpti.org/trb/**

Tuesday, January 24th, 2006

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Calvert Room, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Attendance

Members

Michael Belzer, Chairman
C. Randal Mullett, Vice-Chairman
Brenda Lantz, Secretary
Elaine King
Chris Jenks
John Siebert
Pete Swan
Stephen Burks
Mike Conyngham
Don Osterberg
Alan Clayton
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Friends

Gerald Donaldson
Jerry Robin
Dan Murray
Jeffrey Short
Ryan Olson
Steve Johnson
Alan Elera
Karl Sieber
Amanda Parke
Jeffrey Burns
Ted Scott
Alrik Svenson
Sandy Shackelford
Roger Clarke
Bill Knee
John MacGowan
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1) Agenda Distributed

2) Self-Introductions - Distribution of Sign-In Sheet

- a) Attendees were asked to indicate their full mailing address / contact information.

3) Review of January 2005 and July 2005 Meeting Minutes

- a) Discussion of web site and encouragement to review and suggest updates and postings.
- b) **ACTION:** Randy will distribute a *Tollways* article

4) Discussion of FMCSA's COMPASS IT Modernization Effort (Taso Zografos, SAIC)

- a) Mission - Over the next five years, will transform / modernize current legacy systems into an integrated service-oriented architecture.
- b) Challenges
 - i) Current systems are constantly changing, outreach effort will need to be done (ATRI and CVSA are partners).
 - ii) Emerging technologies over the next five years.
 - iii) New rulemakings / legislation.
 - iv) Modernizing tools and helping to transform business processes.
- c) Question - Will this tie into the ACE/ITDS system so that carriers will only have to submit information once and all agencies will have access to it? (Randy Mullett)
 - i) Concern that to fix a stovepipe system, you might create another stovepipe system.
- d) Question - Will this improve the data available for research, such as exposure data (Form M data, mileage, etc) (Pete Swan)
 - i) What data do we need at a minimum to make the effort successful?
 - ii) Form M data is old, but still useful for research.
- e) Comment - Issues with data from other systems / states that feed into FMCSA systems (Dan Murray)
 - i) More questions about data accuracy and availability as move forward (Pete Swan)
- f) **ACTION:** Form a subcommittee to liaison with Freight Data Committee to provide input to the COMPASS effort
 - i) Data is a critical issue for TRB
 - ii) Pete Swan and Stephen Burks will champion

5) Discussion of Trucking 101 (Sandy Shackelford, ATRI)

- a) Handout - TRB Trucking 101, An Industry Primer
- b) Question - How to categorize each industry sector and should this be distributed as a series of one-pagers or all together?
- c) Question - Who is the audience? (Jerry Robin)

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- i) People conducting trucking industry research who are not familiar with the industry (Dan Murray)
- d) Stephen Burks will send ATRI some additional information that may be useful to add
- e) **ACTION:** Mike will send out electronically, and the committee members should send comments through the Listserv regarding this, and then will decide if should make this a TRB Circular, or perhaps suggest it as a Synthesis project
- f) May end up with two separate initiatives - one as a short informational handout and a more comprehensive version for a Circular or Synthesis
 - i) Ensure awareness of Truck & Bus Safety Committee Circular effort to avoid duplication (Deborah Freund)
 - ii) Review Regulatory Impact Analysis report which contains a four-page industry summary (docket number 2350)

6) Discussion of Co-Sponsored Sessions at both the 2005 Summer Conference and the 2006 Annual Meeting

- a) Summer joint meeting sessions and workshop with the Road Pricing Outreach Subcommittee
- b) Summer Road Pricing Outreach Subcommittee Meeting (Part 1): Joint Meeting with Trucking
- c) Session 212: Freight System Capacity Issues, Part 1, Impact of Pricing on Congestion Management
- d) Session 437: Law Enforcement, Automated Enforcement, and Truck Safety (Poster Session)
- e) Session 497: Border Shipping Challenges: Security Versus Delay
- f) Session 630: Truck Lanes and Road Pricing, Part 1: Reality of Today
- g) Session 682: Truck Lanes and Road Pricing, Part 2: Roads of Tomorrow
- h) Session 698: Binational Study for New Border Crossing Infrastructure: Windsor and Detroit
- i) Session 701: Who's left Holding the Bag: Cost Pass-Throughs in Trucking
- j) Congestion Pricing Workshop
 - i) Industry starting to recognize the importance of participating in these discussions - "You are either at the table or you are on the menu." (Randy Mullett)
- k) Question - If you put out a call for papers, how do you get people to respond? (Pete Swan)
 - i) Ensure you put out the call to research organizations who conduct the type of research you are interested in

7) Application for Committee Status (Randy Mullett)

- a) Followed TRB format. Received letters of support.
- b) Executive Committee will vote tomorrow regarding whether or not the request is supported. We should hear about the outcome within a few weeks.

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8) Cooperative Research Programs

- a) We need to recommend research needs
- b) We need to get trucking industry folks on these panels
- c) Research is performed by academics, consultants, and research organizations
- d) Discussion of various programs available (Chris Jenks)
 - i) National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
 - ii) Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program (CTBSSP)
 - iii) Airport Cooperative Research Program (ACRP)
 - iv) Freight Cooperative Research Program (FCRP)
 - v) Hazardous Material Cooperative Research Program (HMCRP)
 - vi) Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program
 - vii) Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-II)
 - viii) **ACTION:** Need to determine deadlines, and ensure coordination with Chris Jenks
 - ix) **ACTION:** Nominate someone for SHRP II Technical Advisory Committee - Randy Mullett (?) - committee members should send Mike any suggestions
- e) Other research programs
 - i) Unmet Transportation Information Needs
 - (1) Form M data - some reports have been filed this year - can access through a FOIA request. Unclear if it is actually being discontinued - still statutory requirement. (Mike Conyngham)
 - (a) **ACTION / MOTION:** Form a recommendation for TRB to send to DOT to continue this program. Motion approved.
 - (2) Data on toll road statistics (Pete Swan)
 - (a) **ACTION:** Pete will formulate a statement.
 - ii) Critical Issues
 - (1) Have been developed, requesting input

9) 2006 Summer Meeting of Freight Division

- a) San Diego, CA - July 9-11
 - i) Pricing discussions
 - ii) TRB Critical Issues in Transportation
 - (1) EPA issues particularly important to California
 - (a) Need industry input, perhaps from the California Trucking Associations
 - iii) **ACTION:** "Executive Committee" (to be formed) will make recommendations and forward to the rest of committee for comment

10) Other New Business

- a) 2007 Annual Meeting (January 22-25)
 - i) **ACTION:** "Executive Committee" (to be formed) will formulate a list of potential ideas and forward to the rest of committee for comment
- b) Cooperative Efforts with other Committees / Liaisons

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- i) Freight Data Users Committee
 - ii) Task Force on Surface Transportation Weather
 - iii) Truck and Bus Safety Committee
 - iv) Transportation Economics
 - v) Committee on Freight Transportation Economics and Regulation
 - vi) International Trade and Transportation Committee
 - vii) Freight Surveys Subcommittee of the Travel Survey Methods Committee
 - viii) **ACTION:** Members should send any other committees that they are aware of and the liaison contact
- c) Discussion of holding meetings / workshops out at a trucking company location