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Minutes of TRB Committee on Trucking Industry Research (AT060) - www.ugpti.org/trb/

Tuesday, January 23rd, 2007

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

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

Attendance

Members

Michael Belzer, Chair
Randal Mullett, Vice-Chair
Brenda Lantz, Secretary
Elaine King
Paul Bingham
Alan Clayton
Mike Conyngham
Jerry Hughes
Janet Kavinoky
Mike Kelley
Tim Lynch
Dave Miller
Chuck Rombro
Mike Smith
Pete Swan
Sandy Shackelford
Tina Casgar
Tom Jensen

Sound Science, Inc.
Con-way, Inc.
North Dakota State University
TRB Staff
Global Insight
University of Manitoba
Teamsters
FedEx
Chamber of Commerce
YRC Worldwide
ATA
Con-way, Inc.
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University of Virginia
Penn State
ATRI
DOT, Office of Freight and Logistics
United Parcel Service (UPS)

Friends

Robert Clarke
Steve Burks
Dan Murray
Mary Brooks
John Melson
Eric Beshers
Rebecca Brewster
Gerald Donaldson
Jeff Short
Debbie Freund
Edward Hitchcock
Karl Sieber
Stephanie Pratt

Truck Manufacturers Association
University of Minnesota
ATRI
Dalhousie University
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Steve Johnson
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Ryan Olson
Brian Routhier
Roger Clarke
Daniel Bearth
Myra Blanco

Jack Faucett Associates
Texas Transportation Institute
FMCSA
Booz Allen Hamilton
CVSA
ATA
UMTRI
University of Arkansas
Ohio Dept. of Transportation
Oregon Health & Science Univ.
ATA
Alberta Infrastructure & Transportation
Transport Topics
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1) Self-Introductions - Distribution of Sign-In Sheet

2) Discussion of January 2006 and July 2006 Meeting Minutes

3) Committee Status Review

4) Trucking 101

- a) Publish as an e-circular? Elaine has started the process for this.
- b) Purpose of this was to help researchers, reporters, and policy makers to recognize the complexity of the “Trucking Industry” and understand basic concepts
- c) Plan remains to publish as an e-circular as a first product of the Trucking Industry Research Committee (AT060)
 - i) **ACTION:** Form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations – Members and Friends who volunteered include: Steve Burks (chair), Sandra Shackelford, ATRI, Dan Murray, ATRI, Pete Swan, Penn State, Mike Belzer (*ex officio*), Stephanie Pratt, NIOSH, Chuck Rombro, FMCSA, John Conley, NTTC, Bob Rothstein, AMSA, and Mike Conyngham, Teamsters
 - ii) **ACTION:** Please send in any edits / comments / feedback to Steve (svburks@morris.umn.edu) and Brenda (brenda.lantz@ndsu.edu) regarding the draft ASAP

5) Presentation: NIOSH Driver Injury and Health Survey - Karl Sieber

- a) Looking for input / comments from the committee regarding research design
- b) **ACTION:** Direct any comments to ksieber@cdc.gov.

6) Congestion / Tolling - Model Legislation Discussion

- a) There was a concern voiced by former Secretary Burnley with the proposed public private partnership draft legislation language. Removing barriers to private sector investment and not allowing public comment on

the impact was very troublesome for him. The draft language was silent in several areas, including how pricing is constructed, revenue sharing and use of technical expertise in evaluating projects. Elimination of a Federal role in light of the critical importance of highways to interstate commerce was discussed and revenue diversion was a concern as well.

7) Presentation: Global Trade - Doing Business with Organized Labor in China - Mike Belzer

8) National Cooperative Freight Research Program Discussion - Randy Mullett

- a) Need to develop a strategy that more fully explores what freight research is - drafting research proposal statements - will be on the TRB web site
- b) **ACTION:** If you see a topic that you are interested in, please let Mike Belzer know

9) What it means to be a Committee - Elaine King

- a) One additional requirement is a Tri-annual Strategic Plan to help keep the committee focused on goals, strategies, and action plans
- b) **ACTION:** Need to issue formal "Calls for Papers" for research in which our committee has an interest. The "Call for Papers" should be made according to the TRB schedule, which requires that these be submitted by **April 15**. We may collaborate with other committees or produce our own, or both. Calls for Papers will attract research papers for the 2008 Annual Meeting that will advance the Committee's research interests.
- c) Commercial exhibits will be allowed at the next TRB meeting

10) Related TRB Committee Liaisons

- a) **ACTION:** Search TRB database to determine who on our committee is also on other committees and reach out to them regarding being a liaison
- b) **ACTION:** Formalize liaison "appointments" and responsibilities.
- c) Dan Murray volunteered to be a liaison for the Intermodal Freight Transport Committee.
- d) Prior committee meetings identified the following other potential liaisons - these need to be confirmed:
 - i) Mark Berndt and/or Tom Maze for the Truck Size and Weight committee
 - ii) Pete Swan for the Freight Transportation Economics and Regulation committee
 - iii) John Siebert for the Truck and Bus Safety committee
 - iv) Randy Mullett for the Urban Freight Transportation Committee
 - v) Paul Bingham for Freight Transportation Data Committee

11) Discussion regarding Future Session Topics / Calls for Papers

- a) Finance
- b) Labor supply

- c) Interventions to improve driver health
- d) Integrating congestion mitigation and safety benefits as major benefits to be considered in freight financing decisions (Mike Smith)
- e) Implications of regional transportation system management and operations strategies for goods movement, especially urban goods movement and corridor studies (Mike Smith)
- f) Impact of national HazMat trucking voluntary participation on HazMat Carriers TSA Initiative (Mike Smith)
- g) Use of the inland river system for intermodal container movement - integration with CVO (Mike Smith)

12) Suggestions for Future Meetings

- a) Keep presentations - brief, with time for discussion
- b) Keep to agenda - start and end on time
- c) Circulate a paper for research agenda ideas
- d) Post attachments to a web site instead of sending through email
- e) During introductions, give brief summary of current projects / issues of interest associated with the individual's work