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TRB TRUCKING INDUSTRY RESEARCH COMMITTEE (AT060)

Michael H. Belzer, Chairman
C. Randal Mullett, Vice-Chairman

Renaissance Chicago Hotel, 1 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL, 60601

Monday, July 9, 2006

2:00 – 5:45 pm

AGENDA

1) Introductions

Membership Review

Rules allow 25 members plus 4 foreign members (not including Canada) and 2 young members

Total regular members: 24

Includes young members: 1

International members: 0

Rules allow an unlimited number of Friends

Currently we have 186 friends on our mailing list.

Today's participants will go on the Friends e-mail list unless you indicate otherwise.

2) Minutes from 2007 January meeting

3) Reports

a) Cooperative Research Programs: Randy Mullett

1. National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)

1.1. Dan Murray will take responsibility for bringing these to our attention and pulling together interested folks to define the research questions. Pete will work with him.

2. Commercial Truck and Bus Safety Synthesis Program

2.1. John Siebert (on Advisory Committee for this) will alert us and bring research issues and calls for research needs to our attention.

3. Freight Cooperative Research Program (FCRP)

3.1. Darrin Roth will take point on this. He works in this area heavily. Randy serves on this panel.

4. Hazardous Material Cooperative Research Projects

4.1. John Allen to lead annual submissions

5. Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program (~ \$17 million annually [OST])

5.1. Administered by FHWA but process is unclear.

6. Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP II)

6.1. No open solicitation of subject areas expected

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6.2. John Allen follows this. We specifically need to be involved in human factors and driver-related technology, and safety technology. He will scan and alert us to upcoming issues or solicitations.

7. *Other Research Programs*

7.1. *Unmet Transportation Information Needs*

7.1.1. **Paul Bingham**

7.2. *Critical Issues*

7.2.1. **Randy Mullett**

b) **Committee Liaisons**

1) *Freight Data Committee*

Paul Bingham

2) *Task Force on Surface Transportation Weather (AH010T)*

Jeff Short

3) *Truck and Bus Safety Committee (ANB70)*

John Siebert

4) *Transportation Economics (ABE20)*

Pete Swan and John [Siebert?]

5) *TRB Committee on Freight Transportation Economics and Regulation (AT010)*

Pete Swan

6) *International Trade and Transportation (AT020)*

Needed

7) *Freight Surveys Subcommittee ABJ40(1) of the Travel Survey Methods Committee*

Needed

8) *Intermodal Freight Transportation Committee*

Dan Murray and Mark Berndt

9) *Performance Measurement Committee*

Jeff Short

10) *Truck Size and Weight*

Darrin Roth

11) *Urban Freight Transportation Committee*

Randy Mullett

4) Old Business: TRB Research Programs

a) **Trucking 101**

i) Progress Report from Steve Burks on publication as E-Circular

ii) Other committee members: 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

iii) Action: Input from committee and timeline for approval and completion

b) **Cooperative Research Programs**

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- i) See appendix for responsibilities accepted at annual meeting.
- ii) Action Item: Need to lead efforts to develop research needs, synthesis projects, and other functions that appear in appendix

5) New Business

Plans for 2008 Annual Meeting

- i) Workshop

Sunday Afternoon (1/2 Day)

Requested Location: Omni Shoreham Hotel

The Benefits and Costs of Freight Movement: How Do We Balance Environmental Costs and Benefits?

Presiding Officers:

Thomas Wakeman, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Michael Belzer, Wayne State University

Sponsors (specific committees to be listed):

Marine Group

Freight Systems Group

The TRB policy study “Paying our Way: Estimating Marginal Social Costs of Freight Transportation” (1996) tried to estimate dollar damages of air pollution emissions and surely others have done more work in the area. Since 1996, the environmental challenges attached to freight gateways and freight corridors have become increasingly complicated in terms of public health costs, public health perceptions, NIMBY reactions to freight projects, and a NEPA process which has become an extremely costly series of legal challenges. This workshop will provide an opportunity to examine all facets of the cost / benefit equation associated with freight movement and freight infrastructure development. The workshop will survey related research and strategies, discuss new approaches to measuring the benefits and costs of freight movement, and assess the growing impact that environmental issues have on efforts to expand freight capacity and efficiency.

- ii) Session planning for 2008 Annual Meeting

6) Research-in-Progress: Presentations

Peter F. Swan and Michael H. Belzer. “Empirical Evidence of Toll Road Traffic Diversion and Implications for Highway Infrastructure Privatization. Working paper.

Michael H. Belzer, “China’s New Labor Contract Law: What it may mean for global business and labor”

7) Adjourn