

**Minutes of TRB Committee on Trucking Industry Research (AT060) -**  
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**January 15, 2008**  
**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**  
**Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC**

**Michael Belzer, chair, and Randal Mullett, vice chair**

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome New Members, Self-Introductions - Distribution of Sign-In Sheet**
- 2) Discussion of January 2007 and July 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Related TRB Committee Liaisons**

- Intermodal Freight Transport Committee
  - Dan discussed an AASHTO presentation that is available from their web site
- Truck and Bus Safety committee
  - Mike mentioned that they have formed a sub-committee for Bus (not transit or school bus)
- Freight Transportation Economics and Regulation committee
  - Pete discussed that he believes this committee should move in another direction, with a more strict economic focus
  - John discussed a couple of presentations (Bloomberg – congestion pricing – Manhattan), and what we should use the excess money from tolling for (suggest it goes toward more roads)
- Transportation Operations and Planning Sessions
  - Mike Smith that tolling is not even considering cargo / freight
- Congestion Pricing Outreach Committee
  - Pete believes privatization is a bigger issue which was not addressed (level of service versus capacity)
  - Dan mentioned that he will get a copy of a paper presented
- Task Force on Surface Transportation Weather
  - Jeff Short reported that there was nothing of interest
- International Trade and Transportation
  - No one was present to represent
- Performance Measurement
  - Jeff Short discussed enhanced performance of drivers through various techniques, and he will provide more information
  - Jeff also mentioned that Crystal Jones from FHWA has the minutes
  - Dan mentioned the NCFRP-03 Freight Performance Measures study which is partially contracted
- Truck Size and Weight committee
  - No one was present to represent

- Urban Freight Transportation Committee?
- Freight Data Committee?

### **3) Review of Old Business**

- a) Trucking 101 review and approval – presentation by Steve Burks (he will provide a copy of this)
  - There is an issue with balancing the amount of information and detail
  - Compare to the “Domain on Truck & Bus Safety Research document
  - Steve will send it out Monday for comment and email vote from the committee within two weeks, and hopes to complete by the summer meeting

### **4) Announcements and review of TRB Projects**

- **Cooperative Research Programs**
  - National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP)
  - National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP)
- **Special NCHRP Projects**
  - Hazardous Material Cooperative Research Program (HMCRP)
  - The Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP II)
  - Project 8-36, Research for the AASHTO Standing Committee on Planning
  - Project 20-7, Continuing Research for AASHTO Standing Committee on Highways
- **Synthesis Studies**
  - NCHRP Synthesis Studies (deadline February 8, 2008)
- **Other projects**
  - Research Needs Statements Database <http://rns.trb.org>
  - Research Pays Off Articles

### **5) Discussion of NCFRP-01 – Paul**

- Workshop Sunday morning – Freight Transportation System – the primary output is a primer

### **6) NCHRP handout – how to get involved**

- Need to be more active
- Elaine discussed the truck drayage project
- Can nominate yourself, and have until July 31 for the next round of topics

### **7) Discussion of web site – suggestions?**

- Need to add CTBSSP to site
- Jeff Short will send information to post

## **8) Research Needs Database**

- John Siebert will chair, Mike Smith volunteered for panel

## **9) Planning for 2008 Summer Meeting in Baltimore (June 15-18)**

- Congestion pricing meeting?
- Need to hold a meeting of the “executive board” (Mike, Dan, Pete) and send ideas out to the group

## **10) Garland Chow: Labour Standard Issues in the Interprovincial Canadian Trucking Industry**

- May have information for the Trucking 101 paper

## **11) General Discussion**

- Speed limiter study – 68 for U.S.? 65 for Canada?
  - o Have until March 31 to make recommendations
- AT060 Call for Papers
  - o Draft Economic Analysis of Motor Freight Transportation by Mike
    - Would like input / feedback – has to be complete by May
    - Topics for research needs database?
- Karl – Survey of Truck Driver Injury and Health
  - o Stephanie – TWU (utilities)
    - Initial set of strategic goals and outcomes
    - Will be posted on the NIOSH site and they will send link
- 2010 reauthorization ideas

## **12) Meeting adjourned**