



TRB ACS60: Truck and Bus Safety Committee

2021 Pre-Annual Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes

1. Member roll – 14 participants

- a. Andrew King, Abby Morgan, Andrew Miller, Bob Scopatz (Chair), Brenda Lantz, Michael Belzer, Robert Molloy, Mouyid Islam, Nicholas Kehoe, Peter Kurdock, Karl Sieber, Steve Vaughn, Alrik Svenson, Peter Vandyne

2. 2022 ACS60 events (meetings, workshops, podium session, and paper session)

- a. Sunday: All the committees were told that they could put on workshops. We were invited to participate in one on Sunday regarding Making Safe Systems a Reality: Planning to Implementation.
 - i. We have a small role specific to safe systems in truck and bus safety focusing on a systemic approach, not a vehicle centric approach.
 - ii. Bob will moderate the breakout session.
- b. Monday: Three subcommittee meetings. We will have facilitators for these meetings for those subcommittee chairs who cannot make it. Poster session at 1:30.
- c. Tuesday: Two subcommittee meetings.
- d. Wednesday: Full committee meeting which ends at noon. Lectern session that afternoon on Large Truck Safety Performance. Mouyid Islam will moderate the Lectern Session
- e. Thursday: Another workshop on Thursday concerning Traffic Law Enforcement at a Crossroads: How Can Research Help.
 - i. We have a presenter to focus on the crisis on law enforcement without opening it up to tough or negative issues that may cause hurt feelings. This will only focus on the data side of Law enforcement. The moderators are very capable people who will be watching out for these side issues.



- f. Bob is setting up a zoom for all those who cannot visit the TRB meeting in person. However, connectivity may be an issue, which is why we are asking that subcommittee chairs not conduct meetings via online. It also will not be good for those looking to present.

3. Member rotation decisions due February 2022

- a. If you are a member saying you need to time out, please talk to Bob as he might be able to extend it depending on the situation. There is a hard number of years who must roll off. There may be others who might need to roll off as well.
- b. The bus subcommittee chair position will be open, so we will need someone to fill this role. Bob asked for anyone who has a suggestion or interest to contact him. We want someone who will be dedicated to be active.
- c. We will not handle this at the meeting. We will do it post meeting as the decisions are not due until February 2022.

4. Discuss presentations during our committee (I have one request so far from Mike Belzer)

- a. We have one presentation so far. However, we generally have room for two. If anyone else has a suggestion for one more presentation, please contact Bob. We try to allot only 30 minutes total for a presentation. The full committee meeting agenda is usually pretty full.
- b. Mike Belzer is bringing a student to give a presentation on IRT. Mike informed him that he only had 10 minutes.

5. Subcommittee updates

- a. Subcommittee chairs are asked to give an agenda and summary to Bob. Please make sure that all presenters will be present for the meeting. We are okay with individuals sharing recorded presentations.
- b. Subcommittee Chairs need to arrange for a facilitator to take over their meeting if they cannot be there.

6. NCHRP Problem Statements

- a. Nicholas will provide a brief on the problem statements. We have not received much over the course of the year. Not much has changed. Bob asked all the subcommittee chairs to add this to their agenda. Bob asked for each subcommittee to review the problem statements they already have and ask the subcommittee to develop some research ideas.



7. 2022 paper review (Mouyid Islam)

- a. We received a lower number of paper reviews than the previous year. Not sure why, though there are a couple of ideas. It may be because TRR is now accepting papers throughout the year.

8. 2021 paper award (Brenda Lantz)

- a. We had a larger number of papers eligible for the paper award. We usually have three or four, but we had eight this year. They were all excellent. Brenda named the winning paper. The sponsor will be there at the meeting and will give a brief on the paper.

9. Other business

- a. We changed organizational updates in the full committee meeting. Bob would like to continue the process where each group presents the top three issues for the sake of time, but understands that we could be a little flexible about it. Bob asked for those who will give organization updates.