

TRB Committee on Truck & Bus Safety (ANB70) Mid-Year Meeting Minutes

August 2018

Committee Meeting Place

Keck Center, Room 105
500 Fifth St. NW
Washington DC 20001

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and introductions

- a. New names and roles – Caroline Boris is handling the paper reviews with Bob
- b. New secretary is Andrew King
- c. Research Needs Statement – Nicholas Kehoe
- d. Subcommittee Chairs
 - i. Health and Wellness – Erin Mabry
 - ii. Data Needs – Andrew Miller
 - iii. Carrier Safety Management – Sharon Newnam
 - iv. Technology – Abby Morgan
 - v. Motorcoach Safety Subcommittee – Charlie Vits

2. Review of Minutes from the January 2018

3. Paper Review Update for 2019 (in process)

- a. There are 29 or 30 papers this year and every paper needs at least three reviews.
- b. We will ask friends of the committee to do one or two reviews. Things get increasingly difficult toward the due date, so we might be reaching out to others to fill needs.
 - i. Go to TRB site to fill in your research and topic interests
- c. There are many statistical and mathematical models in this year's papers; however, TRB is going to lend statisticians to help. Do not resist the papers because you might not have the expertise, we need your review as a practitioner's perspective.
- d. The portal has changed, streamlining the process. Namely -
 - i. From the management side, we are able to see what papers are new and what papers have been recycled with a different title.
 - ii. The system does not allow papers with too many word equivalents. It is harder to spoof the system and get away with an extra-long paper. (Bob: "The papers are beautifully written this year.")

4. Triennial Strategic Plan (Joel Ticatch and Bob Scopatz)

- a. Our goal is to do a real strategic plan rather than a checkbox. We are required to complete this every three years by TRB. Our goal is to develop a strategic plan and bring it to the

full committee later in 2019. We do not believe that we will have a draft strategic plan ready for the January meeting.

- b. Named Committee members...
 - c. Four-hour block on Sunday before TRB meeting in January
 - d. Topics of discussion for the strategic plan
 - i. Subcommittee structure. Do we need these subcommittees? Do we need to revise or update the subcommittees?
 - ii. The domain of the committee – do we expand our outlook, such as international rather than just vehicles regulated within the U.S.
 - iii. Mission Statement
 - iv. Updating the white paper
 - v. Funding Opportunities
 - vi. Structure of the Committee Meeting – most of the meeting is consumed by updates with the various stakeholders thus the committee does not have time to discuss hot topics
 - 1. Rather than having formal presentations, have the agencies and organizations give a one pager covering recent activities
 - e. Project should be completed by March 2019
5. **TRB Centennial Papers – ANB70 Contribution (Bob)** – the draft is due February 2019. The comments will be returned by March, with the final draft due in May. The website launches in Summer 2019
- a. Sharon Newnam, Ron Knipling, and Jerry have volunteered to lead this effort. However, all are welcomed to participate.
 - b. The process will start immediately. The goal is to have a draft by the January meeting.
 - c. Ron gave a summary plan for the Committee’s Centennial Paper.
6. **Subcommittee News**
- i. Research Needs Statements (Nicholas Kehoe) – We (ANB70) prepared a problem statement to the Behavioral Traffic Safety Cooperative Research Program (BTSCRCP) in response to their call for research needs. We reviewed our list of current research need statements, and determined our most applicable RNS is Investigating School Bus Driver Distraction. It was submitted earlier this year but was not picked up.
 - a. Health and Wellness Subcommittee – Erin has asked Jeff for counsel to make it a smooth transition and is already looking for presentations for the January meeting.
 - b. Motorcoach Safety – Established some possible research need statements. Have an identity crisis. Does it need to continue or be revised?
 - c. Carrier Safety Management – Sharon had mid-year meeting and [the minutes](#) are up on the ANB70 website.
 - d. Data needs – Andrew Miller restated the subcommittee’s objective from last year to update the data needs section of the Circular. Would like to focus on three issues on automated vehicles.

- e. Technology – Abby will be sending a survey to members shortly to highlight important topics and to discuss the role of the committee. Will work with the Data needs committee as needed.

7. Hot Topics

- a. FMCSA's Motor Carrier Safety Assessment Update (Michael Cohen, Dave Madsen (Volpe), and Joe DeLorenzo (FMCSA))
 - i. Public Meeting – Wednesday, August, 29 for stakeholders to share about data needs.
- b. Discussion of using miles and trips as measures of exposure for CMV crashes (Bob Scopatz and others)
 - i. ELD data can only be used for HOS, but there is an end-around through a trusted third party. ATRI is looking to compose a trusted repository of ELD data, but only for industry purposes. IFTA is protected as tax data which is subject to federal regulations and not usable for public purposes
- c. Volpe presentation (Alex) – Safety Benefits of Side Guards on Truck and Buses, sponsored by FMCSA, a 2-year project
- d. Round robin discussion
 - i. Ron Knipling – Naturalistic Driving – safety critical events