

Minutes
Joint Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting
April 3, 2014
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Ellington Agricultural Center, Nashville

FAC Members Attending :

Jim Fleming, Eastman
John Bennett, JIT Chemical
Don Loftis, Olin Corporation
John Naylor, Chattanooga Airport
Jenny Park, Chattanooga TPO
Pragati Srivastava, Memphis MPO
Stan Williams, Clarksville MPO
Kent Starwalt, TN Roadbuilders Association
James Hay, Memphis Air Authority
Debbie Waltermire, Eastman

David Freeman, Capital Resource
Jill Butler, International Paper
Mike Conger, Knoxville TPO
Ken Marsh, Kingsport
Doak Slay, FedEx
Blake Roberson, Ingram Barge
Chad Bowman, City of Memphis
Scott Sigman, Freight Consulting FLM
Brent Greer, Henry County
Max Baker, Nashville MPO

Others Attending:

Toks Omishakin, TDOT
Pam Kordenbrock, FHWA
Brian Caldwell, TDOT
Stacy Morrison, TDOT
Angie Midgett, TDOT
Carlos McCloud, TDOT
Bob Rock, TDOT
Mark Abkowitz, Vanderbilt University
Marty Lipinski, University of Memphis
Teresa Neal, AECOM
Mihalis Golias, University of Memphis
Larry Bray, UTK
Alan Jones, TDOT
Matt Meservy, AECOM
Aury Kangelos, TDOT

Tanisha Hall, TDOT
Corbin Davis, FHWA
Mark Burton, UTK
Jack Qualls, TDOT
Larry McGoogin, TDOT
Nick Weander, TDOT
Dave Clarke, UTK
Janey Camp, Vanderbilt
Liza Joffrion, TDOT
Lee Hutchins, AECOM
Preston Elliott, RPM
Melany Noltenius, UTK
Sabya Mishra, University of Memphis
Katy Braden, TDOT
Kayla Kelly, RPM

Adjoining States

Jeff Ely, Mississippi DOT
Trung Trinh, MDOT
Donnie Necessary, VDOT
Lynn Soporowski, KY Transportation Cabinet
Cheryl Ball, Missouri DOT
Shirley Williams, North Carolina DOT

Opening Comments

Tanisha Hall welcomed everyone to the Joint FAC meeting. Tanisha made note of the good turnout, saying that it showed the interest in freight in Tennessee. Tanisha talked about the agenda and pointed out that we would have group meetings later.

Presentations

Pragati Srivastava (Memphis MPO) and **Max Baker** (Nashville MPO) told the FAC about what freight initiatives were planned and underway in their MPO.

Alan Jones made a presentation on CMAQ Freight Funding Partnerships.

Adjoining States Panel Discussion

The panel discussion was moderated by **Toks Omishakin**. Representatives on the panel from adjoining States included Trung Trinh (MDOT), Donnie Necessary (VDOT), Lynn Soporowski (KY Transportation Cabinet), Cheryl Ball (Missouri DOT), and Shirley Williams (North Carolina DOT).

Listed below are the highlights from the discussion:

Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

Kentucky - Holds an annual freight conference; Inventory of Modes Book; No dollars for other modes in state

Mississippi - Working on freight plan; MSDOT has a Freight Advisory Committee

North Carolina - No PPPs program; Working to prioritize all projects

Virginia - No freight PPPs; Holds an annual freight conference; expanding passenger rail to Roanoke

Missouri - Just starting outreach; No DOT funds to multimodal projects

Freight Modeling

Kentucky - Truck component in Statewide Model (SWM)

Mississippi - Truck component in SWM

North Carolina - Truck component in SWM

Virginia - Truck component in SWM

Missouri - No State Freight Model

Funding for Freight

Kentucky - Legislature puts aside money for ports and Shortlines (CMAQ)

Mississippi - Multimodal Transportation Improvement Funds (\$10 million/year) that excludes truck/highway

North Carolina - Legislature defines the amount of money to be spent; Score projects together (but don't allow shortline railroad)

Virginia - New tax structure for transportation, reduced gas tax, but increased sales tax; Prioritize all projects

Missouri - Sales tax can be used; Funding freight projects with gas tax funds

MAP-21 Challenges

Virginia - Surprised by inclusion of “loop roads” in Primary Freight Network (PFN)

Mississippi – Not happy with PFN (not enough highways); surprised by the number of small segments

North Carolina - Not much in MAP-21 for rail

Virginia - Need performance based freight plan

Missouri - Would like to see corridor oriented approach to PFN that reviews origin/destination and differentiates between national/local freight network

Troubling Freight Issues

Kentucky - Lack of performance measure planning in State

Mississippi - Issues with planning timelines

North Carolina - The need for good land use planning and multimodal planning

Virginia - Truck parking on Interstates; 25% trucks on Interstates

Missouri - Transforming DOT staff from “highway” mindset to “multimodal” mindset

TDOT Freight Plan Update

Teresa Neal and **Lee Hutchins** presented an update on the progress of the State Freight Plan.

During this presentation freight questions were asked of the audience, who used “clickers” to give their answers, the results of which were then displayed on the screen.

Regional Committee Meetings

The committees broke down into regional and executive committees to elect officers. The regional meetings were facilitated by representatives of our partner universities. After the election, representatives of AECOM showed the Regional FAC members maps of their region showing possible freight projects. The members were then asked to rank the projects.

Final Remarks

Tanisha thanked everyone for attending and said we will have another regional meeting this summer and one in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.