Minutes of AT045 Committee Meeting  
TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee  
January 10, 2005

1. Attendance – See Attachment A

2. Agenda – See Attachment B

3. General Items for the Record
   a) Steve Kale welcomed attendees. The meeting started with group introductions. Member 
      turnout was excellent – 24 of 29 members.
   b) Joedy Cambridge provided an update on the 2005 Joint Summer Meeting in Boston, July 
      10-12, 2005. She left Steve with a copy of the information for the 2005 summer meeting. 
      She also provided a flier on the National Commodity Flow Survey Conference to be held on 
      July 8-9 prior to the Joint Summer Meeting.

4. Old Business
   a) Committee member rotation occurs every 3 years. In 2005, the committee added 12 new 
      members and 11 rotated off the committee. The committee has slots for two additional 
      international members. Steve welcomed the new members
   b) 2004 Annual Meeting – The committee recommended three papers for publication in the 
      Transportation Research Record from the 2004 Annual Meeting.
   c) 2004 Summer Meeting in Park City, Utah – The overall meeting was a success. The 
      Intermodal Freight Transport Committee had a business meeting with several other freight 
      committees. Minutes from this meeting will be posted on the committee website.
   d) Progress Reports – Two projects (NCHRP 8-36, Task 40 and NCHRP 8-47) resulted from 
      problem statements developed by this committee:
         i. Gary Maring summarized the findings from the project on “Workshop on Issues in 
            Intermodal Connectors” (NCHRP 8-36 Task 30). Gary discussed the project’s final 
            report “Freight Intermodal Connectors, Strategies for Improvement.” The report is 
         ii. Michael Williamson provided an update on NCHRP Project 8-47 “Guidebook for 
             Freight Policy, Planning, and Programming in Small- and Medium-Sized Metropolitan 
             Areas.” The project is described at: 
         iii. Mike Onder provided an update on the US DOT’s “Freight Council” and “Freight 
              Professional Development Program.” For more information see: 
                  www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp.
         iv. Ron McCready reported that NCHRP Project 8-53, “Integrating Freight into 
             Transportation Planning and Project-Selection Processes,” will be under contract 
             soon.

5. New Business/Sub-Committee Reports
   a) 2005 Annual Meeting - Ted Dahlburg assisted with the paper review process. Each paper 
      had at least 4 reviewers, some had up to 6. Two papers were accepted for presentation 
      and possible publication in the Transportation Research Record, four were accepted for 
      presentation only, and two were rejected. February 1 is the deadline for making 
      recommendations to TRB on papers to be recommended for publishing. The committee is 
      co-sponsoring 8 speaker, panel and poster sessions, as well as the Freight Systems and 
      Marine Forum. Eight committee members are participating in the sessions as either 
      presenters or moderators.
b) Performance Measures – Ted Dahlburg handed out the latest version of the committee’s performance measures. The performance measures will be made available on the committee Web site. The committee met 15 of the 16 performance measures.


c) Liaison Activity – Jocelyn Jones reported on the liaison activities of the committee. She handed out a draft list of committees and industry groups for the committee to consider for liaison activities. The list will continue to be updated. In addition, Carl Seiberlich reported that he was involved in coordinating supply chain logistics with several organizations.


d) Communications – Jack Klodzinski recommended changing the process for updating the committee’s Web site. He is working on updates to the Web site.


e) Meetings – Suzann Rhodes and Libby Ogard helped develop sessions and identify speakers for the 2005 Annual Meeting. They will assist with similar activities for the 2006 Annual Meeting.


f) Research - Leigh Boske handed out a list of committee tasks and implementing actions to address the committee’s research activities. Some of the tasks have deadlines within the next few months while others are more long term. One of the tasks involves updating previous research problem statements. Leigh will be contacting authors of previous problem statements to update their statements. He will also be working with the committee at large to solicit new problem statements.


g) NCHRP Synthesis Program - Steve Kale noted that the NCHRP Synthesis Program has a deadline of January 31st for submitting problem statements for the 2006 program. A problem statement submitted by one of the committee members was accepted for the 2005 program.


h) Strategic Plan Evaluation – Steve Kale informed the committee that the next evaluation would need to be completed during 2005. Steve asked Paul Belella and Arno Hart to take the lead in developing the evaluation.


i) TRB Critical Issues – Steve Kale summarized TRB’s request for input on updating its “Critical Issues in Transportation” during 2005. As part of the process for updating, TRB is requesting input from its standing committees by January 31, 2005. Steve requested that committee members send their comments to Leigh Boske or Steve by January 28.


j) Seaport Activity and Freight Movement Information Source Catalog on CD-ROM - Leigh Boske made a presentation and overview of the information on the CD-ROM and handed out a 2-page information sheet.


Attachment A

List of Meeting Attendees

**AT045: Intermodal Freight Transport**
**Annual Meeting**

Monday, January 10, 2005, 7:30 pm
Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D.C.

**Members:**

Steve Kale, SR Kale Consulting LLC (chair)
James Badgley, New Jersey Department of Transportation
Paul Belella, Delcan Inc.
Mark Berndt, Wilbur Smith Associates
Leigh Boske, University of Texas at Austin
Jim Brogan, Cambridge Systematics
Ted Dahlburg, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
Steve Eisenach, Norfolk Southern
Erin Flanigan, TransCore
Arno Hart, Wilbur Smith Associates
Mark Jensen, SAIC
Jocelyn Jones, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Jack Klodzinski, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise
Sara Leitner, TranSystems Corporation
Tom Messer, California Department of Transportation
Libby Ogard, Prime Focus LLC
Mike Onder, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Gerald Rawling, Chicago Area Transportation Study
Suzann Rhodes, Ohio Department of Transportation
Steve Roop, Texas A&M University
Carl Seiberlich, TranSystems Corporation
Jordan Srou, SAIC
Rod Troutbeck, Queensland University of Technology
Chip Wood, US Department of Transportation
Friends:

Steven Beningo, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT
Brenda Boyce, Mixon/Hill, Inc.
Russ Capelle, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, USDOT
Harold Cerveny, The Tioga Group
Bruce Dahnke, Skytech Transportation
Robert Easley, E-Squared Engineering
Ariel Iris, Chicago Area Transportation Study
Max Kalhammer, Independent Consultant
Gary Maring, Cambridge Systematics
Doug McLeod, Florida Department of Transportation
Jung Eun Oh, Purdue University
John Reed, Consulting Services International
Howard Rosen, Rosen Consulting
Steve Silvis, Genco
Fawn Thompson, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Dimitrios Tsamboulas, National Technical University of Athens
Xiubin Wang, University of Wisconsin-Superior
Joyce Wenger, Booz Allen Hamilton
John Wiegmann, Booz Allen Hamilton
Larry Wilson, Wilson Consulting
Joan Yim, Global Insight
Michael Williamson, Cambridge Systematics

TRB:

Joedy Cambridge, TRB Staff Representative
Tina Casgar, TRB Freight Systems Group Chair
Ron McCready, NCHRP
Attachment B

Agenda

TRB Intermodal Freight Transport (AT045) Committee
Monday, January 10, 2005
7:30 p.m., Exhibit Hall A, Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC

Opening Comments and Introductions All
Comments from Committee Staff Joedy Cambridge

Old Business Steve Kale
Member Rotation
2004 Summer Meeting (Park City)

Progress Report on “Workshop on Issues in Intermodal Gary Maring
Connectors,” NCHRP Project 8-36, Task 30

Progress Report on “Guidebook for Freight Policy, Planning, Michael Williamson
and Programming in Small - and Medium-Sized
Metropolitan Areas,” NCHRP Project 8-47
www4.trb.org/trb/crp.nsf/All+Projects/NCHRP+8-47

Update on US DOT’s “Freight Council” and Mike Onder
“Freight Professional Development Program”
www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/FPD/index.asp

New Business/Subcommittee Reports Various
2005 Annual Meeting
2005 Summer Meeting: Boston, MA, July 10-12
www4.nationalacademies.org/trb/calendar.nsf
Performance Measures
Reports
Communications
Liaison
Meetings
Research
Strategic Plan Evaluation (Triennial Self-Evaluation)
Updating TRB “Critical Issues”
http://gulliver.trb.org/publications/trnews/
2002_critical_issues_article.pdf

Presentation on “Seaport Activity and Freight Movement Leigh Boske
Information Source Catalog on CD-ROM”

Announcements Various
NCHRP Synthesis Program
http://www4.nas.edu/trb/synthrep.nsf
National Commodity Flow Survey Conference
Boston, MA, July 8-9, 2005
www.trb.org/Conferences/CFS
Chicago Metropolis 2020 Study:
The Metropolis Freight Plan: Delivering the Goods
www.chicagometropolis2020.org/

Other All

Adjourn