Minutes of AT045 Committee Meeting
TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee
January 23, 2007

1. Attendance – See Attachment A

2. Agenda – See Attachment B

3. General Items for the Record
   a) Harold Cerveny welcomed attendees, which was followed by group introductions. Member turnout was 17 of 29 members. About 45 persons attended.
   b) Minutes. The committee approved minutes for the 2006 annual and summer meetings.

4. Committee Program
   a) Freight Cooperative Research Program (FCRP). Ray Derr, TRB, distributed several handouts providing information about the program. He reported that 10 projects had been approved for about $3.75 million over two years, and invited meeting attendees to consider applying for membership on advisory panels for the 10 projects. A number of questions were asked and comments made about what the 10 projects would or would not include regarding various topics of interest to attendees.
   b) California Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. Richard Nordahl reported on recently approved bond measures for increased transportation funding in California. About $2.0 billion of the new funding will be directed to the state’s most urgent goods movement needs on trade corridors. Types of projects to be funded include grade separations, rail capacity improvements, major port projects, short line rail projects, and bridge improvements. He referenced a number of documents, such as a Goods Movement Action Plan, where further information can be obtained. The following is a link for additional information on goods movements and ports: www.arb.ca.gov/gmp/gmp.htm.
   c) CREATE. Tom Zapler, Union Pacific Railroad, and Cheri Heramb, Chicago Department of Transportation, reported on the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program. The program has been developed to invest $1.5 billion in public and private funding over six to 10 years in critically needed improvements to increase the efficiency of the Chicago region’s rail infrastructure and the quality of life of area residents. Committed funding to date is $230 million. The funding would be used primarily for overpasses, underpasses, and viaduct improvements. Additional information is available at http://www.createprogram.org/.
5. **Committee Business**
   a) **Web Site.** Jack Klodzinski reported on the committee web site. He encouraged meeting attendees to send him their suggestions for changes and noted that he wanted to incorporate an information exchange feature into the web site. Harold requested that links to University Transportation Centers be added to the Links page on the web site.
   b) **Research Problem Statements.** Harold noted that TRB is establishing a data base of committee-generated research problem statements, and that three AT045 problem statements are shown on the committee web site. He asked for a volunteer to coordinate compilation of AT045 information for the data base. Teresa Adams, University of Wisconsin-Madison, volunteered.

6. **Other Business**
   a) **Joedy Cambridge provided an update on the 2007 Joint Summer Meeting in Chicago, July 7-9, 2007,** and stated that the 2008 summer meeting would be in Baltimore. She passed out brochures for the summer meeting and a number of other TRB-sponsored conferences, and reported that committee member rotation would occur in the next few months. Eleven AT045 members have served six or more years. Persons interested in becoming committee members should contact and Harold or Joedy.
   b) **The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.**
Attachment A

List of Meeting Attendees

**AT045: Intermodal Freight Transport**

**Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, January 23, 2007, 3:45 pm
Shoreham Hotel
Washington, D.C.

**Members:**

Harold Cerveny (Chair), The Tioga Group
Leigh Boske, University of Texas at Austin
Sara Clark, TranSystems Corporation
Mark Jensen, SAIC
Steve Kale, SR Kale Consulting LLC
Jack Klodzinski, Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise
Todd Kohr, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Tom Messer, California Department of Transportation
Dan Murray, American Transportation Research Institute
Libby Ogard, Prime Focus LLC
Mike Onder, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Charles Poltenson, New York State Department of Transportation
Gerald Rawling, Retired
Suzann Rhodes, Wilbur Smith Associates
Steve Roop, Texas A&M University
Dimitrios Tsamboulas, National Technical University of Athens
Warren Walker, Delft University of Technology

**Visitors:**

Teresa Adams, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Ann Aylward, Volpe Center, USDOT
Jim Blair, Global Insight
Jorge Canavati, Port of San Antonio
Matt Dlugolecki, Intellitrans
Patrick Donavan, Public Port Authority, West Virginia Department of Transportation
Diana Dorinson, Transportation Analytics
Richard Easley, E-Squared Engineering
Michael Filippov, Global Insight
Karin Foster, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Frank Harder, The Tioga Group
Cheri Heramb, Chicago Department of Transportation
Sowmya Karthikeyan, ALK Technologies Inc.
Todd LaCasse, California Department of Transportation
Donald Lotz, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Richard Nordahl, California Department of Transportation
Thomas Phillips, Keiser Phillips Association
B.A. Pielage, Delft University of Technology
Lori Putman, Research and Innovative Technology Administration, USDOT
Laurence Rohter, Illinois Institute of Technology
Lewis Sabounghi, Sabounghi and Associates
Jienki Synn, Federal Highway Administration, USDOT
Amiy Varma, North Dakota State University
Greg Waidley, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Erik Wik, Northrop Grumman
Tom Zapler, Union Pacific Railroad
John Zumerchik, Mi-Jack Products

TRB:

Joedy Cambridge, TRB Staff Representative
Ray Derr, Freight Cooperative Research Program
Attachment B

TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD
Intermodal Freight Transport Committee - AT045
Tuesday, January 23, 2007  3:45 – 5:30 p.m.
Omni Shoreham - Governors Room

Agenda

Harold Cerveny, The Tioga Group, presiding

Ted Dahlburg, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Agenda (addition of new items)
3. Review and approve minutes of 2006 Annual Meeting and the 2006 Summer Meeting
4. TRB Staff Report (Joedy Cambridge)
5. Report on Committee Web Site (Jack Klodzinski)
6. Update on status of the Freight Cooperative Research Program (Ray Derr)
7. Status of CREATE (Cheri Heramb)
8. California Infrastructure Bond Initiative – Freight Component (Richard Nordahl)
9. Committee Action Items Requested by TRB
   a. Solicit any additional input from their committees on the updated TRB Strategic Plan in advance of, or as part of, their January meetings (refer to information emailed to all Chairs in December)
   b. Assign one or more individuals from your committee to enter and maintain your committee’s collection of research problem (needs) statements into the new TRB database
   c. Review appropriate sections of the 2007 Technical Activities Leadership Guide, particularly the updates
   d. Whenever possible, schedule future midyear meetings in conjunction with other committees to reduce the costs for TRB staff to travel to multiple destinations
10. Committee Rotation Requirements
11. Member Updates (All, time available)
12. Any Other Business