MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF INTERMODAL FREIGHT TRANSPORT AND INTERMODAL FREIGHT TERMINAL DESIGN AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEES

Intermodal Freight Transport (AT045)
Intermodal Freight Terminal Design and Operations (AT050)
May 4, 2009, 6:30 – 8:00 pm
TRB Ports, Waterways, Freight, and International Trade Conference
Beckman Center, Huntington Room, Irvine, California

1. Attendance

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<td>Barb Ivanov, Washington State DOT (Chair, AT045)</td>
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<td>Michael Bomba, Alliance Transportation Group</td>
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<td>(Acting Chair, AT050)</td>
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2. Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Prioritize Draft Research Problem Statements
- 2010 Annual Meeting Program Planning

3. General Items for the Record

- Minutes from the Committee’s meeting at the TRB Annual Meeting (January 12, 2009) were distributed, briefly reviewed, and approved by voice vote with no additions or corrections.

4. Committee Program/Business

Research Problem Statements

- Barb Ivanov introduced Carolyn Clevinger, who reviewed the call for papers and research problem statements for AT045 and Mark Norman described the process for calls for papers.
A call for papers is designed to provide ideas to research community and to allow committees to generate ideas and papers. Approved papers are uploaded within a database managed by TRB. Calls are submitted through TRB’s website (managed by Joedy Cambridge). Periodic reminders are sent via the TRB newsletter.

Carolyn Clevinger led a subcommittee effort to brainstorm ideas, and finalize the list of 6 subjects for paper calls (attached).

Joedy Cambridge indicated that the “call for papers” portion of the TRB website is live and that approved calls are uploaded onto the site automatically. The Committee can edit any existing call, as long as Joedy is copied on the changes.

Calls will be accepted throughout May, but all papers are due August 1st.

The committee identified a number of potential problem statements/topics that will be developed into short white papers for consideration by NCFRP by the end of July.

Alternative technologies/green technologies to reduce emissions and VMT in and around ports and development of a tool kit for helping to address environmental and transportation benefits of these types of technologies. (Mark Jensen to lead)

How to quantify public and private benefits of investing in the rail system and how to account for political issues/externalities? Could be handled as a “case study” (Carolyn Clevinger, Michael Bomba, and Jim Brogan to lead)

Tipping points- what are the critical factors, such as fuel prices and other issues, that have significant implications on system demand and performance? (Marygrace Parker & Anne Aylward to lead)

Impact of Inland distribution centers (Michael Bomba to lead and Barb encouraged Michael to coordinate with Anne Strauss-Weider’s work on this topic and to work with Arlene’s Inland Waterway Committee)

Impacts of larger ocean vessels on intermodal supply chains. Chris Caprice (MIT) will lead; Scudder Smith to support

Anne Aylward stressed that a new federal administration provides an opportunity, and encouraged members to think about how our activities might be able to catch the attention of new Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries...how do we get it onto their agendas & get these ideas toward implementation?

2010 Annual Meeting Program Planning

Theme is “Investing in our Transportation Future- Bold Ideas to Meet Big Challenges” and each committee will lead a session on “Freight Day”.

AT045 will support Part 3 (Impacts of the Economic Crisis on Freight Planning) and AT050 will support Part 4

Joedy Cambridge indicated that responsibility is for the committees to lead development of the sessions, e.g., line up moderator and speakers in
advance to get into the program. A lot of speaker suggestions have already been made and October 1st is the drop dead date.

- Some sessions are ‘cross-cutting’ across groups at TRB. These sessions (e.g. Session 2 of Freight Day) do not count against each committee’s 2.2 session slots.
- Joedy Cambridge suggest that we hold one of our sessions back just in case we get great papers around which to build a session. Barb agreed.
- Consensus of the group is not to sponsor a Sunday freight workshop

5. **Other Business**

- None noted.

**Distribution of Minutes**

(a) AT045 Committee Members  
(b) Paul Bingham, Freight Systems Group Chair  
(c) Joedy Cambridge, TRB Staff Representative