

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

TRB Committee ADA50 Programming, Planning, and Systems Evaluation 2010 Annual Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2010, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Georgetown West Room, Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC

1. The Committee Chair, Greg Selstead, opened and presided over the meeting. He began by asking for the attendees to introduce themselves. A listing of the attendees (members and friends of the committee) is attached.
2. The Minutes of the Summer Meeting held in Seattle, WA were reviewed and approved as submitted.
3. Committee Membership and Issues – Greg Selstead
Greg discussed the committee membership review and mandatory rotation process which will be taking place this year. This process is conducted by each committee every three years. This process consists of rotating approximately 1/3 of the membership.
4. Discussion of Committee Organizational Structure & Subcommittees – Greg Selstead
Greg distributed the proposed organizational structure for the overall Committee. It includes four subcommittees – 1.) Research, 2.) Annual Meeting, 3.) Strategic Planning, and 4.) Communications. The purpose of the subcommittees is to better facilitate the specific activities of the Committee. There was a general discussion of the structure with numerous members indicating their willingness to participate.
5. TRB Staff Report – Kim Fisher
 - Attendance had been a concern due to travel budget restrictions around the country. However, the numbers at the time of this meeting looked comparable to the 2009 Annual Meeting and was around 10,000.
 - There were approximately 3,700 papers submitted for the 2010 meeting.
 - The use of the Poster Sessions for the presentation of papers was down this year due to construction at the Hilton.
 - Kim also mentioned that the committee rotation restrictions this year were intended to help create diversity, both geographically and by agency representation.
6. Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP)– Tom Brigham
Tom led a discussion of the TSP for the Committee. Some of the issues covered in the discussion were:
 - ◆ There was a modest change in the Committee Scope, as indicated on the attachment.

- ◆ There are four Critical/Cross Cutting Issues that were identified in the review: **Congestion, Infrastructure, Finance, and Equity**. Thera Black and Lance Neumann suggested considering the addition of Congestion Pricing and Asset Management to the list of issues.
- ◆ It was suggested that under the section dealing with committee relationships, to include the Environmental Justice Committee.
- ◆ It is recommended that the Committee begin preparing for the next Programming Conference and to try to do each succeeding conference on a 4 or 5 year interval.

The discussion concluded with a request by Tom and Greg to e-mail any suggestions or additional ideas on the TSP to Greg.

7. Paper Reviews – Dale Janik

Dale led the Committees paper review process again this year. There were 12 papers reviewed, 5 of which were approved and selected for presentation. Four of these were to be included in Session 288 and Mike Lowry was to moderate. Dale thanked those who reviewed papers and acknowledged a good response by those people. There was a brief discussion of the desirability to have more papers submitted by practitioners. It was agreed to do a call for papers in mid-March for this purpose.

8. Presentation – Chris Huffman

Chris Huffman, Huffman Corridor Consulting, gave a brief presentation of **SHRP 2 Project R-11: Strategic Approaches at the Corridor and Network Levels to Minimize Disruption from the Renewal Process**. Chris is working with Dane Ismart, The Louis Berger Group, Inc. and solicited input from the members of this committee. The project involves the development of a software tool or package. The general focus of the project is to study impacts generated by work zones for construction and maintenance activities.

9. AASHTO Update – Janet Oakley

Janet gave an overview of current activities from AASHTO's perspective. Topics included:

- AASHTO appreciates the work of this committee and asks for the expertise of the membership.
- AASHTO will assist with the calls for papers for the Committee if requested.
- There is a move within AASHTO to add emphasis on performance measures in the next transportation bill, as well as to reform the earmarking process.
- While we are still working under continuing resolutions, the states are struggling with the impacts of the \$12 B rescission in SAFETEA-LU. As is widely known, this has created a real hardship on States and MPO's in their program delivery efforts. For the first time, the states have more obligation authority than contract authority.
- There is a possibility of a new stimulus package, Jobs for Main Street. One of the primary differences from the first bill, is that 50% of all funds must be under contract within 90 days. This is a very difficult timeframe to achieve,

but there are ongoing conference calls being held between the FHWA and state DOT CEO's to begin work for dealing with STIP updates. Janet gave an overview of the prospects for this bill in the Congress.

- The long term outlook for the transportation bill will have to deal with the issue of the gas tax. It is unlikely that any progress on this would come until after the next presidential election. Obviously, adequate funding for the country's transportation infrastructure is of critical importance.
- It is still unknown what the Administration's position on transportation funding will be until it is released.
- There have been some exciting events in the area of intercity passenger rail. AASHTO is working with both the FRA and AMTRAK on this issue.
- The aviation bill is also up for reauthorization and has some major challenges.
- On all transportation funding issues, the political will to pay for these programs doesn't seem to be strong.

10. Communications – Ray Balentine

Ray gave a brief update on the efforts to improve communications within the committees. The foremost of these is the implantation of the new committee websites. After discussion by several members, it was agreed to open up the ability to post materials to all committee members. Greg Selstead and Mike Lowry have now done this.

11. Liaison Reports

Thera Black, a member of this Committee, gave a short report on the consideration of forming a Committee focused on Mega Regions. Interest in such a committee has increased over the last couple of years. This will be a point of discussion going forward.

12. Meeting Adjourned

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