

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Data Collection Meeting

February 7, 2003 – 10am

Participants: Bill Gardner (MN), Bob Gale (MN), Mark Vonderembse (Toledo), Sue McNeil (UIC), Kazuya Kawamura (UIC), Larry Goode (IN), Travis Gordon (MRUTC), Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC), Keith Sherman (IL)

Introductions

Overview of the DEMAND section of the study: analyzing what the demands will be, piecing them together from state plans

Gale: FHWA-DC will be helpful in providing data from the Freight Analysis Framework (FAF), contact person is Bruce Lambert

Gordon and Vonderembse noted that Michigan was not going to share Reebie data per the last contact they had with the state.

Gad: Will work with Reebie president to put together a compromise.

UPDATE: Reebie has given permission to use all state plan data, including Michigan

Gardner: Minnesota has plans to update their Reebie data, but this is on hold due to budget constraints

Gale: BTS will also be helpful in providing data from their Commodity Flow Survey

Routing Data

- Weight station data
- Heavy Vehicle counts
- Network information (IRIS-IL)

Next Steps

Gardner/Gale: MnDOT would appreciate more explicit request for data

Kawamura: Proposes to send a request, a “wish list,” that the states would respond to.

UPDATE: This was also sent through Toledo researchers for their input, the request is nearing the distribution point.

Goode: Question on the quality of measures and data, such as the ratio of cars to trucks

Goode: Pointed out the usefulness of railroad crossing data. State rail offices may have info on the number of trains per day at crossings. A study with this type of data was done by Hanson Engineering for Indiana and Illinois.