

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

March 4, 2004 – 11:30-1:00pm Central

Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)	Teresa Adams (UW-Madison)
Travis Gordon (MRUTC)	Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)
Peter Lindquist (Toledo)	Sue McNeil (UIC)
Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)	Lisa Kramer (UIC)
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March Meeting

- The group approved the draft agendas that were distributed to the group before the call
- Research Meeting (3/29)
 - Time: 8:00am
 - Place: Holiday Inn
 - Content
 - Updates from research team
 - Talk about next steps, to be used in meetings on Monday and Tuesday
 - Discuss regional product(s)
 - Take time to go over presentations for later that day and Tuesday meetings, help coordination and avoid looking like five independent projects
 - Discussion on issues/gaps
- Sharing (3/29)
 - Need to let the committee know of this session before hand
 - Also need to send them materials to look at prior to the meeting
- Corridor Map (3/29)
 - This has been distributed to the research group, agreement on new set of roads and the methodology used
 - The methodology will be presented to the steering committee, along with the new map (no old roads). McNeil and others said to use methodology to defend the new corridor roads, that this new map is *region substantiated*.
 - Ontario roads have also been added
- Open Discussion (3/29)
- Reception
 - Schneider Logistics has been contacted to fill in for Rep. Petri
- Presentations
 - Groups should work together to coordinate their presentations (UIC/Toledo, Adams/Wittwer)

- Final presentations should be to Gordon by March 22nd for final proofing and distribution to steering committee
- Table Discussion
 - Be clear on what we expect from them
 - Summarize the key points from the presentations
 - List questions
 - Research team will be used to facilitate the process in a hands-off method
 - Try to gather information
 - Make sure discussion continues
 - Ask for clarification
 - Avoid giving opinion
- Q&A Sessions
- Ending Session
 - Should be using the thoughts from Ernie and relevant feedback

Quick Updates

Toledo-Capacity

- Preliminary rail map has been produced, includes all Class I tracks in the corridor
- Need to look closer at terminals/sidings (?)
- Starting to look at intermodal facilities

Toledo-Data

- Developed utility to segment shape files
 - Half mile segments
 - Ability to overlay any attributes from flows, capacity, and administrative issues
- Adams had comments on layout of the data documentation web page
- Unsegmented highway network to be sent to Adams and UIC

UI-Chicago

- Suggested that an alternative to a regional freight model would be to have Oakridge Labs customize their freight data for the region
- Have now met with four MPOs, two in site visits (CATS, Rockford), two by conference call (Bi-State, SEWRPC). Notes for Rockford and Bi-State were distributed by email to the research group and will be posted to the website.

Administrative Issues (Adams)

- Looking to proceed on quantitative analysis for impacts of differences (user costs, infrastructure costs, models)
 - Kawamura noted that Illinois DOT rep continues to oppose any analysis of the impacts of regulatory differences. Adams to meet with Gordon and Wittwer to discuss
- Continue work on listing of impacts
- Continue work on regional analysis of ITS
- Adams discussed need for truck volumes

Performance Measures (Wittwer)

- Working on presentation for March Meeting, which in essence will be an outline of the report
- Still looking for feedback from group on data issues relating to performance measures

Synthesis (Gordon)

- Best practices case studies are currently being listed and ranked. This task to be done by March meeting
- Clearinghouse data entry has slowed, but goal to have all material at UW entered by March meeting
- Thinking about moving the clearinghouse site to the real website at some point

Follow-Up (*skipped on call, will distribute via email 3/9*)

- Data Catalog
- Data gap list
- Bottleneck inventory
- Intersections: capacity and listing
- Reliability measure: trucking firm
- Review the December notes
- Economic Development Groups
- Freight Staff Directory for states

Other

- We continue to subsidize this study by using students' work that is not funded by the project
- Send Wittwer the truck lane report *done by Gordon 3/9*

Adjourn 12:45pm Central

Next conference call scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 11:30-1:00pm Central.