

# Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

## *Summary*

Research Team Meeting  
March 18, 2004 – 11:30-1:00pm Central

### Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)	Teresa Adams (UW-Madison)
Mark Vonderembse (Toledo)	Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)
Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)	Sue McNeil (UIC) <i>late</i>
Suphawut Malaikrisanachalee (UW-Madison)	Lisa Kramer (UIC) <i>late</i>
Laura Franke (UW-Madison) <i>late</i>	Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

### March Meeting

- Update on expected attendance
  - Research meeting: 15
  - Steering committee: 15
  - Advisory committee: 10
- What are we going to do with the final segment of time with the steering committee (Monday)
  - Corridor road selection
    - Gordon to send the selection document out to committee
  - Best practices
    - Gordon to present some common themes from the case studies, such as I-95 Corridor Coalition and EZPass
    - McNeil to forward Gordon Ports of New York/New Jersey regional study
- Review of small group work for second day of meetings, suggested topics to have groups work with
  - What did they like, what they don't like from the presentations
  - Can you use any of the information you just heard or any of the deliverables being planned?
    - How could it help you?
  - What did the presentation mean to you?

### Updates

- Wittwer
  - Presentation and report being worked on for March meeting
- Adams
  - Mapping of administrative restrictions currently being done, along with other tasks in preparation for March meeting presentation
- University of Toledo
  - Estimating capacity on highway links
  - Differences between DOT data and HPNS for roads
    - HPNS quality questioned by McNeil
  - Rail network scales were modified to match the corridor map's, capacity is being calculated as well

- Adams raised the issue of populating the GIS data with counts? This issue was not resolved during the call
- University of Illinois at Chicago
  - Presentation being worked on for March meeting, using much of the existing Origin/Destination data collected for high-level maps
  - Met with CATS again to discuss data needs
  - Continue to work on data coordination efforts with the rest of the group

**Follow-Up** *(from previous meetings)*

- Data Catalog
  - Not discussed
- Data gap list
  - Not discussed
- Bottleneck inventory
  - Should continue to collect these on the MPO visits, Vonderembse suggested
- Intersections: capacity and listing
  - Not discussed
- Reliability measure: trucking firm
  - Will stay informed of the FHWA reliability testing going on currently, although Kawamura pointed out problems with cleaning data
  - Also noted that Schneider sells their location data
- Review the December notes
  - Researchers were told to do this by Gordon
- Economic Development Groups
  - Vonderembse noted frustration with getting information from them
  - Work to continue on reaching out to these groups
- Freight Staff Directory for states
  - Group decided that this is not in the scope of our work, so will not be done at this time

**Adjourn 12:45pm Central**