

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Steering Committee Meeting

April 8, 2003 – 11-Noon

Participants

Bill Gardner (MN)

Tom Beck (IN)

Keith Sherman (IL)

Suzann Gad (OH)

Ken Leonard (WI)

Craig O'Riley (IA)

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)

Mark Vonderembse (Toledo)

Bob Gale (MN)

John Tompkins (MN)

Al Stanek (WI)

Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)

Peter Lindquist (Toledo)

Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)

Introductions

Steering Committee Issues

An item was raised by Wendall Meyer of FHWA to include a Michigan and Ontario non-voting representative on the steering committee. The states agreed that this is a good idea and the MRUTC will work on finding a contact from each place. Gale also recommended that the study include Manitoba in its committee structure.

Advisory Committee

A deadline of April 18 was given to the steering committee to make comments, additions or deletions from the proposed advisory committee membership. The MRUTC will begin contacting those on the list that have worked with the center in the past.

- O'Riley will be following up with contacts soon
- Beck of Indiana needs the list
- Sherman pointed out that Brenda Russell is no longer with CSX and that Linda Wheeler is resigning from Illinois DOT

June Meeting

The committee agreed that the June 3rd meeting date was adequate time for planning and participation from the advisory committee.

Data Wish List

Gardner introduced two topics to discuss regarding the data.

- Defining the network: Steering committee and researchers agreed that the states should decide what other "feeder" corridors are important for the study and those should be communicated to the research team. States should also coordinate among themselves, so that a corridor that stretches across multiple states is looked at by both states (ie. Highway 30 in Iowa/Illinois).
- Reebie Data: Both Minnesota and Wisconsin have plans to purchase new Transearch data in the near future. Researchers were told to look at what each state has in terms of Reebie

data and set a baseline to fill in the gaps with. Attention should also be given to what is available through the Freight Analysis Framework. The states will attempt to negotiate with Reebie to acquire the data to fill the gaps. UIC and Toledo were given 10 working days for a proposal on this issue.

University of Toledo Presentation

Lindquist, Gupta, and Vonderembse gave an overview of what the role of UT would be in the study. They covered what would be accomplished and how UT would do the work. A copy of the presentation can be obtained by contacting either Lindquist or Gordon.

Adjourn (Noon, central)

Next Steering Committee Teleconference is on Tuesday, May 13, from 11am-noon Central