

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

May 27, 2004 – 10:00-11:00am Central

Participants

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Report

Chapter 1

- Gupta to send objectives to Adams by tomorrow (5/28) (*done, 5/28/04*)
- The key findings section will be a work in progress, cannot have this totally finalized by the draft date the group agreed
- A section on the audience is not in there, Adams to work it in

Chapter 2

- Email went out from McNeil before she left listing the gaps for Chapter 2
- With McNeil out, please send your files to her and Gordon

Chapter 8

- Gordon to send Wittwer files regarding next steps that were done earlier in the year (*done, 6/1/04*)

Chapter 9

- Another work in progress, will need to use findings from chapters 3-7

Template

- Wittwer and Gupta reported no problems
- Vonderembse pointed out problems in the appendix sections
- Kawamura and Franke had problems with the Table Headers style
- Gordon to fix these problems and resend to group

Updates

- Kawamura
 - Reporting is going well, although the narratives are tough
 - Generating many tables and charts
 - Using commodity flow survey from 1997, since 2002 is not due out until end of the year. Could update when the new data is released, but not part of this phase of the study.
- Wittwer
 - Will work with Vonderembse to try to get Ohio DOT director involved at Mississippi Valley AASHTO meeting
 - Not much movement on re-authorization, conference appointees soon
 - Resource Center for Freight remain in section 5 of the House version
- Gupta

- Did capacity calculations for waterways, including the river basin in our region and the Great Lakes
- Some issues continue with intermodal terminals
- Gordon
 - Attended GCM Freight Security conference with Gandhi, presentations are on-line. Interest in our study from other participants there.
 - Received data from Michigan that we requested earlier in the week
 - Synthesis area continues to move, 140 items in clearinghouse, case studies have been selected

There was discussion on data by Kawamura and Gupta.

More discussion on the placement of corridor selection materials in the report. Not clear on the final determination whether a summary was going into chapter 2, or if it all goes into appendix C? Also discussion on the lack of documentation for other modes, which Gupta is addressing.

August Meeting

Purpose: Involve the group with our conclusions and involve them with each other?

Really want to have the group participate and not just have them listen to us. Some ideas for doing that are included in the agenda below.

Draft agenda: Day 1

- Start with talk of benefits of working together (Gordon or others)
- Performance measures (Wittwer), followed by a response group, a couple of stakeholders who have prepared a response to the study findings
- Data (usage/capacity)
 - What does the DOT find useful?
 - Organize by mode or other topic (broader)? Corridor (more specific)?

Day 2

- Report out from previous day
- Data (Lindquist), with some sort of response group
- Administrative Issues (Adams), could this be done with a conversation pit
 - Hot spots?
 - ITS?
- Synthesis
- Next steps

Other

Kawamura explained an idea for a future paper where it would examine the deficiency of freight planning (TRB?)

Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) forms were submitted for our session

Adjourn (11:05am Central)

Next conference calls planned for Thursday, June 10, and Thursday, June 24 from 10-11am Central. Next meeting is in Chicago on July 14.