

# Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

## *Summary*

Research Team Meeting  
June 10, 2004 – 10:00-11:00am Central

### **Participants**

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)	Travis Gordon (MRUTC)
Mark Vonderembse (UToledo)	Jiwan Gupta (UToledo)
Peter Lindquist (UToledo)	Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)
Laura Franke (UW-Madison)	Sue McNeil (UIC)
Suphawut Malaikrisanachalee (UW-Madison)	Lane Pille (UW-Madison)
Lisa Kramer (UIC)	

### **Report**

#### Chapter 1

- Completed, ready for inclusion into draft

#### Chapter 2

- Still gaps in the report, to be done by Lindquist
- McNeil reported on the summary of corridor selection discussion from last conference call and that it is in chapter 2

#### Chapter 3

- Gordon report that it is not started, will do triage on the chapter to see what can be done for the draft

#### Chapter 4

- Wittwer reports that the draft is ready

#### Chapter 5

- Adams and Franke reporting that it is nearing completion

#### Chapter 6&7

- Drafts have been submitted by Gupta and Kawamura

#### Chapter 8

- Wittwer to complete next week

#### Chapter 9

- Gordon reports that it is a work in progress and that it will not be done until the other parts are submitted and compiled

#### Executive Summary

- Vonderembse will have something 500-1000 words by next Tuesday (6/15)

#### Maps

- Gordon raised concern over the continuity of the look of the maps. Lindquist stated that we can probably only wait until the draft is compiled and then see where the problems are.
- Kawamura reported the importance of having different types of maps for different purposes, we shouldn't just have one. The group agreed with this statement.

#### MPOs

- Vonderembse still needs copies of the meeting minutes from any MPO visits were moderated by UIC reps

## August Meeting

- Usage and capacity presentation on day 1
  - Is 40 minutes enough time? It will work if the focus of the presentation is on findings
  - Gupta and Kawamura to discuss this session off-line next week
- Data reporting session
  - Use time to discuss the idea of actually reporting the data
  - Also look at the economic databases available
- Reception will be informal, with a space for a couple of exhibits for the freight ideas of the committees
- **This agenda needs feedback from the group for improvement!!!**
- Vonderembse asked if this meeting is where we are going to ask the committees how we did and what we still need to do? The answer is yes.

## Mississippi Valley AASHTO Conference (July 14-16)

- Letter from the CAOs of Wisconsin and Ohio will invite other DOT leaders to this special session
- Matt Selhorst waiting on background information to give to Gordon Proctor
- WisDOT waiting for draft letter of invite to send out
- Presentation
  - 20 minutes discussing the broad topic of freight
  - Discussion on preliminary results
  - Discussion on the regional nature of freight and working as a region
  - Need to have the CAOs then talk to their agency representatives on the study
  - To ease facilitation, the hosts will be primed before the session

## Data

- Michigan data should be put on the FTP site (*done, 6/3/04*)
- Indiana data is all hard copy, need GIS data or likewise
- Contacts for Indiana could include Purdue University faculty (Jacko, Schneider). Vonderembse to pass this info onto Gordon and Kawamura (*done, 6/3/04*)

## TRB Paper

- Group agreed on some sort of collective work about the study or cross-University cooperation
- How do we make this paper worthwhile? Do the topics of regionalism make sense for this paper (Pille)?
- No one stepped up to take the lead on this paper

Gordon to send out hotel info for UIC meeting July 14th

**Adjourn (11:00am Central)**

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