

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

June 24, 2004 – 10:00am-11:00am Central

Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)

Sue McNeil (UIC)

Peter Lindquist (Toledo)

Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

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Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

Report

- Important to read the draft through, gives more context to the entire project and ability to see what others have been working on
 - Also important to “close some of the loops” before drawing conclusions
- Report will be discussed for a couple of hours at the July meeting in Chicago, giving McNeil an opportunity to call-in
 - What do we bring to this meeting?
 - 5 key points?
 - Synthesis of our thinking?
- Group decided that before the meeting, there should be a conference call on Friday, July 2 at 10am central. At least have the draft read by this time, then can think about the process to follow before the meeting in Chicago later in the month.

August Meeting

- Outline for the usage/capacity session was being sent for review to Toledo reps and McNeil from Kawamura
- Gordon had some minor changes, will work with Wittwer
- Concern was expressed that the time for Varda may not be appropriate, could be later in the meeting

Updates

- Gupta presented work to TMACOG and their data management group (need more information)
- Wittwer gave update on AASHTO meeting on July 14-16th in Chicago. Still waiting for a response from Ohio DOT on leading a session regarding freight. If no answer by 6/25/04, then the research team will issue invitations ourselves.
 - Update (6/28/04): Ohio DOT will not lead the session
- Gordon continues to work on getting data from Indiana DOT
 - Update (6/28/04): Steve Smith has been identified by Tom Beck of InDOT as the best person for retrieving this data, but Mr. Smith has been out recently. Will continue to follow up.
- UIC students gave presentation at Chicago Transport meeting
- Lindquist stated that data reporting site will be available to the public on Tuesday, June 29. Will send out an email to group with more information.

Adjourn (10:45am Central)

Next conference call planned for Friday, July 2nd at 10am Central.