

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

October 16, 2003 – 10:30-11:30am Central

Participants

Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)

Mark Vonderembse (Toledo)

Sue McNeil (UIC)

Lane Pille (UW-Madison)

Teresa Adams (UW-Madison)

Peter Lindquist (Toledo)

Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)

Lisa Kramer (UIC)

Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

Updates

Press release went out through UW news services in mid-October. McNeil and Vonderembse requested copies of the release. Toledo reported that a draft of their release was forwarded to their news service in the past week.

Gordon reported that the subcontracts were sent out to the respective campuses in the past couple of weeks. We have followed up with each campus to make sure that the contracts were actually sent out from UW. McNeil reported problems on the UIC version, the wrong PI is indicated. No word from Toledo, most likely it has been received by their research services department.

Gordon updated on status of meetings with steering committee representatives. Wisconsin meeting to take place on October 17, Minnesota on November 3. Discussion on Illinois meeting should in Springfield and invitation extended to Keith Sherman, any IDOT rep working on freight, and possibly Dick Smith, who is tough to get a hold of.

Kawamura reported on status of data collection:

- Letter requesting regional Waybill data from STB was sent out in the past week. A fee of \$200 will be assessed from STB for the regional compilation.
- First data from Illinois was received, a hard copy of their airport study.
- Clarification of data received will be a common occurrence in this process, as is the case with some of Ontario's data.

Adams reported on a contact from retired professor from UW-Parkside who has collected rail data since 1980. Contact info will be sent to the group, Kawamura or Gupta to follow up.

Data Catalog

Version was sent to Toledo for review, including rail and highway lists in addition to the original air freight list. Still work to be done on the status piece of information. Agreement to be reached on this issue by next conference call.

Gordon reported on various data sent from Michigan DOT in 2002. This is the only copy of the data and will be sent to UIC for processing. Gordon also will send a list of the materials to McNeil for her discussions with MDOT representative.

Data Model

Adams and Lindquist reported that the GIS files had been exchanged after Toledo had modified the highway network. Adams to look more closely at the files before further discussion to take place on this issue.

December Meeting

McNeil noted that the group should also start thinking about logistics of the meeting, whether it should be held at O'Hare or UIC and give the steering committee at least a one month notice of this information. UIC to work with Gordon on this.

Other

A draft of the survey to the private sector was sent to the research group after last meeting.

Kawamura noted that he would like to see something on seasonal variation and trip ratios on the survey. Gordon and Kawamura to follow up on this.

McNeil reported that she has not received any update back on the TRB paper.

By October 24, Peter Lindquist will need a listing of all names of people needing access to data sharing site at Toledo.

Adjourn (11:20 Central)

Next conference call planned for Thursday, October 30, 10:30-11:30am Central.