

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

November 20, 2003 – 10:30-11:30am Central

Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC) *late*

Mark Vonderembse (Toledo) *late*

Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

Lane Pille (UW-Madison)

Suphawut Malaikrisanachalee (UW-Madison)

Teresa Adams (UW-Madison)

Jiwan Gupta (Toledo) *(with students)*

Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)

Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

Updates

The research group received a notice (via McNeil) last week that the TRB paper was not selected for presentation or publication. Later that week, Gordon submitted the same paper for presentation at the Transportation Research Forum (March 2004, Chicago).

Gupta and Kawamura to set up a time for a conference call to discuss data issues. Gupta to send data to Kawamura.

Gupta reported that Toledo researchers continue to work on the display portion of the database and continue to add data to the databank. Gupta is currently working on developing the calculations of capacity.

Data Needs

Adams requested data of locations of bridges, rest areas, and weigh stations. (Where are we from the last meeting regarding Oakridge data—Lindquist?)

Kawamura reports that they are wrapping up the first pass of data acquisitions from the states. Minnesota, Iowa, and Illinois produced less than average amounts of data on this first pass. Before the second round of acquisition begins, research team needs to narrow the scope. This will involve not only a data gap list, but also a listing of what the final products will be.

December Meeting

- Final Products Listing: each subproject to have this list ready for discussion at the next conference call (12/4/03). See file from UIC team for an example.
- The meeting in Chicago should be sculpted around this list. The team would give an overview of the list to the steering committee. By the end of the meeting, the committee should sign off on this list and provide commitment to this direction.
- *Do we merely go through the list and present each item or do we bin them into subprojects so that the research groups present only once??*
- Intuitive bottlenecks listings from the meetings with contacts
- Discussion of next steps

Other

Discussion on high incident locations for crashes, how truck crashes are impacted by regulations. Research team received crash data from Wisconsin only, suggestion that study is done with one state only. UIC to check on report that was done on this subject for Illinois.

Kawamura requested that we include discussion of data needs and MPO contacts at our upcoming state meetings (Indiana and Iowa). Gordon to include discussion of road network also.

Adjourn (11:25 Central)

Next conference call planned for Thursday, December 4, 10:30-11:30am Central.