

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

November 4, 2003 – 10:30-11:30am Central

Participants

Ernie Wittwer (MRUTC)

Mark Vonderembse (Toledo)

Travis Gordon (MRUTC)

Lane Pille (UW-Madison)

Raja Andela (Toledo)

Peter Lindquist (Toledo)

Jiwan Gupta (Toledo)

Kazuya Kawamura (UIC)

Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

Data Issues

- Toledo & UIC in conference call 12/2 a.m. (30 min)
 - Minutes to be passed on to larger group
- Concerns stemming from state visits
 - Indiana: Surprised to see a request coming from a graduate student at Toledo. Worried that it a piecemeal contact process. Coordination?
 - Iowa: Have not had any contact with data part of the team since summer
 - Kawamura suggested to assign needs to team (?)
 - Gupta reported that the capacity data gap was handled independently
 - Wittwer reiterated that we need a coordinated approach
- According to UIC and Toledo reps on the call, data collection for highways is good; other facilities lacking
- Ramp volumes
 - There is a need for capacity
 - Exchange points/connectors

Final Products

- Toledo to get products list to project management by end of day (*this was done 12/4/03*)
- Continue discussion at upcoming research meeting

Chicago Agenda (feedback)

- Overall agreement with new agenda for research meeting
- An overall goal should be to get buy-in for the study from the steering committee
 - Convince them what we're doing is good and that we should go to the next level
 - What do they want?
- Should answer the question, 'How do we interact with Steering Committee?'
- Outreach
 - publicize? how?
 - public and private
 - marketing strategy
- Building a coalition

Subcontracts

- Toledo contract is OK
- Kawamura did not have enough information at this time on the status of the contract

UIC Study

- Kawamura sent Adams the TRB Paper on this study that looked at accidents in the state of Illinois

Adjourn (11:25 Central)

Next conference call planned for Thursday, December 18, 1:00-2:00pm Central.