

Upper Midwest Freight Corridor Study

Summary

Research Team Meeting

December 18, 2003 – 1:00-2:00pm Central

Participants

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Laura Franke (UW-Madison)

Feedback from Chicago

- Vonderembse volunteered to go over the meeting minutes from the steering committee meeting. All file distribution (minutes, articles) to be electronically distributed to the committees. A thank you to be extended to the steering committee when sending out these files.
- There was limited discussion on what the steering committee wanted in terms of an item that the states could work together on.

Progress Reports

- The group was OK with this task

Data

1. UIC/UT Conference Call
 - The call coordinators to resend the meeting minutes to the group. *This task was completed 12/19/03.*
2. Gaps and Collection
 - There is a delay in sending the data gap file out
 - The research group will then need to see if there's anything else that needs to be added to this gap list
 - Kawamura to set up conference call with Minnesota DOT. *Update: call scheduled for 12/29 at 1:30pm.*
 - The research group needs ONE data catalog and ONE list of the gaps. Toledo (Raja) and UIC (Kawamura) should work on this issue.
3. Other
 - a. Ramps
 - Identification of the key intersections will be done, which could include interstate intersections, significant routes intersections, problem intersections.
 - Will work with MPOs to help with this task
 - Will capacity of these intersections be calculated? Need follow up from Gupta
 - b. IRIS
 - McNeil to fax the definitions to UW-Madison. There is still a need for the actual data that has the classification of roads in Illinois. Adams to follow up.
 - c. FTP site

- Delay in the site, Lindquist to follow up
- d. Corridor map
 - Corridor map is being completed and will be sent to Wut upon completion
- e. Weigh station plotting
 - If both parties have done this plotting, then take advantage of this and compare the plots for the number of weigh stations

Performance Measures

- This topic of forming the project more around the performance measures will be looked at more closely once we have the draft report ready on performance measures (late January)
- Currently, Wittwer discussed the need for help with data is out there
 - Reliability example
 - Relate the data to the measures
 - UPS ground delivery times
 - Reliability times from a friendly trucking company in the region, such as Schneider or Roadway. Gordon and Vonderembse to follow-up with this idea.
 - Traffic counts and speed data from existing instruments already out there. This type of data is available from the Chicago area.

MPOs

- MPO list to be reformatted and then sent back out to the research group. This is the list for MPOs to be contacted regarding data and other study issues. *Task completed 12/19/03, Gordon to receive feedback over the next couple of weeks.*
- What is the plan for these site visits? What are we asking them for?
 - Traffic counts, speed data
 - Anecdotal freight issues
 - Contacts
 - Long-term plans (?)
 - Economic development groups in the area
 - What do they use for economic forecasting?

Other

- Gordon to send Ohio Reebie data CD to Kawamura to make sure that they have seen this data. Also discussed for this topic is that the Ohio Freight Study may give the team insight into deliverables for our study.
- Lindquist stated that he had data available to map patterns of industry for the region. Group discussed that this may be interesting to compare to the traffic flows
- Website is being updated
- Economic development listing and the *High-level presentation* are still on the table to be worked on

Next conference call is scheduled for Thursday, January 8 at 1:00pm Central time. Gordon will attempt to get an agenda out more than 24 hours in advance.