

**Minutes**  
**East TN Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting**  
**August 5, 2014**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**U T Conference Center, Knoxville TN**

**FAC Members Attending :**

Don Loftis, Olin Corporation  
John Naylor, CMAA  
Debbie Davis Waltermire, Eastman Chemical  
Diane Davidson, ORNL  
Ken Marsh, Rail Solution  
Zane Duncan, R J Corman  
Ed Shouse, Knoxville TPO  
Jenny Park, Chattanooga TPO  
John Bennett, Aqua International  
Steve Hiatt, Chattanooga Chamber

**Others Attending:**

Toks Omishakin, TDOT  
Tanisha Hall, TDOT  
Angie Midgett, TDOT  
Carlos McCloud, TDOT  
Bob Rock, TDOT  
Alan Jones, TDOT  
Max Baker, AECOM  
Lee Hutchins, AECOM  
Hua Liu, UTK  
Kevin Herrit, TDOT  
Zach Johnson, TDOT  
Jack Qualls, TDOT  
Nick Weander, TDOT  
Preston Elliott, RPM  
Larry Bray, UTK  
Mark Burton UTK  
David Clarke, UTK  
Danny Oliver, TDOT Region 1  
Ben Price, TDOT  
Jeff Welch, Knoxville TPO

**Opening Comments**

**Don Loftis** welcomed everyone to the meeting and talked about the responsibilities of the FAC.

**Toks Omishakin** talked about the purpose of the FAC, and how important FAC input is to our Freight Planning efforts. Toks discussed the three things the FAC should be concerned with: what is the plan's vision, the priority list, and freight funding.

### Presentations

**Alan Jones** made a presentation on the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program including what it entails and what grants and partnerships are available to industry. Alan pointed out that the increase in freight could lead to air quality and non-attainment problems. This is what the CMAQ program can address. Alan encouraged participation in the form of applying for available grant money to address CMAQ related problems.

**Danny Oliver** of the TDOT Region 1 Office discussed projects on the different Interstate corridors within the region. Danny also talked about projects under development and underway on the State Routes in Region 1.

### Tennessee Draft State Freight Plan and Project Priorities

**Tanisha Hall** opened this session by talking about previous TDOT freight studies, the creation of the FACs, and the need to create a MAP-21 compliant freight plan.

One of the FAC members brought up the point that there is not enough attention in the plan to rail issues. Toks assured him that we understand his concerns with that issue, and will try to make sure it is more fully addressed in the plan.

**Lee Hutchins** of AECOM delivered a PowerPoint presentation that talked about the growth of all areas of freight. Lee then talked about the development of the Tennessee State Freight Plan, and what we had learned from our data analysis and from stakeholder input. Lastly, he went over recommendations and next steps in the process, including the use of a fully operational commodity flow inclusive statewide travel demand model.

### Final Remarks

**Tanisha Hall** thanked everyone for attending and showed a video that had been produced showing the importance of transportation in Tennessee.