

# East Tennessee Freight Advisory Committee

James R. Mapp Building, University of Tennessee Chattanooga

August 24, 2017 | 11am - 3pm EST

## Meeting Minutes

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### Attendees

Max Baker | AECOM

Cory Osborne | First Tennessee Development District

Glenn Berry | Johnson City MTPO

Mike Conger | Knoxville Regional TPO

Tammy Cross | Olin Chlor Alkali Products

Don Loftis | Olin Corporation

Kayla Ferguson | RPM/KCI

Preston Elliott | RPM/KCI

Bryan Bartnik | TDOT

Dan Pallme | TDOT

Kevin Teagarden | TDOT

Larry McGoogin | TDOT

Michelle Christian | TDOT

Sara Elmore | TDOT

Wesley Hughen | TDOT

Zac Bailey | TDOT

John Farmer | Towboat Tour

Mihalis Goliass | University of Memphis

Sabya Mishra | University of Memphis

Aldo McLean | UT Chattanooga

Arash Ghasemi | UT Chattanooga

Ignatius Fomunung | UT Chattanooga

Kidambi Sreenivas | UT Chattanooga

Mbakisya Onyango | UT Chattanooga

David Clarke | UT Knoxville

Jimmy Calcagno | UT Knoxville

Mark Burton | UT Knoxville

Eric Burke | Vanderbilt University

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### Minutes

- 11:05am **The meeting was opened with a welcome by Daniel Pack, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, UT Chattanooga.**
- 11:10am **An introduction for the meeting was given by Larry McGoogin, Assistant Director, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. Each attendee briefly introduced themselves to the group.**
- 11:15am **Vanderbilt University is currently conducting a freight research project, which examines the role that a Freight Advisory Committee might play in responding to supply chain disruptions. Eric Burke from Vanderbilt University presented a supply chain disruption scenario workshop for East Tennessee, which described the possible impacts that a large wildfire north of Knoxville might have. The purpose of this exercise was to gain feedback from the FAC group and incorporate this data into their research efforts.**

- 11:55am **A Tennessee Freight Update was presented by Dan Pallme, Assistant Chief of Environment and Planning / Freight and Logistics Director. This update included information regarding the IMPROVE ACT, current national freight trends, current Tennessee freight trends, and future freight trends.**
- 12:30pm **Preston Elliott from RPM/KCI and Max Baker from AECOM presented a summary of the current efforts to update the TDOT Freight Plan. The TDOT Freight Plan is currently being updated to become FAST ACT compliant in a collaborative effort between RPM/KCI, AECOM, FHWA, TDOT, and Tennessee RPOs/MPOs/FACs. A survey was given to the FAC members to help prioritize the weighting of the criteria for the Critical Freight Corridors that will be proposed in the TDOT Freight Plan Update.**
- 1:00pm **Lunch**
- 1:30pm **Vehicle Platooning Technology information was presented by Dan Pallme, Assistant Chief of Environment and Planning / Freight and Logistics Director. This included information regarding the State Law for Vehicle Platooning, the required notification process, a description of how Vehicle Platooning functions, and upcoming Vehicle Platooning webpages for the TDOT website.**
- 2:05pm **Dr. Sabya Mishra from the University of Memphis presented a summary of the current freight research project: SHRP2 Implementation Assistance Program. This research focuses on integrating freight considerations into the highway capacity planning process. This includes engagement of community stakeholders and obtaining performance measures for truck parking, recurring and non-recurring freight corridor reliability, and freight and land use integration.**
- 2:45pm **Johnson City MTPO freight updates were provided by Glenn Berry.**
- 2:55pm **TDOT Project Development Office Region 1 freight updates were provided by Bryan Bartnik and Zachary Bailey.**
- 3:00pm **TDOT Project Development Office Region 2 freight updates were provided by Wesley Huguen.**
- 3:10pm **Closing remarks were provided by Larry McGoogin, Assistant Director, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. The meeting was adjourned.**