

Minutes
Middle Tennessee Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting
August 13, 2013
10:00a.m – 12:00 p.m.
Room 298, Featheringhill-Jacobs Hall, Vanderbilt University

FAC Members Attending: Felix Castrodad, Nashville MPO; Stan Williams, Clarksville MPO; Craig Wade, Nashville and Eastern Railroad; Rob Wigington, Nashville Airport Authority; Steve Preston, CBRE

Others Attending: Tanisha Hall, TDOT LRP; Mark Abkowitz, Vanderbilt; Janey Camp, Vanderbilt; Ralph Comer, TDOT E&P; Brian Hurst, TDOT Project Planning; Bob Stammer, Vanderbilt, Carlos McCloud, TDOT OCT; Robert Rock, TDOT LRP; Larry McGoogin, TDOT OCT; Kevin Herrit, TDOT OCT; Kwabena Aboagye, TDOT Multimodal; Aury Kangelos, TDOT OCT

Opening Comments

Mark Abkowitz welcomed the group to Vanderbilt and the inaugural Middle Tennessee FAC meeting. Tanisha Hall (TDOT) had the people present introduce themselves and tell a little about themselves. Tanisha then gave some background on the formation of the FAC and TDOT's support for the FAC.

Mark Abkowitz and Bob Rock talked about the partnership of TDOT and the Universities, and how the Universities were helping to sponsor the FAC.

Presentations

Carlos McCloud made a presentation on the MAP-21 freight legislation, which included goals for improving freight gateways and national freight policy.

Bob Rock made a presentation on the role and structure of the FAC, including how the Regional and Executive Committees were structured. Also discussed were the roles that TDOT envisioned for the committees.

Open Discussion

Listed below are the main points from the discussion:

- The FAC members that were present discussed ideas that they had concerning the FAC and freight.
- Logistics is important to area economics, including cost efficiency and job creation.
- The preservation of land adjacent to railroad lines is a key for development.
- Rob Wigington (Airport Authority) talked about what is going on with freight at the Nashville airport, and opportunities for intermodal.
- Driverless trucks are a future issue.
- Rail infrastructure along SR-840.
- Land banks are important to future development.
- A request was made for a prioritized list of ideas for the next meeting.
- Another request was for the “state” of freight planning in Tennessee.

Final Remarks

Tanisha Hall talked about the election of a chairperson at the next FAC meeting, which will be a joint meeting with all the Regional Committees and the Executive Committee in November (more details to be sent out shortly).

The meeting was then adjourned at 11:30 a.m.