

Minutes
Middle TN Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Meeting
August 1, 2014
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Vanderbilt University

FAC Members Attending :

Stan Williams, Clarksville MPO
Steve Sparks, Robertson Chamber
John Conrad, Conrad Logistics
Mike Agee, Agee Consulting
Phillip Edwards, Titan Transfer
Dan Vits, Bridgestone
Kim Ark, Sumner County
Greg Deakle, R J Corman

Others Attending:

Tanisha Hall, TDOT
Angie Midgett, TDOT
Carlos McCloud, TDOT
Bob Rock, TDOT
Teresa Neal, RPM
Alan Jones, TDOT
Max Baker, AECOM
Lee Hutchins, AECOM
Kayla Kelly, RPM
Janey Camp, VU
Mark Abkowitz, VU
Bob Stammer, VU
Corbin Davis, FHWA TN
Brian Caldwell, TDOT
George Moss, TDOT
Mike Brown, TDOT Region 3
Preston Elliott, RPM
Shay Deason, TDOT Region 3

Opening Comments

Mark Abkowitz welcomed everyone to the meeting and Vanderbilt. **Bob Rock** talked about the purpose of the FAC, and how important FAC input is to our Freight Planning efforts.

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.

Mike Brown of the TDOT Region 3 Office talked about the new type of paving mix TDOT is using on our roads. **Shay Deason** talked about projects in Region 3 that are under development or under construction, and how these projects were progressing.

Tennessee Draft State Freight Plan and Project Priorities

Tanisha Hall opened this session by explaining why the FAC's input was important in order to develop the State Freight Plan. She explained how we got to this point, about earlier freight studies, and how MAP-21 legislation encouraged industry input to the planning process.

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.

Teresa Neal and **Lee Hutchins** then initiated the discussion about prioritization of projects in Middle Tennessee by the committee. Several FAC members made comments about the process, and the types of projects important to them.

Final Remarks

Tanisha Hall thanked everyone for attending, talked about the next steps in the process, and brought the meeting to a close.