

Middle Tennessee Freight Advisory Committee

LASIR Lab, Vanderbilt University, Nashville

August 22, 2017 | 10am - 2pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Max Baker AECOM	Dan Pallme TDOT
Lynda Hogue Carlex Glass	Deborah Fleming TDOT
Amber Locke Cheatham County	Joe Deering TDOT
Daryl Phillips Cheatham County	Jonathan Russell TDOT
Stan Williams Clarksville MPO	Joren Dunnavant TDOT
Daniel Bugbee Garrott Brothers Concrete	Josh Suddath TDOT
Meredith Cebelak Gresham, Smith and Partners	Kevin Teagarden TDOT
Christine Vitt Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority	Larry McGoogin TDOT
Mary Connelly Nashville MPO	Rashad Pinckney TDOT
Mike Bohleber Pine Bluff Materials	Donna Tomlinson TN Trucking Association
Margot Fosnes Robertson Co. Chamber of Commerce/Economic Dev.	Mihalis Golias University of Memphis
Kayla Ferguson RPM/KCI	Sabya Mishra University of Memphis
Preston Elliott RPM/KCI	Craig Philip Vanderbilt University
Lisa Cross South Central TN Development District	Mark Abkowitz Vanderbilt University

Minutes

- 10:00am **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.**
- 10:05am **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. Dr. Mark Abkowitz from Vanderbilt University presented a supply chain disruption scenario workshop for Middle Tennessee, which described the possible impacts that significant flooding in the Nashville area could have. The purpose of this exercise was to gain feedback from the FAC group and incorporate this data into their research efforts.**
- 11:00am **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.**

- 11:30am **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.**
- 12:05pm **Lunch**
- 12:30pm **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.**
- 1:00pm **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.**
- 1:30pm **Nashville MPO freight updates were provided by Mary Connelly.**
- 1:35pm **Clarksville MPO freight updates were provided by Stan Williams.**
- 1:40pm **TDOT Project Development Office Region 3 freight updates were provided by Joe Deering.**
- 1:55pm **Closing remarks were provided by Larry McGoogin, Assistant Director, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. The meeting was adjourned.**
- 2:00pm **Optional Tour of the Vanderbilt LASIR Lab.**