

West Tennessee Freight Advisory Committee

University Center Senate Chambers, Room UC 261, University of Memphis

August 31, 2017 | 10am - 2pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Max Baker AECOM	Randy Richardson Port of Memphis
Dave Curran Cushman & Wakefield/Commercial Advisors	Kayla Ferguson RPM/KCI
Bennie Hopkins DeSoto County, MS	Preston Elliott RPM/KCI
Reid Dulberger EDGE	Darren Sanders Shelby County
Brian Rogers EPIcenter	Anne Freeman TDOT
Jason Langdon FedEx Freight	Antoine Hawkins TDOT
James Collins Kimley-Horn	Calvin Abram TDOT
Jasmine Champion MAAG	Kevin Teagarden TDOT
Kelly Rayne Memphis Chamber	Donna Tomlinson TN Trucking Association
Mavrick Fitzgerald Memphis MPO	Marty Lipinski University of Memphis
Parker Sherwood Memphis MPO	Meredith Powers University of Memphis
Pragati Srivastava Memphis MPO	Sabya Mishra University of Memphis
Sajid Hossain Memphis MPO	Stephanie Ivey University of Memphis
Ben Bradberry Northwest TN Development District	Craig Philip Vanderbilt University

Minutes

- 10:05am **The meeting was opened with a welcome and introduction by Anne Freeman, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. The attendees briefly introduced themselves to the group.**
- 10:15am **A Tennessee Freight Update was presented by Kevin Teagarden, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. This update included information regarding the IMPROVE ACT, current national freight trends, current Tennessee freight trends, and future freight trends.**
- 10:30am **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. Craig E. Philip from Vanderbilt University presented a supply chain disruption scenario workshop for West Tennessee, which described the possible impacts that a large earthquake might have. The purpose of this exercise was to gain feedback from the FAC group and incorporate this data into their research efforts.**

- 11:05am **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.**
- 11:45am **Lunch**
- 12:30pm **Vehicle Platooning Technology information was presented by Kevin Teagarden, TDOT Long Range Planning Division. 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.**
- 1:10pm **The meeting was adjourned early due to severe weather.**