

**Transportation Research Board
Intermodal Freight Transport Committee - AT045
Monday, January 14, 2008; 3:45 - 5:30 p.m.
Omni Shoreham - Executive**

1. The meeting was called to order by the chair of the TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee (AT045), Mr. Harold Cerveny. Mr. Cerveny welcomed all present and then committee members and friends identified themselves.
 2. Mr. Cerveny reviewed the meeting agenda as distributed, which included eleven items. No new items were suggested for addition.
 3. The committee meeting minutes from both the 2007 Annual Meeting (January 23, 2007) and the 2007 Summer Meeting (July 7, 2007) were distributed, reviewed, and approved by the committee members. Mr. Cerveny noted that efforts are being made to update and properly maintain the list of "friends" of the AT045 committee. All meeting guests and newcomers were encouraged to become friends of the committee.
 4. Jack Klodzinski provided a status report on the AT045 website. Various improvements to the website are being pursued, such as:
 - additional and updated links to other sites
 - revised color scheme
 - new features, such as links to presentations and a photo gallery
- Any website updates (e.g., committee member contact formation) should be forwarded to Mr. Klodzinski.
- Wilbur Smith Associates was acknowledged for its support and hosting of the committee website.
- Mr. Cerveny noted that a partial rotation of AT045 members will take place in 2009. In conjunction with the rotation, the committee will be seeking new "under 35" and private sector members.
5. Leo Penne, Program Director of Intermodal and Industry Activities for the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), discussed AASHTO's Freight Transportation Bottom Line report. Employing terms such as "pivate" (i.e., public/private), Mr. Penne reviewed major findings, and interconnected relationships explored in the report, which represents a synthesis of four other reports on Freight Demand and Logistics, Highway Freight Movement, Rail Freight Movement, and Water Freight Movement.

Donald Lotz, Manager of Intermodal Development for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and an AT045 Committee Member, provided an overview of the recent reactivation of the Staten Island Railroad. This project permits direct ship-to-rail cargo transfers at the Howland Hook Marine Terminal and may lead to the removal of up to 10,000 trucks a year from state and local roads.

6. Mr. Cerveny led a discussion regarding the 2008 Summer, Ports, Waterways, Freight and International Trade Conference. The conference will take place in Baltimore, Maryland from June 18 - 20, 2008. The overall theme of the conference is globalization, and suggestions for panels and topics are welcome.
7. Mr. Cerveny discussed the 2009 TRB call for papers. It was noted that AT045 committee members reviewed four papers for the 2008 Annual Meeting, and that AT045's Paper Review Subcommittee might be reestablished to guide this important committee task.
8. Mr. Cerveny offered highlights from the TRB Technical Activities Council. The spotlight theme for the 2009 Annual Meeting is "Transportation, Energy and Climate Change." The Technical Activities Action Plan contains several implementation items, such as: use of the research needs/statements database, establishment of closer ties with Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and an increase in the involvement of the private sector.
9. Ms. Joedy Cambridge, TRB Marine and Intermodal Specialist and AT045 liaison, provided a TRB staff report. In her report, Ms. Cambridge echoed the call for papers for the 2009 Annual Meeting. She also discussed the National Cooperative Freight Research Program (NCFRP). In Fiscal Year 2008 of the NCFRP, seven projects have been selected for which problem statements and preliminary descriptions are available.
10. Committee members and friends provided announcements on upcoming workshops, conferences and programs.
11. Mr. Cerveny reminded the meeting attendees to submit ideas and panels for the 2008 Summer Meeting and research needs.

The committee meeting was then adjourned.

Meeting highlights prepared by Ted Dahlburg, AT045 Secretary.