

**Transportation Research Board
Intermodal Freight Transportation Committee - AT045
Harold Cerveney, Chair
Saturday, July 7, 2007 - 1:45 -3:15 p.m.
Renaissance Hotel - Michigan Room
Chicago, Illinois**

1. Harold Cerveney, Chair of the TRB Intermodal Freight Transport Committee (AT045), called the meeting to order. Mr. Cerveney welcomed committee members and friends. The meeting attendees then introduced themselves and identified their TRB committee affiliations.
2. Mr. Cerveney reviewed the meeting agenda (which was distributed and available to all attendees) and noted that “visualization” would also be added as a meeting topic.
3. Mr. Cerveney stated that minutes from the AT045 committee meeting at the 2007 TRB Annual Meeting would be sent out to committee members at future date for their review.
4. Mr. Cerveney commented that the AT04S committee will take an active approach to incorporating private sector applications and presentations into the committee’s meetings.

Dr. Randall Guensler made a presentation on the use of GPS in intermodal applications. Dr. Guensler is a Professor at the School of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the George Institute of Technology. Dr. Guensler described how GPS units have been successfully deployed in research efforts to monitor cargo shipments (in some cases, for an entire coast - to- coast trip).

Mr. John Zumerchik made a presentation on a private sector concept for intermodal congestion mitigation. Mr. Zumerchik is the Director of Planning for Mi-Jack Products. Mr. Zumerchik described a “path finder system” that improves the operations at intermodal terminals and makes the terminals more sustainable.

5. Based on the prior guest presentations, Mr. Cerveney led a discussion of the role the AT045 committee should play in fostering and supporting research in intermodal congestion mitigation. Mr. Cerveney stated that concepts for projects should be forwarded by committee members and friends to him.

One attendee stated the belief that the United States is going to run out of intermodal terminal capacity. Others observed how government policies are sometimes at odds with one another (e.g., with respect to night-time deliveries).

6. The current project status of CREATE was reviewed. CREATE (Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Program) is a highly successful public-private partnership.

Libby Ogard was acknowledged for her key role in organizing two highly informative freight tours for the 2007 summer meeting.

7. Mr. Cerveny reviewed a number of AT045 information items and action items requested by TRB's TAC.

Regarding the 2008 TRB Annual Meeting, the overarching theme is "Partnerships for Progress in Transportation." Performance measurements and the environment will be sub-themes. It was noted that a half day workshop on ports is being planned.

Plans are being made for the conduct of the 2008 TRB Summer Conference. Committee members should communicate their views on the "joint meeting" format and their preferences for the meeting location.

It was also noted that TRB Research Needs Statements have an August 15 deadline, that three RFP's have been released for the National Cooperative Freight Program, and that a new Transportation Research Record website has been recently launched.

8. Mr. Joey Cambridge made a TRB staff report, covering and reiterating points about salient TRB activities and upcoming meetings.
9. Committee members and friends provided updates regarding a number of items.

Upcoming meetings and conferences noted were:

- Smart Rivers Conference: September 16-19, 2007
- Research Issues in Freight Transportation: October 22-23, 2007
- National Urban Freight Conference: December 5-7, 2007
- Transportation Research Forum: March 17, 2008

10. Mr. Cerveny urged committee members and friends to further consider the role the committee should play in intermodal freight research, to communicate preferences regarding the 2008 TRB Summer meeting, and to voice opinions and reactions regarding the inclusion of the guest presentations in the ATO45 meeting format.

Mr. Cerveny adjourned the meeting.

**Attendees, AT045 Summer Meeting
1:45-3:15; July 7, 2007**

Name	Committee Member
Jeannie Beckett	No
Paul Bingham	No
Keith J. Bucklew	No
Joedy Cambridge	TRB Staff
Harold Cerveny	Yes
Alan Clayton	No
Ted Dahlburg	Yes
Samir Dhar	No
Arlene Dietz	No
Genevieve Giuliano	No
Jean Godwin	No
Randall Guensler	No
Greg Harris	No
Rob Harrison	No
Arno Hart	Yes
Steve Kale	No
John Lanigan	No
Mark Lepofsky	No
Ysela Llort	Yes
Jeannette Montufar	No
Alper Murat	No
Dan Murray	Yes
Richard Nordahl	Yes
Libby Ogard	Yes
Wayne Parrish	No
Leo Penne	No
Garreth Rempel	No
Laurence Rohter	No
David Schrank	No
Jeffrey Short	No
Mimi Sukhadeo	No
Kimberly Vachal	No
Juan C. Villa	No
Tom Wakeman	No
Bruce (Xinbin) Wang	Yes
Brian Weatherford	No
John Zumerchik	Yes