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FMTF Freight Subcommittee Debrief Minutes

**Date: Thursday, April 28, 2016**

**Time: 3:00 – 4:00 P.M. EST**

**Where: Web conference**

**Attendees List:**

**Ameera Sayeed FDOT District 2**

**Frank Tabatabaee FDOT Central Office**

**Rodrigo Mesa-Arango FIT**

**Lauren Rushing HDR**

**Santanu Roy HDR**

**Krishnan Viswanathan Cambridge Systematics**

**Stephen Lawe RSG**

**Heather Lupton AECOM**

Ameera Sayeed began the meeting. – 3:05pm

**Item 1: Freight Subcommittee Status**

* FreightSIM – Krishnan Viswanathan
  + Created outline for FreightSIM training program.
    - Responsibility for training should fall onto Central Office.
  + What steps do we need to take to make FreightSIM more reliable?
  + Incorporating short-haul movements.
    - What can we look into to capture our last-mile information?
* Economic Aspects of Freight – Rodrigo Mesa-Arango (filling in for Zahra Pourabdollahi)
  + Want to use FreightSIM as the main statewide tool for evaluating freight movements.
  + How do we use freight transportation model outputs to develop economic analyses?
    - Set foundations for a framework to develop an economic analysis using FreightSIM to potentially create post-processing methods.
  + Goal for next MTF meeting
    - Evaluate the feasibility of post-processing and economic analysis to measure economic impacts of freight movements.
  + Four specific objectives
    - Identify economic impacts on systems interesting to FDOT.
    - Determine methods compatible with FreightSIM.
    - Determine data requirements and FreightSIM capabilities.
    - Evaluate capabilities of additional freight tools.
* Freight Data – Santanu Roy
  + Need to fully understand what freight data sets we have and how they can be accessed/used by stakeholders.
  + Is there a need to coordinate with other departments?
  + There is ongoing work with Central Office to inventory different freight data sets.
    - Would like to build upon this ongoing work.
  + To understand data needs, would like to start with a survey focusing on how freight data sets relate to modeling and the Model Task Force.
    - Online survey targeting District Modeling Coordinators and MPOs.
    - How can it relate to FreightSIM?
    - Planning a step-by-step process
      * Develop a mission statement.
      * Develop a presentation on the surveying instrument.
* National and Regional Modeling – Stephen Lawe
  + Decided in many respects to merge the efforts of the FreightSIM Subcommittee and the National and Regional Modeling Subcommittee.
  + Rather than look for a new framework, it would be better to determine how other frameworks work into FreightSIM.
    - Most frameworks are not consistent with FreightSIM.
    - Would like to avoid recreating the wheel and dampening the FreightSIM efforts since it hasn’t been released yet throughout the state.

**Item 2: Subcommittees and their Champions**

* FreightSIM – Krishnan Viswanathan
* Freight Data – Santanu Roy
* Economic Aspects of Freight – Zahra Pourabdollahi
* National Freight Data – Stephen Lawe

**Item 3: Next Freight Committee Meeting**

* We should reconvene once each subcommittee creates their documentation for presentation to the Freight Committee.

**Action Item:**

* **Create a one-page write up of your respective subcommittee’s goals and objectives.**

Meeting adjourned – 4:00pm