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FMTF Freight Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2014**

**Time: 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. EST**

**Where: Web conference**

**Attendees List:**

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| **Heather Lupton, URS**  **Diana Fields, FDOT Central Office**  **Frank Tabatabaee, FDOT Central Office**  **Krishnan Viswanathan, CDM Smith**  **Robert Palmer, RS&H**  **Sarah Catala, FDOT District 1**  **Seckin Ozkul, CUTR**  **SungRyong Han, BCC Engineering**  **Keith Robbins, FDOT District 1**  **Jeremy Upchurch, FDOT District 4**  **Hui Zhao**  **Brian Hunter, FDOT District 7** | **Ameera Sayeed, FDOT District 2**  **Abdul Pinjari, USF**  **Daniel Beagan, Cambridge Systematics**  **Carlos Castro, FDOT District 6**  **Rickey Fitzgerald, FDOT Central Office**  **Li Jin, Kittelson & Associates**  **Terry Corkery, FDOT Central Office**  **Thomas Hill, FDOT Central Office**  **Denise Bunnewith, North Florida TPO** |

Ameera Sayeed began the meeting. – 2:33 pm

## Introduction

* Each participant introduced themselves and their affiliation

## Mission Statement

* Open discussion of the mission statement
  + 2nd sentence – look at the commodity flow using the statewide freight model
    - Air, water, rail, and truck
    - Development of the freight model
  + Any mention of the end goal? What’s the end result of looking at all of this?
    - It would be too detailed to be included in the mission statement
      * Helping our policy-makers look at the freight model and assess investments
      * Use the outputs and take use of the model to the next level of assessing returns in investments
  + We should look at all of our resources, not just the model
    - Each data resource will tell us a different story
    - We need to frame what FDOT should be doing for their districts and MPOs
  + The modification of the second bullet to “evaluate, coordinate, facilitate, and improve the forecasting and simulation of freight movements in transportation modeling and planning.” would help to broaden the statement.

**Action Item:**

* **Modify the second bullet to read “Evaluate, coordinate, facilitate, and improve the forecasting and simulation of freight movements in transportation modeling and planning.”**

## Members and Friends

* Comments? Suggestions?
  + Contact Ameera or Frank with any comments or suggestions.

## Data Symposium

* Comments from the Data Symposium in Orlando
  + Excited to work with the model and see how it all works from a multimodal perspective
    - It will be interesting to see how all of these modes interact with one another
  + Survey to be released to determine how many network points were made at the conference.

## Item 5: Statewide Freight Model

* Passenger and freight models to be integrated
  + This integration gives the benefit of a system of checks and balances
    - We can tell the free-flow speed, congested speed, and free-flow volume on different segments of the model
* During the validation of the model, we’re seeing discrepancies between the passenger model and the freight model
* Want to create a product that will provide accurate data that policy-makers can rely on
* The decision was made to look at the FAF data (from the commodity-flow survey) and purchased Transearch data that was customized to our needs
  + Transearch is richer than FAF data in terms of customization of the rail, PIERS data the custom data, and the T100 data
    - We realize and anticipate that FAF data is built differently under different assumptions than those of the Transearch data
* The supply-chain freight model with a 2010 base year is almost finished with the validation process
  + It is different than the way the 2005 freight model was built
  + Working on putting together the forecast years, but currently the main focus is to have a solid base year

## Upcoming Model Task Force Meeting

* The meeting has been postponed to a later date sometime next year
  + Now looking at February 2015 date for the meeting

## Next Steps

* The committee’s participation in the Model Task Force meeting
* In the meantime, feel free to email Ameera with any questions and concerns

**Action Item:**

* **Frank and Ameera to send out meeting invitations**

Meeting adjourned – 3:09 pm