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FMTF Freight Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**Time: 2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. EST**

**Where: Web Conference**

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| **Attendee** | **Agency** |
| Terry Corkery | FDOT Central Office |
| Rickey Fitzgerald | FDOT Central Office |
| Thomas Hill | FDOT Central Office |
| Jerry Scott | FDOT Central Office |
| Frank Tabatabaee | FDOT Central Office |
| Alyssa Klein | FDOT District 4 |
| Jeremy Upchurch | FDOT District 4 |
| Autumn Young | FDOT District 4 |
| Neil Lyn | FDOT District 6 |
| Brian Hunter | FDOT District 7 |
| Andrew Tyrell | FDOT District 7 |
| Rodrigo Mesa-Arango | Florida Institute of Technology |
| Zhong-Ren Peng | University of Florida |
| SungRyong Han | BCC Engineering |
| Moe Lavasani | Caltran |
| Dan Beagan | Cambridge Systematics |
| Heather Lupton | Cambridge Systematics |
| Jeanette Berk | Gannett Fleming |
| Santanu Roy | HDR |
| Andrew Young | HNTB |
| Li Jin | Kittelson & Associates |
| Rob Schiffer | MetroAnalytics |
| Rob Palmer | RS&H |
| Zahra Pourabdollahi | RS&H |
| Erica Wygonik | RSG |
| Jerry Graham | Traf-O-Data |
| Dan Macmurphy | Traf-O-Data |

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## Item 1: Introductions

## Neil Lyn opened the meeting with introductions/roll call from each of the meeting attendees.

## It has been awhile since the Committee and its Subcommittees have been active, so if any of the Subcommittee chairs have proposals or documents that need attention, please send them along to Neil and Frank.

**Action Item:**

* **Subcommittee chairs, if you have any proposals or discussion ideas for the Committee, please get in touch with Neil Lyn (**[**neil.lyn@dot.state.fl.us**](mailto:neil.lyn@dot.state.fl.us)**) and Frank Tabatabaee (**[**frank.tabatabaee@dot.state.fl.us**](mailto:frank.tabatabaee@dot.state.fl.us)**).**

## Item 2: Freight Economics Subcommittee Chair Update

* Not much activity has taken place within the Subcommittee.
* Fielding the idea of a research topic about commerce and crowdsourcing.
* Would be helpful to talk internally with the Subcommittee members to determine new topics and ideas for future discussion.

## Item 3: FreightSIM Model Update

* Central Office was able to get the last part of the FLSWM version 7.0 working today.
* Interim year interpolation process for any year between 2015 (base year) and 2045 (future year) has been incorporated into the model.
* Also incorporated a firm evolution component into the FreightSIM model for this version.
  + Uses time series data of the firms by industry and industry size.
* Currently finalizing the documentation for both the passenger and freight components of the model.
* Targeting the middle of next week for finalization and posting by the first week of February.

## Item 4: Freight Data Subcommittee Chair Update

* The last subcommittee product was a freight data brochure to provide information on freight datasets.
* Ideas moving forward include:
  + Statewide Freight Plan
    - Currently in FHWA approval process
  + Statewide Truck Parking Study
    - Just finished the draft report and it is currently going to District Freight Coordinator review.
    - Able to get truck GPS data to understand where the truck parking challenges exist.
    - This would be an important conversation to have within the Committee in the future.
  + Seaport Barge Utilization Study
    - EIS data used for a pilot study in Tampa Bay.
  + Freight Cluster Analysis
    - SIS looking to designate Freight Activity Areas (FAAs)
  + Commodity Flow Data
    - Getting new dataset
  + Freight Network Optimization Study
    - Assess opportunities to better connect State infrastructure with the private sector in regards to freight mobility.

## Item 5: National and Regional Modeling Subcommittee Chair Update

* Neil to touch base with Colin Smith to get an update at the upcoming MTF-TDA Joint Workshop.
* Working on National Freight Model
  + Using confidential CFS data, but waiting to get it cleared for disclosure.
  + FHWA is looking to find some funds to conduct a case study or two.

**Action Item:**

* **Neil Lyn to contact Colin Smith to get an update on the Subcommittee’s activity at the upcoming MTF-TDA Joint Workshop.**

## Item 6: Update – FreightSIM Economic Impact Analysis Tool

* Tool created by the Dr. Zhong-Ren Peng at the University of Florida.
* Conducted a training for the tool in Orlando and Fort Lauderdale.
* One issue with the first phase of the project was that it only focused on one year of impact, rather than lifecycle.
  + Requested more funding to update to include lifecycle.
  + Started June 2019 and is intended to finish May 2020.

## Item 7: Discussion – Long-Term Freight Committee Plan

* Always welcome to provide any ideas you may have regarding freight for discussion within this committee.
* Planning to send out a poll prior to the MTF-TDA Joint Workshop to solicit feedback from the members & friends of the Committee.
* The MTF-TDA Joint Workshop will be held in Orlando, FL on February 26-28, 2020.
  + Please visit FSUTMSOnline for more detail.

**Action Item:**

* **If you have any ideas for future topics for discussion within the Committee, contact Neil Lyn and Frank Tabatabaee.**
* **Committee leadership to send a poll to solicit feedback from the members & friends of the Committee prior to the upcoming MTF-TDA Joint Workshop.**