



TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – July 2018

Wednesday, July 25, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair

1. The Hidden Cost of Freight – *Truck parking problems and solutions* – Scott Grenerth
- *Truck Specialized Parking Services, Inc.*

Scott presented on the issue of the lack of adequate truck parking and how his company, Truck Specialized Parking Services is working to address the problem by providing safe, reliable parking in high truck volume corridors. Below are some of the key points from the presentation and discussion:

- TSPS is the largest provider of accurate real-time truck parking availability information.
- Drivers are limited by law on how many hours they can drive and are monitored by mandatory electronic logging. These limits often leave drivers needing to park as they run out of legal hours.
- Drivers are regulated by time but paid by the mile.
- Another problem contributing to parking problems is staging while waiting to load or unload at freight facilities that do not provide parking.
- The problem is two-fold: not enough spaces to park and not enough information on spaces that are available.
- Inadequate parking leads to increased truck emissions, congestion, accidents, reduced driver safety, reduced cargo safety, and increased costs to consumers.
- Drivers have been robbed and even killed when parked in unsafe areas; this problem has resulted in the passing of *Jason's Law*.
- Unauthorized retail lot parking can result in fines and pavement damage.
- Entrance ramp parking can lead to accidents, shoulder damage, and fines in some states.
- Drivers will pay a fee for a reserved, safe and secure place to park.
- Underutilized real estate can be used for truck parking along high-volume corridors or near freight facilities.
- ODOT provides parking information for state-run rest areas only.
- Social media parking information is not always accurate or up-to-date.
- TSPS contracted facilities provide safety and security, real-time availability information, online reservations, limited space alerts, and dynamic routing.
- TSPS has 77 facilities in 4 states under contract to deliver real-time availability information.
- Opportunity exists for partnerships between state and local governments, shippers/receivers, and parking providers.
- Staging issues could be addressed by shippers/receivers providing on-site parking or partnering with a parking provider for near-site parking.



- Providing adequate parking is beneficial to all: municipalities, law enforcement, drivers, shippers/receivers, land owners, economic development, others.
- From discussion: it's important for all stakeholders: government, drivers, shippers/receivers, parking providers, to work together on this issue.
- Further discussion will take place on what the Freight Advisory Committee and TMACOG can do to help address this issue.

Scott will be giving his truck parking presentation at the 2018 Ohio Conference on Freight in Cincinnati in August. His presentation will be posted to the Freight Advisory Committee page at www.tmacog.org.

2. Update on Various Freight-Planning Projects – ORDC Rail Plan update; at-grade rail crossing inventory; truck freight bottleneck inventory; others – Roger Streiffert

There was not time during the meeting to do an update on any of the above topics. A progress report on these topics will be included at the next committee meeting.

3. Other Announcements or Discussion Topics – All Attendees

Included as handouts for the meeting was a timeline for the TMACOG 2045 Plan update, a map of 2018-2019 highway projects in the downtown Toledo and MLK Plaza area, and an updated map of the TMACOG Area Highway Freight Network.

Jim Crammond reported that rail construction at Norfolk Southern's Swanton Yard was completed at the end of 2017 and the yard is up and running as planned.

Dates to remember:

Ohio Conference on Freight – August 15-17, 2018 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio (register at www.ohiofreight.org).

Meeting Adjourned

Schedule of 2018 Freight Advisory Committee Meetings:
(schedule may change as necessary)

Wednesday, September 26, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 28, 2018, 11:30 a.m.