



TMACOG Freight Advisory Committee Agenda & Notes – March 2018

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

Welcome and introductions – Ray Huber, Committee Chair

Guests: Each guest spoke briefly about their background, interests, and freight-related issues and needs.

Scott Grenerth – Truck Specialized Parking Services, Inc.

Scott talked about the need for safe, secure parking for truck drivers. With the required use of electronic logbooks, drivers are under stress to find parking within their drive time limits and often stop short of their allowed time. Parking issues can add hidden costs to the business of moving goods. Scott will talk about truck parking issues in further detail at the July 25 committee meeting.

Paul Knollman – Monroe County Community College

Paul talked about the labor needs of the logistics/supply chain industry. Monroe Community College would like to meet those needs with a logistics/supply chain program. Keeping local logistics talent in the area is also a challenge.

Tim Lake – Monroe County Business Development Corp.

Tim talked about the importance of the I-75 corridor connecting Detroit/Windsor with Toledo and other destinations; the need for a second Detroit River crossing (Gordie Howe); how the expanded Panama Canal may affect regional freight traffic; and the use of *Monroe County Link* as a logistics gateway for new business and industry.

1. NHS Intermodal Connectors Update - *FHWA results of the 2016 connector update* – Roger Streiffert - TMACOG

FHWA approved the changes to the NHS intermodal connector network that was submitted from TMACOG through ODOT's 2016 update. Added to the regional system was Ann Arbor Railroad's Ottawa Yard (north and south yards). The connecting routes include Expressway Dr. North and South connecting I-75 to Stickney Ave; Stickney from Expressway North to Manhattan Blvd; Manhattan from Stickney to Hoffman Rd; and small segments of Hoffman and Counter Street connecting to the yard entrances.

Dropped from the system was the TransFlo Terminal on Oakdale Ave, and Edwin Dr. was removed as a part of the Andersons/Kuhlman connector route. We also asked that Hill Ave from Parkside to Fearing be added as an eastbound connector for the Toledo Intermodal Terminal and although it was approved by ODOT, it was not added by FHWA. We also asked that the two Andersons facilities and the Kuhlman

facility be combined into one FHWA Facility ID because they use the same connector. This was also approved by ODOT but it was not adopted by FHWA. The FHWA listing includes many incorrect facility names, street names, and route descriptions. Submitted corrections were not made. Updated TMACOG maps of the National Highway System and the NHS Intermodal Connectors will be available soon.

2. Agenda Topics for Upcoming Meetings – *Ideas for speakers, presentations, projects, and site visits for 2018* – All Attendees

Ideas for upcoming agenda topics and speakers include:

- 2018 (and beyond) highway projects affecting freight movement (May 2018)
- Autonomous vehicle technology as it applies to the freight industry
- Truck parking issues and possible solutions (July 2018)
- Importance and vulnerability of the Soo Locks
- Progress report on the Gordie Howe Bridge
- Development at Overland Park

Possible site visits include:

- Overland Park
- Home Depot
- FedEx
- Sauder Woodworking
- Port of Toledo facilities

We encourage committee members to present on topics related to their work or interests. If you would like to present to the group or have further ideas on topics, speakers, or site visits, please contact streiffert@tmacog.org.

3. Miscellaneous Topics/Freight Project Updates – *Truck Parking; railroad crossings; bottlenecks; freight network; freight facts sheet; other topics* – Roger Streiffert/All Attendees

Freight project projects update:

- Truck parking – work continues identifying parking gaps on regional freight corridors.
- Rail Crossing conflicts – rail, highway, and safety data is being collected for analysis.
- Bottlenecks – highway data is being collected and we are asking for input from freight stakeholders.
- Freight Network – map will be updated with new Monroe County routes and changes to the NHS connector network.



- Freight Facts Sheet – draft data has been collected and is being organized into a presentable format.

Other topics:

- The CSX Northwest Ohio facility at North Baltimore will remain operational as a block-swapping facility and will continue truck/rail intermodal service for regional businesses.
- The ORDC is working on updating the Ohio Rail Plan and is asking for local input from stakeholders. More information coming soon.
- Staff updated the TMACOG map of Toledo port and marine facilities and will be soon updating maps of heavy truck routes, railroads with train counts, and truck volumes.

4. Other Announcements or Discussion Topics – All Attendees

Dates to remember:

- Train Day Toledo – Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Toledo Amtrak Station.
- Ohio Conference on Freight – August 15-17, 2018 at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherlands Plaza in Cincinnati, Ohio (registration is open at www.ohiofreight.org).
- TMACOG 50th Anniversary Celebration – Thursday, April 26, 2018 at MLK Plaza (RSVP by April 16 to Gilda Mitchell at 419-241-9155 ext. 1105).

Meeting Adjourned

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

Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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