TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Chicago Congress Meeting Summary
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

Participants: Kathleen Davis, Chair
Sue Hann, At- Large Director, Transportation
Freeman Anthony, Member
Debbie Hale, Member
Gary Strack, Member
Carla Anderson, Road Safety chair
John Davis, Project Streamlining
Mark DeVries, Winter Maintenance
Ben Dow, Winter Maintenance
Martha Horseman, Kentucky LTAP
Stan Brown, SC/RC
Dave Bergner, Emergency Management committee
John German, Reauthorization Task Force, Chair
Marshall Elizer, NTOC, AASHTO Geometric Design liaison
Brian Roberts, NACE
Rosemarie Anderson, FHWA, Office of Safety
Charles Agro, North American Traffic
Doug Aiken, IMSA
Douglas Nobel, ITE
Doug Smith, Emerging Leader graduate
Kimberly Vasconez, USDOT/FHWA
Eric Rensel, Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Amanda Baylis, Press, Better Roads

Absent: Joe Kroboth, Member
Scott Nodes, Member

Staff: Carol Estes, Staff
Jim Fahey, Staff

Call to Order – Kathleen Davis called the meeting to order

Welcome, self-introductions – Meeting attendees introduced themselves. The committee roster was reviewed. The agenda was modified to allow guests to speak earlier.
Approval of July 18 meeting summary – The meeting summary of July 18 was approved as submitted.

At-Large Director Report – Sue Hann reported to the committee that the committee has received approval to hold its spring meeting in Washington, D. C. There will be a new APWA board meeting style this year. Technical committee chairs will speak to the board as a group. They will discuss the trends and challenges facing the committees and discuss ways that the board might be able to help in the process. Sue commended the winter maintenance subcommittee for becoming a world leader in their field.

Reauthorization Update – John German addressed the committee to discuss the state of reauthorization. With the political situation it is hard to see any movement with the next reauthorization. The reauthorization position statement has been updated and if anyone has any questions the taskforce can answer them. He asked the committee members to think about the spring meeting and what members want to discuss with their elected representatives.

Traffic Incident Management – Dave Bergner discussed traffic incident management. FHWA provides training on their website. The Emergency Manager continues to promote the inclusion of Public Works professionals as first responders. He introduced Kim Vasconez of FHWA to the committee as well as Douglas Noble of ITE. They are working on connecting responders to road incidents and developing traffic incident manager training and train the trainer materials. Kim will send a link to the materials. Information can be found at timnetwork.org. Douglas Noble discussed teaming. He discussed developing communication information co-branded by APWA and ITE for dissemination to both organizations members. Scot Nodes was appointed to be the transportation committee representative to NHIM. FirstNet, a first responder’s network, is being developed nationwide.

NTOC and AASHTO reports - Marshall Elizer discussed the activities of the National Traffic Operations Coalition (NTOC). The current focus is Traffic Incident Management Training (EDC II), SHRP 2 L17 Project. Congress has created the second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2), a targeted, short-term research program carried out through competitively awarded contracts to qualified researchers in the academic, private, and public sectors. Under current legislative provisions, SHRP 2 will receive approximately $150 million with total program duration of 7 years. Additional information about SHRP 2 can be found on the program’s Web site at www.trb.org/shrp2.

AASHTO – Beginning update of 2011 Green Book. Marshall is the lead for Chapter 7, Arterials)

Doug Harwood would like to include urban/suburban city engineers/public works directors in the survey (DOT reps already identified) and would like 50 to 100 names and e-mail addresses from APWA for the survey.
Issues and trends for the board business meeting – The committee discussed trends in transportation. Ideas included:

- Discussion of longer range, strategic issues in transportation
- How do we increase our connectivity with transit industry? Can we find a connection to FTA?
- Can we do a survey of membership of what they need? Stan’s committee did a survey and he will send the results to us. He recalls there was a lot about stormwater in the responses.
- Challenge each member of the committee to sponsor a young member to Congress
- Young member article on Road Safety
- Provide guidance/strategies on raising local revenues and being efficient with funds
- Federal funds exchange program (as in Kansas and Nebraska)
- Survey ELA alumni for ideas
- Young member ideas on messaging trends
- International involvement, already doing a great job with winter maintenance
- Lead the collaboration efforts with ITE, funding rather than just being a participant
- Winter maintenance – focus on multimodal, embrace innovation, focus on international
- Lead not participate
- Maintain sustainability leadership
- System utilization
- Future initiatives on sustainable transportation
- Stormwater issues/regulations
- Live-ability definition, higher density populations
- Complete streets
- Triple bottom line

Date and time for monthly calls – Keep the same schedule
(Presently the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm Eastern, 11:00 am Central, 10:00 am Mountain, 9:00 am Pacific)

2014 Congress Guaranteed Sessions for Toronto: Select three
Road Safety – Carla Anderson, MUTCD panel or toward zero deaths
Winter Maintenance – Dominic Guthrie putting something together
Sustainable Transportation – Subcommittee working on topics
Asset Management
Bike Sharing and tour

Review and Adoption of Business Plan for 2013/14
Staff will add connection to young professionals and international. The business plan is approved as amended.
DCS Technical Track Career Paths – Staff distributed the current career path information and gave a little background information on how it all works.

Subcommittee Reports

Project Delivery Streamlining – John Davis – have added new members
Road Safety – Carla Anderson – talking about how to address the future in road safety. They are trying to get more Canadian interest and continuing the LTAP partnership. They would like to involve NACE.
Sustainable Transportation – Freeman Anthony for Sam Yaghmaie – They completed a year end summary and have a succession plan in place. They submitted several articles for the *Reporter*. They are working with the Industrial Resource Council. They've added Bike Share as a focus area for this year. Gabe Klein is going to get the Chicago Bike Share people in touch with us.
Winter Maintenance - Mark DeVries, Ben Dow- They had a good turnout in North Carolina for the snow conference. Partnering with Emergency Management and Fleet, they presented 61 sessions. 160 people enrolled in the certificate course. NASC will be in Cincinnati next year May 4-7. They are working with Clear Roads and thinking about being a full member of TRB. There is a peer exchange in Vancouver coming up the second week of September. The winter maintenance CLL is scheduled for October 24 and will be about multimodal. We need submissions for snow conference. Mark will send a blurb to Debbie for the liaisons.
Member Communications – Debbie Hale will work with Carol and Stan to find out what the liaisons want to know.
NACE – Brian Roberts – The focus is on Toward Zero Deaths

Spring Meeting/Transportation Summit: date, location, focus - We have been budgeted to meet in Washington, D.C. On the coming calls we will be discussing the format and focus of the meeting.

Adjourn to September conference call