

Historic and Archaeological Preservation in Transportation Committee Meeting (ADC50)

Tuesday, January 15, 2019
3:45pm-5:30pm
Independence F (M4), Marriot Marquis

Meeting Minutes

TRB Harassment-Free Environment Policy

Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Acknowledgements and Recognition

- Ira Beckerman was acknowledged for his years of service to the committee
- Stephanie Stoermer was acknowledged for being the “Mid-Year Meeting Rockstar” and putting so much work into the mid-year meeting in Colorado
- Thank you to Jeani Borchert for filling in for Stephanie at the annual meeting
- Tony Opperman acknowledged Emily Pettis's service as chair
- Thanks to Tony and VDOT for hosting the 2019 Mid-Year meeting. The preliminary program should be out mid-February.

Updates:

- **TRB Business Items** --Christy Gerencher and Jonathan Rubin
 - Thank you to Emily for her service and presentation of certificate of appreciation
 - Jonathan can't join today but Christy is filling in
 - The annual meeting had the same number of people registered as last year. Furlough impacted additional people registered (often federal employees register late). They also don't know if everyone was able to make it due to the weather. Lower attendance than it would have been without the government shut down and 10 inches of snow. 14,000 people registered.
 - The 2020 summer meeting with all committees will be in Denver probably in July. ADC50 will not be participating in that meeting.
 - TRB is starting to launch the centennial celebrations. There are two anniversary dates. TRB was first created under than National Academy of Sciences in 1920. However, the first meeting was later. They are having a year-long celebration and requesting financial contributions. They will start asking people to share stories about what TRB means to them for TR News. In the meantime, testimonials may be sent to Christy.
 - *Critical Issues in Transportation* was issued highlighting over 60 critical issues. They are asking all committees to take a look at it. They want the committees to react and do something with the topics. Committees are to be looking at these issues and how to solve them.
 - Changes are coming. It's been 22 years since TRB has taken a look at the organization. They are looking at committee relevance. A first cut outline has been developed (it's not public at this point). They plan to make sure that committees that continue

through this have relevance and are contributing. We will be affected but don't know how. There will be changes.

- Secretary of Transportation released the budgetary plans looking forward. In 2021, they will be consolidating sponsor payments to TRB—they won't be from all agencies separately. \$2.2 million will now be \$1.5 million. States will have reduced research funding as well. This reduction will likely trickle down to TRB. They don't know how everything will be impacted yet and they are trying to get as creative as they can be. They don't know how this will affect their ability to meet everyone's needs. They are trying to find new ways to raise money and have gotten more federal and state sponsors to help. Any suggestions are welcome.
- **FHWA Update--David Clarke**
 - FAST Act railroad program with FRA and FTA and ACHP came out. Expect a presentation at the mid-year meeting.
 - Formally introduced Mandy Ranslow as the FHWA Liaison at ACHP.
 - They just completed the 23 CFR 774 update webinar. It is available on FHWA's Environmental Review Toolkit.
- **ACHP Update--Mandy Ranslow**
 - ACHP is affected by the government shutdown so the Section 106 clock is stopped for everybody. She can receive information but can't work on anything. People can contact FHWA division office or David if they have questions.
- **SCES/NCHRP Project Updates--Tony Opperman**
 - AASHTO's Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainability submitted 6-7 problem statements to NCHRP for consideration in this year's program. There is no 25-25 program anymore. Submittals involve Best Practices on project level programmatic agreements; air quality; natural resources; etc. They are currently being reviewed by AASHTO's RNI committee. Decisions will be made in April or May. If we're lucky, we'll get one.
 - The remainder of 25-25: there are six projects in some part of the process. Three will be completed shortly (to be the focus of a session in Richmond) and the other three have just started. The Postwar Commercial Buildings project also just started, however, this is a large project (not 25-25). This will be a companion to Postwar Housing (Report 723).
- **FTA/FRA Updates--David Clarke**
 - They are shut down right now.
 - If anyone has questions about the FRA program comment and its implementation, call David for now. This summer at the Richmond meeting, David and Mandy will be presenting on One Federal Decision--how to get through Section 106 compliance, how states are handling it on one federal decision EIS projects.

Subcommittee Updates:

- **Research Needs Subcommittee Update --Tony Opperman**
 - Subcommittee meeting was earlier today, and several good new ideas were developed. Helen Blackmore will assist Tony. They will be sending out a doodle poll on the 11 problem statements that are currently in the database right now. The doodle poll will be sent out to the committee asking which to keep and which to remove from the list.

- There were several new ideas today. One was how we defer Section 106 and how does that affect the NEPA decision.
- We want to populate good research ideas into RNS and the TERI database. They need to be there in April, so they can be prioritized and submitted. To get a project picked up by NCHRP, it must be submitted by a state DOT or AASHTO standing committee.
- **Communications Subcommittee Update**--Hope Luhman (not present)
 - They discussed the concept of doing a survey of state DOTs, possibly SHPOs and consultants on how to better get information out there and what types of things are they interested in. The subcommittee is hoping to get better representation from other states and SHPOs. They will get a survey out soon about how we want to move ahead with the website, blog, social media presence, etc. Right now, they are just developing questions to be sent out by the Communications Committee. Who is interested in taking that on? Mary Alfson Tinsman, Emily, Helen, Linda Henderson, Jeani Borchert, Lisa Schoch, Camilla Deibler are interested in helping. It will be sent to State DOTs cultural historic staff, SHPOs, possibly THPOs, and the CES cultural resources subcommittee list.
 - Centennial Paper--TRB is celebrating its 100th birthday in November 2020. As a committee, we were asked if we want to write a paper highlighting our history, demonstrating our relevance, and considering future possibilities, accomplishments, etc. It was apparently not optional and the draft is due February 1. Ozgur Bezgin offered to draft it. Bob Newbery offered what he has from the history research. Luran Switzer offered to help. Tony will help by reviewing it when it's drafted. It needs to be 5,000 words. Christy Genrencher can get the initial roster to the committee. Send whatever we can get done by February 1.
- **Tribal Historic and Archaeological Preservation Subcommittee Update**--Stephanie Stoermer (Jeani filled in for Stephanie)
 - Talked about what we did in 2018:
 - NCHRP 25-25 Task 114
 - Sessions at Denver Summer meeting
 - Workshop at Annual Meeting on Sunday morning
 - Ron Hall attended the subcommittee meeting and will continue to participate
 - Upcoming conferences: National Transportation on Tribal Lands Conference and To Bridge a Gap
- **Programs Subcommittee Update and mid-year planning**--Mary Alfson Tinsman
 - When Mary transitions to Chair, Linda Henderson will be the new Programs subcommittee chair
 - 2019 Mid-Year meeting will be July 14-17 in Richmond, VA. VDOT is hosting the meeting. The business meeting will be on Sunday followed by two full days of sessions. There will be a call for presenters and/or moderators. The subcommittee will try to get a draft program out by the end of January or first week of February. There will be a walking tour with guest appearances of historic figures.
 - 2020 Annual Meeting--Workshop. Workshop deadline is June 15. Our topic will be a spin-off of the Historic Bridges session, How Much is Too Much? It will focus on working with historic bridge people and engineers. Kristen Zschomler will be moderating workshop. There will also be a session at the mid-year meeting.
 - Future mid-year meetings—still working on that.
 - There will be a Constant Contact Registration site for registration for the mid-year meeting.

- Linda suggested that anyone who presented this week or in the summer should think about how they can convert their session into a poster.
- They discussed the possibility of webinars in the spring and fall—this would help to reach out to those who can't make it to our meetings.

Committee Liaison updates:

- ADC10 (Environmental Analysis in Transportation)-The 2018 mid-year meeting was held with ADC30 in Florida. The 2019 meeting will be in conjunction with TxDOT's Environmental Conference in Austin in September.
- ABG50 (Transportation History)-Bob Newbery transferred off the committee. Hope Luhman is now on the committee. No posters or papers this year.
- AFB40 (Landscape and Environmental Design)—The summer meeting is in Detroit this year in mid-June or early July. It will be in Bogota, Columbia in 2020.
- Youth membership council meeting—this is a new program for mentoring. They are pairing people who have been to the annual meeting a few times guide new people. It's less of a mentorship program and more of a TRB guide. There were more mentees wanting help than mentors offering help. An email will be going out on this program, Helen is involved.
- AR050 (Railroad Track Structure and Systems Design) and AR060 (Railway Maintenance)--Ozgun is member of the first and friend of second committee. He will include some ideas in the Centennial paper.

Other business:

- **Committee history/blog**
 - Bob and Mandy--the survey will really be the focus now. They have been sending stuff out but haven't gotten much back. They will share what they have done with Ozgun for the Centennial Paper.
 - Plug for blog--anything pertinent to group can be included on the blog. Anything can be put on the LinkedIn site too.
- **TRB Centennial Celebration**
 - Already covered.
- **Additional Items**
 - Bruce Jensen--examples of outreach materials to hand out if people are interested.
 - Annual report/calendar.
 - Creative mitigation turned into teacher curriculum.
 - If anyone missed the posters, he has information available.
 - Anne Hartell said we can have space in TRB News to highlight research that we are doing through NCHRP 25-25. Ann wrote up one article for the most recent edition.
- Thank you to everyone for coming and participating.

Meeting Adjourned