

Draft Agenda March 8, 2006, 1:00-2:30pm Eastern

Call Information

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Teleconference # (866)606-4717, Access # 763-1355

Call Objectives

- Action on proposal for committee status for the Task Force on Visualization in Transportation (ABJ95T)
- Propose ideas for 2007 annual meeting cross-group spotlight sessions. Proposals for needed before June 17-18 TAC meeting.
- Review TSE/TSP status and decide on POG evaluation process
- Review Section critical and cross-cutting issues
- Review updates to POG Action Plan
- Finalize plans for the July 9 POG meeting in La Jolla

Participating

Bob Johns, Cindy Burbank, Bill Carr, Wes Lum, Barbara Martin, Alan Pisarski, Mary Lynn Tischer, Katie Turnbull, Jeff Western,

Staff: Tom Palmerlee, Kim Fisher, Martin Micozzi

Task Force on Visualization in Transportation (ABJ95T) Proposal for Committee Status

From January 26 meeting

The Policy and Organization Group is favorable to committee status and will act on the proposal during a March 8 conference call, well before the TAC consideration. The following should strengthen the proposal.

- Add back the task force activities summary
- Make the case that visualization is a major emerging technology that crosscuts many topics
- Add linkage infrastructure protection (see Critical Infrastructure Protection chair Jeff Western, jeffrey.western@dot.state.wi.us, (608) 264-8712.
- Scope. Describe what visualization is and expand the scope to include major application areas and likely outputs.

Assuming the scope of the committee would be broad, cutting across many transportation applications, the Data and Information Systems Section (ABJ00) is the appropriate location since those committee deal with cross-cutting data and information technology issues.

Transportation Information Needs Assessment

Status

Action Jan 2006: Transportation Information Needs Assessment. POG consider how to get input later in the year

2007 Annual Meeting

2007 Spotlight Theme

Transportation Institutions, Finance and Work Force: Meeting the Needs of the 21st Century.

Decision Jan 2006: Proposals for cross-group spotlight sessions needed **before June 17-18 TAC meeting.**

Committee Reporting Process

TSE Process and Evaluation

See [2006 Schedule for Triennial Self Evaluations \(TSEs\)](#) below, page

March 8 call discuss process for evaluation and processing by the Group.

POG Action Plan

Action Jan 2006: Johns update the Action Plan based on discussions at this meeting.

Action Jan 2006: Johns include action to encourage committee membership and session participants reflect the age, gender, ethnic background and employment diversity of the transportation community. Also suggest POG actions to assist with identifying potential young members, new members, international members, and participants at invited sessions.

Action Jan 2006: Sections chairs update the Section critical and cross-cutting issues.

Send to Palmerlee to post on web site by **March 1**.

Next Call Issues

POG critical and cross-cutting issues. The range for the number of critical issues is 5-6.

Descriptions of critical and cross-cutting issues should follow the TRB critical issues format. The following components should be included:

- what is the issue
- what do we know about it
- what do we need to know (that is researchable)
- others within TRB to collaborate with

Appendices

2006 Schedule for Triennial Self Evaluations (TSEs)

| Date | Unit Responsible | Action |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| December 1 | Committee Chair (or sub-committee) | Submit draft TSE with Annual Reports attached (including preliminary Annual Report for third year) to Committee members for review |
| January | Committee | Discuss and Revise draft TSE. |
| April 15 | Committee | Complete TSE report with attached Annual reports and submit to Section Chair and staff, who forward to Group subcommittee |
| May 15 | Group Subcommittee | Review TSE reports, interact with Section Chair, identify opportunities and gaps that call for action on critical and cross-cutting issues. |
| June 1 | Group Subcommittee | Provide summary report of TSE key issues to Group, recommending actions related to committees and actions related to critical and cross-cutting issues identified in TSE reviews. |
| July 9, San Diego | Group Chair | Discussion with Group Executive Board at Midyear Group Meeting and decide on opportunities and modifications to the Group strategic and action plans. |
| September | Group Chair | Provide summary report of TSEs to Technical Activities Council Chair and TRB staff as needed |
| January | Technical Activities Council | Review and take action as needed. |

Committees Not Due until March, 2008

- ABG40 Library and Information Science for Transportation
- ABJ10 National Transportation Data Requirements and Programs
- ABJ20 Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems
- ABJ30 Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems
- ABJ40 Travel Survey Methods
- ABJ70 Artificial Intelligence and Advanced Computing Applications

POG key dates calendar

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Activity or Action</i> | <i>Note</i> |
|------------------|---|--------------|
| 10-Feb-06 | NCHRP Synthesis Proposals Due | |
| 1-Mar-06 | Section Chairs send Critical and Cross-cutting Issues to Palmerlee to post | |
| March | TAC Conference Call to be scheduled | |
| 8-Mar-06 | POG Conference Call, 1:00-2:30pm Eastern | |
| 31-Mar-06 | TCRP Synthesis Proposals Due | |
| 15-Apr-06 | Complete TSE report with attached Annual reports and submit to Section Chair and staff | |
| June | NCHRP Planning Quick Response (8-36) Problem Statements due | Under \$100k |
| 15-Jun-06 | TRCP Research Problem Statements due | |
| 17-Jun-06 | TAC Meeting Starts | Woods Hole |

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| 8-Jul-06 | POG Midyear Meeting | La Jolla, CA |
| 9-Jul-06 | TRB Summer Conference Starts | La Jolla, CA |
| 30-Jul-06 | Second International Symposium on Transportation Technology Transfer* | St. Petersburg,FL |
| 15-Sep-06 | NCHRP Research Problem Statements due | |
| 21-Jan-07 | TRB Annual Meeting starts | |

Summary Action Items Jan 2006

- Action Jan 2006:** Sections chairs update the Section critical and cross-cutting issues. The following components should be included: (a) what is the issue, (b) what do we know about it, (c) what do we need to know (that is researchable), and (d) others within TRB to collaborate with. Send to Palmerlee to post on web site by **March 1**..
- Action Jan 2006:** Johns include in Action Plan an action to encourage committee membership and session participants reflect the age, gender, ethnic background and employment diversity of the transportation community. Also suggest POG actions to assist with identifying potential young members, new members, international members, and participants at invited sessions.
- Action Jan 2006:** Johns recommend consideration of posting Power Points on the web site by TAC. Palmerlee add to debrief notes.
- Action Jan 2006:** Johns update the POG Action Plan based on discussions at this meeting.
- Action Jan 2006:** Lum will summarize comments made to better orient new attendees. POG members send relevant comment to him
- Action Jan 2006:** Palmerlee communicate Visualization in Transportation committee proposal status to Manore, Sweedler, Pisarski, and Pain. **Done**
- Action Jan 2006:** Palmerlee post a POG key dates calendar on the POG web site.
- Action Jan 2006:** Palmerlee remind POG about POG web site with a brief note on content. **Done**
- Action Jan 2006:** Palmerlee send reminder of NCHRP deadlines to section chairs. **Done for Syntheses**
- Action Jan 2006:** POG consider how to provide Transportation Information Needs Assessment input later in the year