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A Must-Attend Conference for Anyone Interested in Traffic Data

Whether you collect, manage, analyze, or use traffic data, take advantage of NATMEC 2010 to get timely and relevant information. Exchange information and share ideas in the sessions. See commercial exhibits to learn about the latest in equipment and tools for collecting, managing, and analyzing traffic data. Most of all, use networking and social opportunities throughout the conference, whether you want to meet with industry experts or simply catch up with existing colleagues.



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If you are a state or regional traffic data collector, traffic data user, manager of data programs, or vendor, your input will help NATMEC continue to be the premier venue for sharing experiences on effectively monitoring traffic flow, whether for operational decision making, planning, or program management. I look forward to visiting with you throughout the conference!

—Shawn M. Turner

Conference Planning Team Chair

Texas Transportation Institute 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Inaugural Tour de NATMEC

Thursday, June 24, 2:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

You are invited to stay an extra afternoon and enjoy the Seattle sights on two wheels! This easy-paced bike tour will take in scenic and often unseen parts of the city and surrounding environs. We are planning to rent bikes in Seattle, so all you need to bring is comfortable pedaling clothing. RSVP to Shawn M. Turner (shawn-turner@tamu.edu) to confirm your attendance and reserve a bike.

June 21–24, 2010



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Tuesday, June 22

Opening Session

Shawn M. Turner, Texas Transportation Institute, *presiding*

Traffic Data: Value and Challenges

Paula Hammond, Washington Department of Transportation



Growing National Traffic Data Needs

David R. Winter, Federal Highway Administration



10:30 a.m.–noon

Traffic Monitoring Fundamentals: Back to the Basics!

David W. Gardner, Ohio Department of Transportation, *presiding*

The traffic monitoring community has seen an increased demand in the amount and type of data collected. A number of advances in equipment and software applications have made collecting these data much more efficient; however, we need to ensure continued focus on the basics of traffic monitoring. This session will touch upon subjects that relate to the core functions of traffic monitoring programs, including administration, data collection techniques, reporting, and sensors.

Collecting Manual Traffic Studies by Video

Don R. Crownover, Oregon Department of Transportation

Washington State Permanent Traffic Recorder Site Installation Best Practices

Jim Stack, Washington State Department of Transportation

Managing Changing Core Priorities of Illinois Traffic Monitoring Program

Rob E. Robinson, Illinois Department of Transportation

10:30 a.m.–noon

Congestion Monitoring and Analysis: Tools and Techniques, Part 1

Daniela Bremmer, Washington State Department of Transportation, *presiding*

The use of congestion and performance monitoring is increasing among public agencies in the United States. This session includes several excellent examples of congestion monitoring at the national, state, and regional levels. Several of the presentations in this session were also included in the Workshop on Innovations in Congestion Monitoring, cosponsored by TRB's Performance Measures Committee in Beijing, October 2009.

Analyzing 2008 Travel Times in Central Puget Sound

Katherine Boyd, Washington State Department of Transportation

Using Private Sector Companies' Traffic Data in Regional Mobility Monitoring and Transportation Planning

Wang Zhang, Maricopa Association of Governments

Tuesday, June 22, 2010



Portal 2.0: Toward Next-Generation Archived Data User Service

Kristin A. Tufte, Portland State University

Congestion Performance Monitoring in Beijing

Huimin Wen, Beijing Transportation Research Center, China

10:30 a.m.–noon

Federal Traffic Data Programs and Activities

Ed Christopher, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

Federal programs are constantly changing to meet customer requirements. Knowledgeable program experts will provide you with their perspective on the latest information about federal traffic data programs and activities and the most recent changes.

Traffic Monitoring in National Park Service

Butch Street, National Park Service

FHWA Office of Highway Policy Information Update

Tianjia Tang, Federal Highway Administration

The 2010 Highway Performance Monitoring System

Ralph A. Gillmann, Federal Highway Administration

Motorcycle Highway Travel Monitoring and Operations Demonstration Results and Current Status of Motorcycle Data Collection and Reporting

Harshad R. Desai, D Consulting

HPMS Reassessment—Challenges for Washington State

Ralph A. Gillmann, Federal Highway Administration

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Traffic Data Issues and Application Posters Poster Session

Poster Session

Ed Christopher, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

A cross-section of expert traffic data collectors, users, and managers presents research, projects, and initiatives; attendees can meet one-on-one with the presenters to discuss questions.

- 1) **THE FHWA Truck Weight Study (TWS)**
David L. Jones, Federal Highway Administration
- 2) **Freight Performance Measures Web Tool**
Jeffrey Bradford Short, American Transportation Research Institute
- 3) **Reidentification of Vehicle Magnetic Signatures**
Karric Kwong, Sensys Networks
- 4) **Techniques to Visualize and Monitor Performance of Transit Fleets in Congested Urban Areas**
Wei Feng, Portland State University
- 5) **Counting Motorcycles and Estimating Motorcycle Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)**
Herbert Weinblatt, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.
- 6) **Deformation-Based Vehicle Detection and Weigh-In-Motion Sensors**
Gregory Raymond Miller, University of Washington
- 7) **High-Resolution Detector Data Collection and Storage for Real-Time Intersection Performance Measurement**
Yao-Jan Wu, University of Washington
- 8) **A Video-Based System for Collecting Traffic Parameters from Low-Height Cameras**
Stan Birchfield, Clemson University
- 9) **It's 2010, Do You Know What Your WIM Is Doing?**
James Kramer, Michigan Department of Transportation
- 10) **Using GPS and Public Sensor Data for Real-Time Traffic**
Andre Gueziec, Triangle Software LLC
- 11) **Traffic Monitoring Research—The LTPP Experience**
Deborah Walker, Federal Highway Administration
- 12) **Using Private Sector Traffic Speed Data in TTI's 2010 Urban Mobility Report**
Timothy J. Lomax, Texas Transportation Institute

Tuesday, June 22, 2010



2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Congestion Monitoring and Analysis: Tools and Techniques, Part 2

Walter H. Kraft, Eng-Wong Taub and Associates, *presiding*

Demand for highway travel by Americans continues to grow, adding more and more stress to our limited capacity in the form of congestion. This is the second session focusing on several of the latest data innovations to deal with this nationwide congestion phenomenon.

Adding Arterial Data to Freeway ADMS

Karl Petty, Berkeley Transportation Systems

Concurrent Monitoring, Analysis, and Visualization of Freeway and Arterial Performance for Recurring and Nonrecurring Conditions

Robert M. Winick, Motion Maps, LLC

Integrated Data System Structure for Active Traffic Management: Planning and Operation

Xiao-Yun Lu, University of California, Berkeley

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Traffic Data at Washington State DOT: Meeting Emerging Needs

Catherine McGhee, Virginia Transportation Research Council, *presiding*

Sponsored by Traffic Monitoring Conference (NATMEC) Task Force

Traffic data customers exist throughout agencies. Understanding how data are used and what customer requirements for accuracy and temporal and spatial distribution is key to designing a data collection program that provides the most benefit to the largest number of users. Washington State presents several data user perspectives, including future data elements and analysis improvements that could more completely meet the needs of all data users.

Traffic Data Customers: Performance Measurement

Daniela Bremmer, Washington State Department of Transportation

Emerging Customers for Traffic Data at Washington State Department of Transportation

Mark E. Hallenbeck, University of Washington

A State Traffic Data Program Perspective

John Rosen, Washington State Department of Transportation

A Federal Traffic Data Perspective

Steven Jessberger, Federal Highway Administration

Private Traffic Data Services Provider

Peter Keen, Digital Traffic Systems, Inc.

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Traffic Monitoring Equipment Basics: Installation and Maintenance

Deborah A. Morgan, Maine Department of Transportation, *presiding*

This is a companion session to Traffic Monitoring Fundamentals and will focus specifically on the basics of traffic monitoring equipment installation and maintenance.

Washington State Short Duration Traffic Count Field Equipment and Procedures

Doug Blake, Washington State Department of Transportation

Permanent Traffic Counter and WIM Sites

Jack Helton, Idaho Transportation Department

Traffic Monitoring Equipment: Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Their Role with the Traffic Enforcement Community (P-NATMEC2010-0067)

Lawrence Whiteside, Michigan Department of Transportation

Developing Specifications for Permanent Site Installation

Howard Helkenn, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Monitoring Pedestrians and Bicyclists: Needs, Methods, and Technologies

Jeannette Montufar, University of Manitoba, Canada, *presiding*



This session provides several perspectives on emerging issues about pedestrian and bicycle monitoring. Despite a growing demand for a better understanding of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, there remain important knowledge gaps about data collection and estimation practices. This session identifies these gaps, outlines efforts to implement bicycle and pedestrian monitoring programs, and describes technologies that can support these efforts.

Knowledge Gaps in Estimating Pedestrian Traffic Volumes

Maryam Moshiri, University of Manitoba Transport Information Group

Counts that Count: Implementing a Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation Project

Ian Macek, Washington State Department of Transportation

The State of Colorado Bicycle and Pedestrian Project

Elizabeth Stolz, Colorado Department of Transportation

The National Bicycle and Pedestrian Document Project: Responding to the Need for Improved Data on Bicycling and Walking

Jennifer Donlon, Alta Planning + Design

A Computer-Vision System for Automated Pedestrian and Cyclist Data Collection

Yegor Malinovskiy, University of Washington

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Integrating Planning and Operations-Based Traffic Data: Collect Once, Use Many Times

Eileen Singleton, Baltimore Metropolitan Council, *presiding*

The presentations in this session will focus on the interoperability of traffic data between traditional travel monitoring and operational (or Intelligent Transportation Systems) data resources and how to use all the traffic data to create visualizations.

Planning and Operations Data Integration: State of the Art Tools

Anita Vandervalk-Ostrander, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Effective Ways for Transportation Planning to Develop Working Relationships with Intelligent Transportation Systems Groups

Doug Eberline, Arizona Department of Transportation

Linking Data Mining to Travel Forecasting for Oregon DOT's Hours of Congestion Study

Christopher Maciejewski, DKS Associates, Inc.

Innovative Use of Count Data for Planning and Operational Models

Stephen Perone, PTV America, Inc.

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

The Mechanistic–Empirical Pavement Design Guide (MEPDG)

Mark P. Gardner, Fugro Consultants, Inc., *presiding*

This session will review the traffic data input files required for the MEPDG software and show how Minnesota has developed a program that extracts data from a comprehensive database and analyzes the data, develops an input file for the MEPDG, and develops factors used for short-duration traffic count expansion. Also, alternative uses (safety, road use, bridge design, and regulatory compliance) of the data collected for the MEPDG will be discussed.

PrepME for WIM Data Processing for MEPDG

Michael M. Moravec, Federal Highway Administration

Data Warehouse Integration of WIM and Vehicle Class Data; and Application Developments of MEPDG, Adjustment Factors, and Reporting

Taek M. Kwon, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Leveraging Truck Traffic Data from Mechanistic–Empirical Pavement Design to Support Other Transportation Engineering Decisions

Jonathan D. Regehr, Montufar and Associates

5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Listening Session

David Winter, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

This is an open session for the States to present their status and challenges on implementing the HPMS Reassessment 2010. If you did not sign up in advance to speak, you may sign up at the registration desk until noon Tuesday. All are welcome.



Wednesday, June 23

7:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Exhibitor Advisory Council

Julie A. Miller, Transportation Research Board, *presiding*

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Safety Needs for Traffic Data

Jack R. Stickel, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, *presiding*

The new safety tools and requirements are hungry for traffic data. This session examines state case studies and what the newly adopted Highway Safety Manual will be expecting. Likewise, advanced safety research projects provide a glimpse of traffic data needs, especially the capability for integrating large traffic, roadway, and crash data sets.

Highway Safety Manual Traffic Data Requirements

John C. Milton, Washington State Department of Transportation

Traffic Data for the Safety Analyst Software at Washington State Department of Transportation

Robert Scott Zeller and Dan Davis, Washington State Department of Transportation

SHRP 2: Integrating Large Traffic Data Sets to Enable Cutting-Edge Safety Research

William A. Hyman, Transportation Research Board

Bicycle–Bus Conflict Area Study

Gregory R. Krykewycz, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Sharing Data Through Warehouses and Clearinghouses

Andrew P. Nichols, Rahall Transportation Institute, *presiding*

This session will include several examples of states and regions maximizing the value of their data assets by sharing across administrative and jurisdictional boundaries. Presentations will highlight the challenges in creating the infrastructure that facilitates sharing of data as well as the ways in which additional information can be derived through sharing.

Colorado’s Statewide Traffic Data Warehouse, Data Sharing, and Role of the Traffic Data Committee in Creating Statewide Traffic Volume and Classification Database

Elizabeth Stolz, Colorado Department of Transportation

Transportation Data Clearinghouse Regional Model

Robert Joseph Benz, Texas Transportation Institute

Data Business Plans: The Road to Enhancing Your Traffic Data Program

Anita Vandervalk-Ostrander, Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

A Framework for a Multimodal Regional Data Archive

Christopher M. Monsere, Portland State University

LTPP Traffic Data—We Have A New Reality

Deborah Walker, Federal Highway Administration

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Implementing the MEPDG: A Practitioner’s Perspective

Michael M. Moravec, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

Implementation of the MEPDG presents challenges for traffic monitoring programs as they generate jurisdiction-specific data and coordinate monitoring programs with the guide’s requirements. This session provides a practitioner’s perspective on these issues through short presentations followed by an open-mike discussion.



Implementing MEPDG in Wisconsin

Laura L. Fenley, Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Implementing MEPDG in Florida

Wiley Cunagin and Richard Lowell Reel, PBS&J

Traffic Inputs for MEPDG: The North Carolina Experience

Kent L. Taylor, North Carolina Department of Transportation

Implementing MEPDG in Arkansas

Kelvin C. P. Wang, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

10:30 a.m.–noon

Traffic Data to Address Air Quality and Climate Change

Jack R. Stickel, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, *presiding*

Ongoing and new programs on air quality and climate change are resulting in performance measures on VMT and in models hungry for traffic data. This session highlights emerging programs to deal with climate change in one state, with models to help understand and predict impacts and potential new sources of emissions data.

What Are Potential Sources of Traffic Emissions Data?

Mark E. Hallenbeck, University of Washington

Climate Change Initiatives at Washington State Department of Transportation

Katy Taylor, Washington State Department of Transportation

Transportation Data Challenges for Modeling Climate Change Solutions

Mike Hoglund, Portland Metro

Integration of Traffic and Emissions Data

Adam Moore, Portland State University

Traffic Data Collection Programs for PM2.5 Nonattainment Areas

Jack R. Stickel, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

10:30 a.m.–noon

Weigh-in-Motion: Equipment, Experiences, and Applications

David L. Jones, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

This session will review best practices from several states' points of view and also look at how some of the archived weigh-in-motion (WIM) data are being used.

Best Practices for the Installation of MSI Brass Linguini Piezo WIM Systems

Ken Lakey, Washington State Department of Transportation

Minnesota's WIM System, an Update

Benjamin Timerson, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Performance Measure for Monitoring and Improving WIM Devices

Robert Knox Abercrombie, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Integration of WIM Data into Archived Data User Service

Karl Petty, Berkeley Transportation Systems

Dual-Purpose Bridge Health Monitoring and WIM System

Anne-Marie H. McDonnell, Connecticut Department of Transportation

10:30 a.m.–noon

Bluetooth-Based Speed and Travel Time Data: Equipment, Evaluations, and Experiences

Nicholas Compin, California Department of Transportation, *presiding*

Mobile Bluetooth-based devices offer the potential for collecting several different types of traffic data, most commonly travel times and origin-destination. This session will highlight several experiences using Bluetooth devices to collect traffic information.

Bluetooth Traffic Monitoring: Technical Attributes and Application Potential

Stanley E. Young, University of Maryland, College Park



Development of Framework for Collecting Traffic Data Using Anonymous Wireless Address Matching

Darryl Puckett, Texas Transportation Institute

Fusion of Bluetooth Data and Existing Data Sources in Archived Data User Services to Determine and Report System Performance

Karl Petty, Berkeley Transportation Systems

Arterial Performance Measures Using Media Access Control (MAC) Readers: Portland Pilot

Shaun Quayle, Kittelson and Associates, Inc.; Peter J .V. Koonce, City of Portland

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Demonstrations of Bluetooth Technology and Applications

Ed Christopher, Federal Highway Administration, *presiding*

Poster Session

1) Portland Bluetooth MAC Reader Permanent Deployment Pilot Project

Shaun Quayle, Kittelson and Associates, Inc.

2) Fusing Bluetooth Data and ITS Data for Performance Measurement

Karl Petty, Berkeley Transportation Systems

3) Field Experiments on Bluetooth-Based Travel Time Data Collection

Yinhai Wang, University of Washington

4) Bluetooth Basics

Stanley E. Young, University of Maryland, College Park

5) Framework for Collecting Traffic Data with Anonymous Wireless Address Matching

Darryl Puckett, Texas Transportation Institute

6) Bluetooth Travel Time Data Collection

Kaveh Farokhi Sadabadi, University of Maryland, College Park

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Freight Data and Performance Measures

Jonathan D. Regehr, Montufar and Associates, *presiding*

For public agencies, developing freight-specific measures of performance from publicly available data has been a challenge. This session presents ways in which existing traffic monitoring and fleet technologies can be leveraged to generate truck-specific measures of performance.

Developing Corridor-Level Truck Travel Time Estimates and Other Freight Performance Measures from Archived ITS Data

Christopher M. Monsere, Portland State University

Techniques for Mining and Complementing Truck Traffic Data to Analyze Impacts of Congestion

Nikki Wheeler, Portland State University

The Freight PM Pilot Project: How Collection of Additional Truck Counts Furthers Research and (Coupled with GPS) Provides Performance Measurement Information

Dale Tabat, Washington State Department of Transportation

Freight Data for System Performance Measures

Jeffrey Bradford Short, American Transportation Research Institute

2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

Data Quality Needs for Traveler Information

Catherine C. McGhee, Virginia Transportation Research Council, *presiding*

The boundaries between real-time traffic monitoring and planning-based traffic monitoring are becoming blurred as public agencies work toward providing more services and greater efficiency through shared resources. This session will include presentations on data quality issues related to real-time traveler information, with the expectation that when archived these data will be valuable for a variety of planning applications.



Assessing the Quality of Traffic Data

J.D. Margulici, California Center for Innovative Transportation

Statistical Issues Related to Evaluating the Quality of Traveler Information

James Richardson, University of Virginia

Section 1201: Requirements for Traveler Information

Walt During, Federal Highway Administration

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Inductance Loop Detectors: Quality Control Methods and Techniques

Kurt Brian Matias, New York State Department of Transportation, *presiding*

Quality data from loop detectors is essential to the traffic monitoring community because inductance loops are one of the most widely used traffic sensors. Various methods and techniques to assure quality loop data will be presented in this session.

Loop Detector Data Quality Monitoring

Kristin A. Tufte, Portland State University

Affordable Loop Detector Simulator (LOOPSIM) for In-Laboratory Traffic Research and Training

Yinhai Wang, University of Washington

Dual Loop Data Correction at Microscopic Level

Xiao-Yun Lu, University of California, Berkeley

Using Advanced Loop Event Data Analyzer to Tune Up Dual-Loop Detectors for Improved Truck and Speed Data

Runze Yu, University of Washington

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Getting Creative with Collecting Truck Traffic Data

Christopher M. Monsere, Portland State University, *presiding*

In response to rising demand for truck traffic data, the presentations in this session feature creative methods for collecting and disseminating truck traffic data. Enhancing the usability of existing data sets and integrating new types of truck-related data have the potential to enhance truck traffic knowledge bases.

Online Freight Data Collection Effort in United States

Amir Samimi, University of Illinois, Chicago

Using GPS Data to Estimate Link Speed

Wenjuan Zhao, University of Washington

Estimation of Truck Travel Times and O-D Volumes from Regular WIM Signature Data

Karl Petty, Berkeley Transportation Systems

The Use of Private Sector Truck GPS Data by Public Organizations

Edward McCormack, University of Washington

4:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Traffic Data for Tolling and VMT Fees

Leslie N. Jacobson, Telvent, Inc., *presiding*

This session will review some of the strategic infrastructure-use methods being employed to reduce congestion and will also look at innovative financing methods being used to pay for projects.

A Delicate Balance: Generating Revenue and Managing Demand

Tyler Patterson, Washington State Department of Transportation

Monitoring High Occupancy Toll (HOT) System Performance Using Traffic Data

Cathy Liu, University of Washington

Traffic Data and VMT Pricing

Ginger D. Goodin, Texas Transportation Institute



Thursday, June 24

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Use of Public–Private Sector Data: Challenges, Successes, and Opportunities

James Pol, RITA, U.S. Department of Transportation, *presiding*

This session will address the use of private sector transportation data (speed, volume, and incident) by public agencies. When archived, this blended data has the potential for use in numerous operational and planning applications. This session will cover potential uses of the data; show success stories, failures, data-use agreements; and also discuss what states should be wary of when pursuing these types of public–private partnerships.

University of Maryland Perspective

Michael L. Pack, University of Maryland

I-95 Corridor Coalition Perspective

George Schoener, I-95 Corridor Coalition

This is Not a Test ... : The I-95 Corridor Coalition's Groundbreaking Vehicle Probe Project and How It Is Helping in Performance Measurement

Rick Schuman, INRIX

Using Private Sector Speed Data in Congestion Monitoring and Performance Reporting

Shawn M. Turner, Texas Transportation Institute

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Using Private Sector Speed Data in Congestion Monitoring and Performance Reporting

Dan Middleton, Texas Transportation Institute, *presiding*

This session will describe the development, evaluation, and application of several different emerging and nonintrusive sensor technologies used to collect traffic data.

TPF-5(171)—Evaluation of Nonintrusive Traffic Detection Technologies: Phase III

Erik Minge, SRF Consulting Group, Inc.

Low-Cost, Minimally Intrusive, Light-Based Sensors for Vehicle Detection

Gregory Raymond Miller, University of Washington

Collecting and Monitoring Arterial Travel Times from Wireless Solar-Powered RFID Readers

Jeffrey Wojtowicz, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Data Collection Technology Based on Taxi Floating Car Data

Liyun Zhu, Beijing Transportation Research Center

8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Applying Freight Data for Project Planning and Selection

Edward D. McCormack, University of Washington, *presiding*

This session will showcase how freight and trucking data are being incorporated into project planning and selection, presented from the data customer's perspective. Tools for data visualization and web-based dissemination allow for these knowledge bases to be more effectively communicated with data users.

How Does Washington State Use Truck Counts to Understand Freight Transportation System, Prioritize Needs, and Plan Projects?

Elizabeth Stratton, Washington State Department of Transportation

Conceptual Framework and Trucking Application to Estimate Impact of Congestion on Freight

David Lynn Schrank, Texas Transportation Institute

Use of Truck Counts for Travel-Demand Model Development at Puget Sound Regional Council

Alon Bassok, Puget Sound Regional Council



10:30 a.m.–noon

Closing Session

Shawn M. Turner, Texas Transportation Institute, *presiding*

Impacts of Transportation Technologies on Traffic Data Programs

Robert L. Bertini, RITA, U.S. Department of Transportation



Looking Ahead: The Federal Highway Administration—Proponent of Traffic Data Community

Anthony Furst, Federal Highway Administration



Themes from NATMEC 2010 and Challenges for Traffic Data Community

Elizabeth Stolz, Colorado Department of Transportation



ASSOCIATED CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Monday, June 21, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Considering a National Speed Data Program: A Workshop

With increased emphasis on performance-driven funding and growing public demand for accountability associated with transportation investments, FHWA is evaluating the feasibility of establishing a national speed data collection and reporting program. The proposed program would provide monthly speed trends at the national level to evaluate travel trend and travel conditions. This workshop will examine expected applications of the speed data and potential challenges. It will build on the November 4, 2009, FHWA Speed Data Summit. The workshop is open, with a registration fee. Registration is complimentary to potential cooperating public traffic data agencies. Registration is limited. For more information, contact Tom Palmerlee, TRB, 202-334-2907.

Tuesday, June 22, 1:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Tour of the University of Washington Transportation Lab

Transportation Northwest (TransNow) at the University of Washington is pleased to invite NATMEC attendees to tour their new transportation lab, which includes a new Smart Transportation Applications and Research (STAR) Lab, a freight performance measures and logistics lab, and a sustainable transportation infrastructure lab. Researchers will offer brief presentations on the following projects: DriveNet traffic and freight travel time database, real-time arterial traffic congestion map, ALEDA loop detector error correction device, loop error correction software, video detection of pedestrians, and other ITS projects.

There will be no fee for the tour, which will take place on Tuesday afternoon, June 22, departing from the Conference Hotel at 1:30 p.m. and returning in time for the 4:00 p.m. session. TransNow will provide transportation from the conference hotel to the lab. On-site registration for the tour will be available, but to ensure a space (and allow us to arrange adequate transportation), please send an e-mail to Pete Briglia (briglia@u.washington.edu) if you would like to participate in this tour.

Thursday, June 24, 2010



Pooled Fund Meetings

Monday, June 21, 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.

Evaluation of Nonintrusive Traffic Detection Technologies, Phase III (members only)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT), with funding and technical guidance from 13 other states, is implementing a continuation of the “Evaluation of Non-Intrusive Technologies for Traffic Detection” (NIT Phase III) pooled fund project. The goals of this phase are to conduct focused field tests of nonintrusive technologies and examine the traffic data collection capabilities of each sensor, including collection of volume speed and classification data. This meeting is the closeout and final meeting of the pooled fund. The meeting is intended only for stakeholders of the fund. If conference participants want to know the results of the study, they can attend the breakout session scheduled at the conference. For more information on the project, contact Jerry Kotzenmacher (Mn/DOT), jerry.kotzenmacher@dot.state.mn.us, or Steven Jessberger (FHWA) at steven.jessberger@dot.gov.

Tuesday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) Listening Session

Wednesday, June 23, 6:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.

Loop- and Length-Based Classification (members only)

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is the lead agency for a pooled fund project to determine the feasibility of a common length-based algorithm for Length-Based Vehicle Classification (LBVC). The pooled fund also seeks to determine the optimum loop characteristics to help DOTs collect accurate vehicle lengths. This is the second meeting of the pooled fund, during which the project scope will be finalized, and is intended only for stakeholders of the fund. If conference participants wish to join the pooled fund or attend the meeting, they should contact Gene Hicks (Mn/DOT), gene.hicks@state.mn.us, or Steven Jessberger (FHWA) at steven.jessberger@dot.gov.

TRB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All TRB committee meetings are open to all conference attendees.

Monday, June 21

9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Regional Transportation Systems Management and Operations

This committee is concerned with regional transportation systems management to maximize transportation system performance in metropolitan areas, including coordinated and integrated decision-making approaches to operations and the harmonization of operations with planning, construction, preservation, and maintenance of transportation facilities.

Tuesday, June 22

7:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.

Urban Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee

With an interest in the design, collection, analysis, and reporting of transportation supply and demand data needed for urban and metropolitan transportation planning efforts, this committee is focusing particularly on development of the data requirements of new and innovative techniques for measuring and monitoring the performance of metropolitan transportation systems as well as on evaluation of changes in demographic and urban travel characteristics. In terms of household and other transportation surveys, the committee is concerned with the analysis, reporting, archiving, and dissemination of results and data products. The committee is also interested in the effective use of census and other federal secondary data sources in metropolitan transportation planning and is concerned with advancements in information systems and information technology for the improved dissemination and sharing of knowledge about metropolitan transportation systems and urban travel behavior.

12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Highway Traffic Monitoring Committee

This committee is concerned with all aspects of research in the fields of highway traffic monitoring, including detection, counting, classification, and in-motion weighing of highway vehicles. Its scope encompasses the full range of monitoring technology, including traffic sensors (both intrusive and nonintrusive),



installation materials and techniques, signal processing algorithms, analysis and reporting techniques, and comprehensive monitoring programs. The committee is also concerned with highway monitoring standards to ensure the applicability and quality of traffic data in all its applications.

7:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.

Archived Data User Service Subcommittee

Wednesday, June 23

12:15 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

Statewide Transportation Data and Information Systems Committee

The committee's scope includes research and technology transfer activities pertaining to statewide transportation planning data and information systems for all modes of transportation. A primary concern is the capability of information systems to integrate various transportation-related data sources into a strategic multimodal information database for statewide transportation planning. The committee serves as a forum for discussion of current planning data activities.

Thursday, June 24

7:00 a.m.–8:15 a.m.

Weigh-in-Motion Subcommittee

June 21–24, 2010



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