

AGENDA

Research Advisory Committee, Region 4 Meeting

Monday, July 25, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Providence, Rhode Island

✓ **Welcome and introductions** (Cameron / Joe) *Please forgive I did not mark yes; I only went off the sign in sheet.*

Call to order at 3:20 p.m.

Present	Name	Organization
Yes	Keith Platte	AASHTO
Yes	Carolyn Morehouse	Alaska DOT
Yes	Walt Catlett	American Concrete Pipe Association
	Jean Nehme	Arizona DOT
Yes	Alicia Urban	Arizona DOT
Yes	Dianne Kresich	Arizona DOT
Yes	Jim Appleton	California DOT
	Pete Zaniwski	California DOT
Yes	Joe Horton – Chair	California DOT
Yes	Aziz Khan	Colorado DOT
	Amanullah Mommandi	Colorado DOT
Yes	Mary Huie	FHWA
	Wayne Kawahara	Hawaii DOT
Yes	Ned Parrish	Idaho TD
Yes	Sue Sillick	Montana DOT
	Mostafa Jamshidi	Nebraska DOR
Yes	Ken Chambers – Vice Chair	Nevada DOT
Yes	Randall Soderquist	New Mexico DOT
	Amy Estelle	New Mexico DOT
	Ron Horner	North Dakota DOT
Yes	Clayton Schumaker	North Dakota DOT
Yes	Gary Hook	Oklahoma DOT
Yes	Teresa Stephens - Secretary	Oklahoma DOT
	Bryan Cooper	Oklahoma DOT
Yes	Michael Bufalino	Oregon DOT
Yes	Dave Huft	South Dakota DOT
Yes	Sonya Badgley	Texas DOT
Yes	Dana Glover	Texas DOT
Yes	Rocio Perez	Texas DOT
Yes	Kevin Pete	Texas DOT
	Wade Odell	Texas DOT
Yes	Cameron Kergaye	Utah DOT
	David Stevens	Utah DOT
Yes	Rhonda Brooks	Washington DOT
Yes	Tim M ^c Dowell	Wyoming DOT
Yes	Enid White	Wyoming DOT

✓ **Leadership and membership changes** (Joe)

- Thank Cameron for his past two years of service
- Introduce Teresa Stephens as Secretary
- New and outgoing members –

NEW MEMBERS

- *Alicia Urban, Arizona*
- *Jim Appleton, California*
- *Randall Soderquist, New Mexico*
- *Teresa Stephens, Oklahoma*
- *Wade Odell, Texas*
- *Rocio Perez, Texas*
- *Kevin Pete, Texas*

✓ **Discuss Administration Updates** (Joe)

- Confirm time and date of monthly meeting and Confirm frequency of meetings
 - *Meetings are currently at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Group discussion seemed to concur that this time was working for the most part; a doodle poll will be initiated sometime in the future for confirmation.*
- Review and update roster
 - *The table above was copied from the June 2016 minutes and amended to match the sign in sheet circulated in the meeting room.*
 - *Need to confirm status for Hawaii and Nebraska*

✓ **Region IV overview and meeting goals** (Joe)

- What do we want to accomplish this year
 - *Discussion was held about developing an organizational concept similar to the SE Consortium.*
 - *Additional discussion was exchanged about funding, SPR monitoring and mentoring.*

✓ **RAC IV Peer Exchanges**

- Possible CA Peer Exchange in October 2016
 - *Joe shared the possible topic relating to product implementation and performance measures; a survey would be issued and CA is open to a group peer exchange that would touch on piloting a scoring system and developing a strategic plan for evaluation.*
- Status UT,
 - *Received a good survey response; implementation and modernization of the library are focus areas; attendance goal is one attendee per state.*
- Status MT,
 - *Next Fiscal Year is likely*
- Status TX
 - *Potentially to be held in December 2016; Concurrent with EDC session/STIC implementation; ties to DOT strategy and performance measures; Return on Research and Implementation Investment; evaluation potential with score cards and evaluating PIs; Day 3 with UT-CTR Technical Task Force involving innovative information about truck platooning*
- Any other states?
 - *North Dakota – September/October – One day virtual program overview with implementation and university research as highlights; will invite adjacent states to participate*

✓ **NCHRP Scoring**

- Discuss this year's effort
 - *Sending out close in priority projects was discussed*
 - *Pete Zaniewski idea – western state interests perhaps have better timing; shared voting (Tim McDowell (who is on SCOR) of Wyoming DOT utilized this knowledge for his choices in priority.)*
 - *It was noted that Region IV has 18 states...and currently has 4 SCOR members (CA, WY, UT,AZ). Also, SCOR is in need of another member preferably with freight experience and CEO/executive level.*

✓ **High Value of Research Submittals**

- *Cameron encouraged the member states to submit large amounts of projects for consideration; at TRB Annual Meeting additional poster sessions seemed favorable, but leaning toward suggesting sessions by topic or Sweet 16 voting system seemed to work well.*
- *Guidance and Procedures are available and it should be noted that value is demonstrated to the eyes of the beholder. One vote per state is the understood policy*
- *A new website will be created for the next round of submittals.*

✓ **Regional RAC IV Pooled Fund**

- *It was noted that Region 2 has created the Southeast Consortium. This group funds meetings; the lead state requires a strong contracting system.*
- *Shall we prepare a proposal for initial kickoff; perhaps an additional question in the doodle poll to gauge interest; it was suggested that Pete develop an agenda*
- *The purpose of this group is to foster increased communication in regards to research projects of regional interest.*
- *Minimum participation required is 6 states at \$5,000 each*
- *Current interest is CA, NV; NM and TX are on the fence.*
- *CA has volunteered to provide the solicitation for comment.*

✓ **Truck Parking Shortage (*handout included as attachment to minutes*)**

- Discussion item for states that don't have enough spaces for truckers when they hit their driving time limits.
 - *Cameron presented information as to Utah's experience and inquired if other states struggle with this also. If so, would they be interested in a pooled fund.*
 - *Oregon stated a publication regarding this topic will be available in a year. Link will be forwarded to RAC membership.*
 - *AZ – participated in a pooled fund along I-10.*
 - *Flyer has been forwarded to RAC 4 with request to send to subject matter expert for response.*

✓ **Task Force Participation (Joe)**

- *RAC 4 needs better clarification on who belongs to what...perhaps we can obtain that information with the roster update.*
- *Ideally, Region 4 would prefer to have 2 members active on each committee.*

- ✓ **Volunteer roundup (All)**
 - Identification of specific task(s) for each member or friend
 - *Process Discussions held monthly have been helpful and even though it takes a bit to get started, the crowd warms up and engages in productive conversation.*

- ✓ **Wrap-up and next meeting (Joe/Ken) adjourn at 5:14**
 - *NV – Ken Chambers mentioned a wildlife pooled fund draft solicitation available for distribution.*
 - *Dave Huft, SD – attended symposium in San Francisco on Connected/Automated vehicles with a NCHRP meeting to follow. Region support was posed as an inquiry. Informative presentation...*
 - *A roster review was requested and updates are to be forwarded to Joe Horton*
 - *The Region Dinner was delicious!!!*

Truck Parking Shortage – How does it affect your state?

Truck parking shortages are a national safety, freight mobility, and economic concern.

For UDOT's Truck Parking Study, go to www.udot.utah.gov/truckparking



Truck Parking Shortage: A growing number of trucks versus an acute shortage of long-term truck parking.

Available Parking: Has your state inventoried public and private long-term truck parking along your state's Primary Highway Freight System?

Truck Parking Needs: Has your state determined the need for existing and future truck parking demand?

Current Truck Parking Alternatives: Illegal parking on Freeway ramps, shoulders, city streets, and industrial area streets, etc.

Negative Impacts: Safety concerns, roadway maintenance issues, loss of productivity, and environmental problems.

Government Issues and Requirements: Hours-of-service laws for truck drivers, parking restrictions, truck idling laws, law enforcement ordering drivers to move when they can't legally do so.

Individual State Needs: Highway freight movement in each state is unique. Identify specific locations and circumstances that require individual truck parking solutions within your state and how to best address them.

Collaborative Action: How can the western states work together to address "big picture" truck parking issues that affect all of us in a coordinated effort?

Next Steps

There has been success with coalitions and corridor alliances in working together to address long-term truck parking issues. If your state is interested in discussing the possibility of working together to address long-term truck parking in a coordinated effort, please contact the following:

Jeff Harris, UDOT Planning Director, 801-860-9560 or jeffharris@utah.gov

Daniel B. Kuhn, UDOT Railroad & Freight Planner, 801-965-4148 or dkuhn@utah.gov

Freight on Western Highways

Disruptions on the Primary Highway Freight System in any given state can impact highway freight movement across the West and the Nation. West of the Mississippi River, the Interstate System provides only limited coverage. As shown in the following map, non-interstate freight routes are of strategic importance to efficient freight flow here in the West.

