

MEETING NOTES

RAC Leadership Teleconference
Thursday, September 8, 2016
1:30 – 3:30 pm, EDT

In attendance: Dale Peabody (Chair), David Jared (Vice Chair), Joe Crabtree, Allison Hardt, Chris Hedges, Joe Horton, Rick Kreider, John Moulden, Keith Platte, Ann Scholz, Cindy Smith, Bill Stone, Elisha Wright-Kehner.

Decisions and action items are underscored.

1. Roll Call

2. Additions to agenda

None.

3. Notes from previous meeting

A MOTION (Smith/Kreider) to accept the meeting notes was APPROVED.

4. AASHTO Report – Keith Platte

The Comprehensive Committee Review is in its final stages and should be finalized by the end of next week. Research (RAC and SCOR) have been moved to a Research and Innovation Committee (RIC). The AASHTO Innovation Initiative may be part of RIC. The new structure will be put to a vote by the Board of Directors at the November Boston annual meeting. Rick Kreider – does the new structure still include Councils? Keith - There are still be councils but have been changed considerably and the “pie graphic” has been eliminated. The Highways Council has become Highways and Streets. All other modes have been retained, plus a council on active transportation. Freight was pulled out and made a special committee with freight-related aspects from the other councils. The changes have not yet been presented to the CCR steering committee.

AASHTO staff met with staff from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and Region 2 about the 2017 national RAC meeting. There was not a good understanding of AASHTO’s role in the meeting planning. As of two years ago, AASHTO was designated responsibility for all meeting arrangements. For 2017, the meeting will be organized by Kentucky, but all subsequent RAC annual meetings will be organized by AASHTO staff and contractors.

5. TRB/SCOR Report – Chris Hedges

The call for NCHRP FY2018 problem statements was issued and submissions are due October 14, 2016.

NCHRP is in the midst of panel meetings to develop RFPs for the FY2017 projects.

NCHRP is exploring options to accept proposals in electronic format. Mr. Hedges recently sent a survey to RAC members asking whether they could use Dropbox, OneDrive, or Google Drive in their agencies.

Waseem Dekelbab has been appointed Implementation Coordinator for NCHRP and he is developing procedures for new panels to develop implementation plans early in their deliberations. He will be coordinating the submission of funding requests to the 20-44 panel that allocates money to implementation activities.

The competition for the new CRP Director replacing Chris Jenks has closed. Neil Pedersen is expecting to conduct interviews in the next couple of weeks.

CRP Publications since the last call:

NCHRP Reports

- 826 - Estimating Highway Preconstruction Services Costs
- 827 - Navigating Multi-Agency NEPA Processes to Advance Multimodal Transportation Projects
- 828 - Guidelines for Nighttime Visibility of Overhead Signs
- 829 - Leadership Guide for Strategic Information Management for State Departments of Transportation
- 830 - Multi-State, Multimodal, Oversize/Overweight Transportation
- 832 - State DOTs Connecting Specialized Transportation Users and Rides Volume 2: Toolkit for State DOTs and Others

NCHRP Syntheses of Practice

- 492 - Performance Specifications for Asphalt Mixtures
- 493 - Practices for High-Tension Cable Barriers
- 494 - Life-Cycle Cost Analysis for Management of Highway Assets
- 496 - Minimizing Roadway Embankment Damage from Flooding

NCHRP Legal Research Digest

- 71 - Liability of Transportation Entity for the Unintentional Release of Secure Data or the Intentional Release of Monitoring Data on Movements or Activities of the Public

NCHRP Research Results Digest

399 - Field Validation of Laboratory Tests to Assess Cracking Resistance of Asphalt Mixtures: An Experimental Design

NCHRP IDEA

172 - Bidirectional-Ductile End Diaphragms for Seismic Performance and Substructure Protection

173 - Graphene Nano-Platelet (GNP) Reinforced Asphalt Mixtures: A Novel Multifunctional Pavement Material

177 - Automated Turning Movement Counts for Shared Lanes

180 - Drained Timber Pile Ground Improvement for Liquefaction Mitigation

ACRP Reports

150 - NextGen for Airports, Volume I: Understanding the Airport's Role in Performance-Based Navigation: Resource Guide

157 - Improving the Airport Customer Experience

158 - Deriving Benefits from Alternative Aircraft-Taxi Systems

160 - Addressing Significant Weather Impacts on Airports: Quick Start Guide and Toolkit

ACRP Syntheses of Practice

72 - Tabletop and Full-Scale Emergency Exercises for General Aviation, Non-Hub, and Small Hub Airports

73 - Emergency Communications Planning for Airports

74 - Combining Mixed-Use Flight Operations Safely at Airports

75 - Airport Advisories at Non-Towered Airports

76 - Helicopter Noise Information for Airports and Communities

TCRP Reports

186 - Economic Impact Case Study Tool for Transit

188 - Shared Mobility and the Transformation of Public Transit

TCRP Syntheses of Practice

123 - Onboard Camera Applications for Buses

TCRP Web-Only Documents

68 - Developing an ITS Technology Web Portal for Transit System Leaders

TCRP Legal Research Digest

6. OSTR Report – Tim Klein

- UTC Competition – is with the Secretary for selection. Hoping for an October announcement.
- National Transit Map – just released by BTS
(http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/press_releases/bts045_16).

7. FHWA Report – John Moulden

Mr. Moulden passed on a reminder from David Pamplin to make sure FHWA- and state-led pooled-fund projects submit quarterly reports.

8. Region Chairs/Vice-Chairs Issues

Ann Scholz (1) –Soumya Dey has taken another position at DC DOT and Stephanie Dock will become the voting member. Region 1 has been discussing peer exchanges, pooled fund transfers, and quarterly reporting from researchers.

Elisha Wright-Kehner (2) – New regional bylaws are out for review. Monthly calls have begun for planning the 2017 national RAC meeting.

Rick (3) –Peggi Knight of Iowa DOT has been appointed to SCOR. Ryan Culton and LaDonna Rowden are new RAC members from Illinois DOT. Region 3 is looking for ways to reduce ways to avoid duplication in the presentations at the January RAC meeting and the Tuesday state reps meeting. Rick also invited suggestions for the winter meeting agenda.

Region 4 – No report

9. Winter 2017 meeting, Administration Task Force – Allison

This will be a standing item on the agenda. The winter meeting will be organized by Region 3 this year.

10. Summer 2017 meeting, RAC 2 –Joe Crabtree

A planning committee has been established and meets by conference call on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Thanks to AASHTO for assistance with the meeting. The meeting will take place July 24-27 at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, KY, within easy walking distance of restaurants and entertainment. The negotiated room rate is \$111; the

hotel will provide free transportation to and from the airport; hotel parking has been reduced from \$24 to \$10 daily, and free Wi-Fi will be available throughout the hotel. The planning team will start work on the technical agenda next month.

11. Task Force Updates – David Jared

Administration – Allison Hardt

The RAC winter meeting will be a standard agenda item; RAC officers and members should feel free to forward ideas. The TF is working on a number of initiatives: updating a guidance document for hosting the national meeting; reviewing feedback on *Your Role in RAC* to plan future sessions; reviewing and updating the *RAC 101* PowerPoint. Beth Klemann has been appointed the new chair of the website working group replacing Rick Kreider, who was thanked for his service. The next meeting will be on September 27.

Coordination and Collaboration – No report

Program Management and Quality – David Jared

A discussion was held by PM&Q on best practices for open data access; this may be a good topic for the TKN Task Force and David will follow up with Curtis Bradley. The Implementation Subgroup is working on articles for *TR News* and *Public Roads*. A survey on implementation is being coordinated by Ryan Culton and Hafiz Munir and the results will be posted on SCOR/RAC website. There is continuing discussion about program management tools. David thanked Main Tran (TRB) for her assistance on transition of the Pooled Fund website. The working group on intellectual property is currently on hold. The NCHRP project panel for the IP study will be working with the consulting firm ARA to request funding under 20-44 to conduct DOT workshops on IP in the coming months. Other funded initiatives include a review of Peer Exchange practices and a study on skill sets for research managers.

Value of Research –Bill Stone

Bill plans to reach out to the Sweet 16 winners to plan the poster session for TRB. The time and date for the poster session has not been set; Bill will follow up with James Bryant (TRB). The next meeting will be September 14.

TKN – Leni Oman, Curtis Bradley

Regular meetings will continue soon. TKN will be coordinating with AASHTO on their new e-publication distribution strategy.

12. Adjourn

Next Conference Call: Thursday, October 13, 2016