Environmental Analysis in Transportation Committee
Transportation Research Board
ADC10 Business Meeting
2012 Annual Meeting – Washington D.C.
Tuesday, January 24, 2012
1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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Meeting Summary

ADC10 Members Present: Downey Brill, Craig Casper, Tamara Cook, Joe Crossett, Buddy Desai, Chris Gesing, Ilena Ivanciu, Jeff Heilman, Kenn Hess, Susan Killen, Meridith Krebs, Mark Kross, Barney O’Quinn, Martin Palmer, Rick Record, Mugs Stoll, Shari Schaftlein, Carissa Schively-Slotterback, Joe Shalkowski, and Pat Trombly.

1) Introduction of Members of the Committee

2) Remarks of the Chair and Discussions – Mugs Stoll
   a) Steering Committee – Mugs briefly discussed the Steering Committee that is made up of the Subcommittee Chairs. This was started about a year and a half ago and has been a good way to determine strategic direction for the Committee and conduct administrative items prior to the Annual and Summer Workshop Business meetings.
   b) 2012 Annual Meeting Summary – The Committee sponsored and co-sponsored many great sessions, posters, and papers this year. The Research Topics Subcommittee and Strategic Issues Subcommittee meetings both produced great ideas for the Committee to explore further.
   c) 2012 Summer Workshop – Little Rock, Arkansas – Mid-Year Workshop Subcommittee has been working on the 2012 Summer Workshop which will be held in Little Rock, Arkansas, June 24th – June 27th. ADC20 and ADC30 will be joining ADC10 and additional committees are invited to participate.
   d) Committee Rotation – One third of the Committee’s membership (8-9 members) will rotate off the Committee. Committee membership interest forms and requests from Friends of the Committee who are interested in potential membership have been circulated. The Chair and Steering Subcommittee Chair have been working to identify new members from the many interest forms that have been received so far. New terms begin April 15th.

3) Remarks by Christy Gerencher, Senior Program Officer, TRB – Bob O’Laughlin provided an update in Christy’s place. The 2012 Annual meeting had a record setting 10,900 in attendance. Of this number 1/3 are actively involved in Committees, and another 1/3 are attending the Annual meeting for the first time. There were 4,900 papers submitted. TRB Staff is working with each committee to appoint a Committee Research Coordinator; the Research Topics Subcommittee already serves this role for ADC10. The New and Young Attendee Session had great turnout and TRB has initiated a Young Members Council to encourage participation from young members and professionals in TRB. The Committee Leadership Guide limits a committee to 25 members however up to 5 additional members can be appointed if a good case can be made that additional members are needed. Additionally, committees
can appoint vice-chairs. Bob also mentioned that next year’s Annual Meeting theme is “Deploying Transportation Research: Doing things better, faster, and cheaper.”

Nanda Srinivasan, TRB staff, provided an update on the NCHRP 25-25 projects. He mentioned that NCHRP statements are due September 15th.

Christie did provide a short update to the Committee. She has heard a lot of interest in the mid-year workshop. She also touched on the committee rotation and a combined term limit of 9 years. She is working with Muggs and Chris to determine member interest and assist the Committee during the transition.

4) Special Recognition – Muggs presented certificates to key members of the committee five of whom will be rotating off this spring due to term limits: Craig Casper, Susan Killeen, Mark Kross, Joe Shalkowski, and Pat Trombly. Muggs thanked each one of them for all of their hard work and dedication to the Committee. In addition, he presented a certificate of recognition to Ken Hess for his hard work as Publications Chair. (Ken is not rotating off the Committee.)

Joe Shalkowski also recognized Dianna Noble who was a long-time member of the Committee who retired from the Texas Department of Transportation. The Committee purchased a gift for her to thank her for her contributions.

5) Report from FHWA Office of Project Development and Environmental Review – Shari Schaftlein and FHWA staff presented a number of items related to the environmental review and project development office. FHWA staff provided an update on a revised 4(f) policy paper and guidance on NEPA and Environmental Justice that was out for comment. Staff also discussed the importance of stormwater at the DOT level and an update on legislation and research related to stormwater. Shari provided an update on the CSS National Dialogue workshops; Everyday Counts Initiative and regional based summits that will be occurring over the next two years; University Transportation Centers that had been chosen; and TCAPS and the SHRP-2 projects. Shari also discussed a Transportation Rapid Response Team that will work on an update to the DOT Environmental Order within the next year.

6) Organization Announcements
   a) AASHTO/Center for Environmental Excellence – Kate Kurgan provided an update on AASHTO Center for Environmental Excellence work tasks for the upcoming year. These include: 1) updating the website, publications, communities of practice and the library; 2) Spring 2012 call for ideas in the Transportation and Environmental Research Idea Database; 3) initiating a call with all the TRB environmental committees to work with AASHTO to better coordinate research statements and garner endorsement from the committees; 4) Update state of practices, particularly Air Quality and Stormwater; 5) produce final Leaner and Greener report; 6) conduct a webinar on stormwater; and, 7) continuing work on climate change. She also discussed AASHTO engaging committees to look at research from SHRP-2 and make recommendations about how research can be implemented in practice. SCOE is assessing TCAPS to make suggestions on how to implement with practitioners.
   b) Center for Transportation and the Environment/ICOET Update – Downey Brill discussed the very successful ICOET meeting held in summer 2011. The next ICOET meeting will be held June 23-27, 2013 in Scottsdale, AZ. Downey also discussed the UTC competition and that CTE’s proposal was not selected in the latest round. The University is hoping there will be another
round of competitions in the future where CTE can compete. CTE is working on other projects with NCDOT, a Livability Index, and CSS National Dialogue series.

7) Sub-Committee Reports
   a) Mid-Year Workshop – Chair, Martin Palmer – Update provided under Agenda Item 2.c. Martin also noted the Subcommittee is looking for a host for the 2013 Summer workshop and looking for cross-cutting opportunities with other committees.
   b) Communications – Chair, Joe Crossett – Joe conducted updates to the website, upcoming meetings, and posted the posters from the 2011 Annual meeting to the website. Posters from this year’s meeting will also be posted.
   c) Secretary/Newsletter – Chair, Tamara Cook – The second electronic newsletter went out in January 2012. Tamara also briefed the Committee on the Young Members Council (YMC) and the Planning and Environment Group YMC (a subcommittee of YMC).
   d) Steering – Chair, Chris Gesing – Chris discussed the Committee rotation and the Committee Annual report. The Triennial Strategic Plan will be due in November 2012.
   e) Strategic Issues Subcommittee – Chair, Rick Record – Rick provided a brief update of the Strategic Issues Subcommittee meeting. He further discussed this under Agenda Item 9.a.
   f) Liaison – Chair, Susan Killen – Susan sent invitations to other committees to gauge interest in participating as liaisons and received responses.
   g) Publications – Chair, Ken Hess – The Committee received paper and poster session proposals. The Committee is sponsoring one session highlighting the papers that were selected. One paper is likely to be published. Ken also mentioned that the paper reviewer survey needs to be updated to reflect new interests and topic expertise.
   h) Research Topics – Chair, Joe Shalkowski – Joe discussed the Research Topics Subcommittee meeting and pointed out that Carissa Schively-Slotterback will be the new Subcommittee Chair. She will be filling the new TRB mandated Committee Research Coordinator position. This position is responsible for identifying the Committee’s research profile (what research needs have been submitted and what happened to these research needs) and working with Committee liaisons to reach out to other committees and work together to endorse research needs.
   i) History – Chair, Pat Trombly – Pat discussed ADC10’s 30 year history. She has done a lot of data collection and is now moving into the analysis phase. One item that has come up is how to honor past members; several ideas include naming a subcommittee, a paper or award, or a session after a past member.

8) Break

9) Strategic Planning Discussion – Muggs Stoll
   a) Summary and Continuation of Monday Strategic Issues Subcommittee Meeting – Rick Record provided a summary of points that developed from the Strategic Issues Subcommittee Meeting. The Committee and Friends of the committee exchanged ideas on strategic issues such as expanding the scope of ADC10 past highways into other modes; pushing planning into environmental analysis and emphasizing planning as an opportunity to achieve better results; performance based planning; cost savings and efficiencies; cumulative impact analysis conducted in planning not in NEPA; and the potential need for economic analysis during the environmental process.
   b) Cost savings/efficiencies gained in environmental analysis through implementation of analysis/decision-making tools – This item was discussed briefly under Agenda Item 9.a.
   c) Other Topics of Interest