

TMACOG Freight Steering Committee - Meeting Agenda & Notes
April 27, 2011 - TMACOG Boardroom

1. Welcome and introductions

2. Ohio Turnpike Lease: A Framework for Discussion – Christine Drennen

TMACOG staff member Christine Drennen created a document to help stakeholders consider all factors related to a possible turnpike lease. An initial draft of the document was distributed to the committee prior to the meeting. The committee reviewed the document and the ensuing discussion brought out good questions, comments, and suggestions. The committee agreed that whether you are for or against a lease, there is a good chance that it is going to happen, and northwest Ohio has to be ready. The region needs to speak with a unified voice on what the language of the lease should contain, and what northwest Ohio should get out of it.

It was decided that TMACOG staff would put together a one-page list of concerns and suggestions from the TMACOG Freight Committee regarding a turnpike lease. Christine has since completed a first draft of this paper and it has been distributed to the committee for comments and suggestions. Once all comments have been received, the paper will be updated with changes and additions. This one-page recommendations document will be presented at the May 25 freight committee meeting for approval by the committee.

The next step may be to get other regional stakeholders including industry, economic development, academic institutions, and government to unite with a common list of recommendations that will get the most for northwest Ohio out of a potential turnpike lease.

Both the “Framework for Discussion” and the “TMACOG Freight Committee Recommendations” documents were distributed to all freight committee members. If you need either document, please contact Roger Streiffert at streiffert@tmacog.org.

The turnpike lease discussion will continue at the May 25 freight committee meeting.

3. Urban Goods Movement Guidebook – Roger Streiffert
SEMCOG Freight Infrastructure Study – Christine Drennen

The National Cooperative Freight Research Program and Wilbur Smith Associates are working on a guidebook for local officials and planners tentatively titled “Understanding Urban Goods Movement”. The purpose of the guidebook is to help public decision makers understand how their decisions affect urban commercial motor vehicle movement for goods delivery. Completion of the guidebook is planned for late summer.

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) has initiated a Freight Infrastructure and Economic Development Study. The purpose of the study is to assess the transportation network’s ability to supply current and future freight-intensive southeast Michigan industries

with efficient and reliable goods movement. SEMCOG has put together an advisory committee for the study and TMACOG participated in the initial meeting.

Some tasks of the study include updating the regional freight infrastructure inventory, identify system deficiencies, and conduct freight system user interviews to learn how the system functions for current industries.

We will keep the committee aware of any updates to these projects.

4. Other Business/Discussion

5. Adjourn