

International Trade and Transportation Committee (AT020) Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: June 20, 2016, 2:30 – 4:34 PM

Location: National Academy of Sciences – Washington, D.C.

Present: Elisa Arias – SANDAG; Steve Beningo – BTS (Secretary); Paul Bingham – Economic Development Research Group (phone); Michael Bomba – University of North Texas (Chairman); Scott Brotemarkle – TRB; Tamiko Burnell – FHWA; Chris Clement – U.S. Department of Transportation – Office of International Transportation and Trade; Arlene Dietz; Daniel Hackett – Hackett Associates (CLC); Gisela Rua – Federal Reserve Board; Scudder Smith – Parsons Brinkerhoff (phone); Isabel Victoria – Cambridge Associates; Juan Carlos Villa – Texas Transportation Institute (phone); Chris Wilson – Woodrow Wilson Center; Ben Zietlow – University of Wisconsin (phone)

Minutes:

1. Introductions were made.
2. The minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting were reviewed. They will be approved at the January 2017 meeting.
3. The Triennial Strategic Plan was discussed. Scudder Smith would like the committee to look more closely at the link between trade and transportation. Chris Clement noted that international trade statistics may be inaccurate due to some instances of parts repeatedly crossing the border prior to final assembly. Arlene Dietz would like the committee to look at in-transit data. The use of automated vehicles and intelligent transportation systems may need to be addressed in the plan. Any additional comments on the plan should be sent to Michael Bomba in the next four weeks.
4. Possible sessions at the 2017 TRB Annual Meeting were discussed. AT020 will get two time frames for sessions at the meeting. There may be a session at the meeting on the vessel container weight mandate. There may be a session related to climate change. Steve Beningo may present on the impact of commodity prices, foreign exchange and global value chains on international trade and transportation.
5. The sessions at Freight Day will be:
 - a. First and Last Mile Gap
 - b. Feeding the Urban Masses
 - c. Innovations in Goods Movement Efficiency
 - d. Supply Chain Technology Innovations
6. Chris Clement gave a presentation on U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) engagement in Asia. The USDOT is doing capacity building work overseas. Chris profiled USDOT's bilateral work with China, Japan and Australia, and discussed the USDOT's work with multilateral groups, such as Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

7. The next AT020 meeting will be at the 2017 TRB Annual Meeting. It may be moved to a daytime session, possibly Wednesday morning, in an attempt to increase meeting attendance.