

TRB International Trade and Transportation Committee (AT020)

2022 Pre-Annual Meeting

Date and Time: December 8, 2022, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM Central Time

Location: Virtual meeting

Participants: Juan Carlos Villa - Texas Transportation Institute (AT 020 Chair), Maria Boile – University of Piraeus (Vice Chair), Elisa Arias – Retired SANDAG (Secretary), Daniel Hackett – Hackett Associates (Committee Research Coordinator), Isabel Victoria-Jaramillo- Cambridge Systematics (Paper Review Coordinator), Irina Benedyk – State University of New York at Buffalo (Committee Communications Coordinator), Scott Babcock - TRB Staff, Bethany Stich – University of New Orleans Transportation Institute, Paul Bingham - S&P Global, Maximilian Bauernfeld - EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA), Steven Holliday – Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Chris Bachmann – University of Waterloo, Scott Sigman - Equinanimous Advisory Service Enterprise (EASE), Richard Bornhorst – FACTOR, Inc, Emily Hashimoto - Goldman Sachs, Daniel Covarrubias - Director Texas Center for Border Economic and Enterprise Development, Texas A&M International University, Mitch Kostoulakos - Ad Hoc Logistics LLC, Juan Carlos Espinosa – Texas A&M Transportation Institute, Aleksandra Maguire - S&P Global, Lefteris Sdoukopoulos, - Hellenic Institute of Transport, Steven Beningo – Retired, Dana Magliola, North Carolina DOT Freight and Logistics, Melisa Montemayor Rohan Shah - World Bank, Scudder Smith. Attendees who did not enter their contact information in the chat are not listed.

Minutes:

- I. Welcome and Introductions:** Juan Carlos Villa, Chair International Trade and Transportation Committee, AT020, welcomed the participants. Mr. Villa commented that administrative items would be discussed at this meeting to focus on presentations and Committee activities at the January 2023 meeting. He introduced Claudia Lagos Galindo, Texas DOT, and Melisa Montemayor, HDR, as new members. Ms. Montemayor introduced herself and mentioned her career at Texas DOT and current consulting work.

- II. TRB Staff Report on the 2023 TRB Annual Meeting:** Scott Babcock, TRB staff, shared that anticipated attendance at the January 8-12 annual meeting is about 10,000 participants, 3,000 higher than in 2021. He provided information on sessions by Committees, the Poster sessions, the Dean Lecture, and the Chair Plenary Session on Wednesday. He mentioned that the TRB app is available and that professional development hours would be able to be tracked in the app.

III. Committee Business

The 2022 Mid-Year Meeting minutes: Elisa Arias provided a brief summary of the June 14, 2022 Mid-Year meeting. This meeting was held virtually with approximately 40 attendees. She highlighted topics covered, which included planning for the 2023 Annual Meeting, an update on Research Needs Statements and linkages to AASHTO's top research issues, the formation of the Supply Chain Subcommittee, and the topics for the Call for Papers for the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Research Coordinator: Daniel Hackett explained that Steve Beningo had prepared a Research Needs Statement (RNS) related to container manufacturing. Another RNS from Mary Brooks related to container line consolidation/concentration is at a preliminary stage. Mr. Hackett requested that members and friends submit brief summaries for topics worthy of an RNS. The CLC can then shepherd the research through its process. A 300 to 400-word summary describing why the topic is a research issue, questions to be answered, and key research areas would be sufficient to start the process to link to other research underway and to reach out to other committees. An email will be sent to the Committee requesting specific research ideas and the RNS prepared by Mr. Beningo will be shared as an example.

There was discussion on funding sources to advance research, pooling research funding, challenges and opportunities related to funding from U.S., Canadian, European, international agencies, and multi-country NGOs. Mr. Hackett mentioned he would look into funding sources the International Trade and Transportation Committee could access.

Young Members Council (YMC): Chris Bachmann mentioned there is a new Chair for the YMC and he will share information as new activities are organized. The YMC has not been active in the last year.

Papers Submitted: Isabel Victoria-Jaramillo explained that five papers were received and four were accepted for presentation at a session, which will take place on Monday January 9th. All papers were reviewed by Committee members or friends. In past years, six to eight papers were received. Ms. Victoria-Jaramillo thanked paper reviewers.

IV. 2023 Annual Meeting

2023 Annual Meeting AT020 Sessions: Chair Villa provided information on a Sponsored Session on Sunday, January 8. The Workshop is titled Freight Systems and Marine Transportation "Unconference," or a participant driven meeting to identify topics ripe for further formal research needs. On Monday, January 9, the first Lectern Session will focus on Current Research in Shipping, Port Hinterland Corridor, and Synchronomodality, with presentations from paper submittals. The second Lectern Session will explore the recent shift in maritime trade from the West Coast to the East and Gulf Coasts. Also, On January 9, the first meeting of the Supply Chain Subcommittee will be held in the evening. On Tuesday, January 10th there will be

concurrent Lectern Sessions and Poster Sessions. The Poster Session will focus on the impact of recent disruptive events on international trade and supply chains. The Lectern Session will be a panel discussion about resilience analytics in Supply Chains. The Committee also will hold its annual meeting. Potential topics discussed for presentation include: RNS proposals, brief presentations by Poster authors, greening of seaports and inland ports in Europe, vulnerability of supply chains to international shocks such as grain and energy, green logistics and decarbonizing the maritime shipping sector. A virtual connection via Teams will be provided for those not attending in person. Chair Villa will finalize the agenda based on feedback from this meeting.

Social Event: Daniel Hackett and Juan Carlos Villa discussed a social event that will be planned on Tuesday, January 10th in the evening.

V. Adjournment: Mr. Villa thanked the participants for attending the Pre-Annual Meeting. Notes will be posted in the AT020 Committee web site (<https://www.trbtradetransportation.org>).