

TRB Annual Meeting 2014
Committee on Rural Public and Intercity Bus (AP055) Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 15, 2014

8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Hilton - Gunston

NOTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and signed in to the committee roster. See Attachment 1 for a complete roster of attendees.

2. TRB Annual Meeting Schedule for AP055 Sessions (See Attachment 2)

Committee reviewed Attachment 2 and schedule for TRB Annual Meeting. Excellent sessions on Monday and Tuesday (Sessions 475 and 612). Remaining session will be held Wednesday afternoon (Session 834 Intercity Buses from the Heartland to the Big City)

3. Committee Liaison Report

- a. Transportation in Military Communities Joint Subcommittee of ADA20, AT035, AP055 (See Attachment 3). AP055 worked with two other committees in 2013 to form the Transportation in Military Communities. The Committee Chair recommended four members to the sub-committee (Carl Sedoryk, MST, Monterey, California; Scott Bogren, CTAA; Mark Szyperski, On the Mark Transportation, and Pat Weaver, University of Kansas). In addition to the session and meeting at TRB, the major anticipated product of this sub-committee is development of a guidebook to local communities working with local military bases. The conference planning committee also is working to include at least one session at the 21st National Conference in Monterey, California.
- b. Other Liaison Reports. David Chia, Chairperson of the Paratransit Committee, announced that his committee has made the decision to hold their conference subsequent to the Rural Conference in Monterey at the same facility on October 29-31, 2014. The respective conference planning committees will communicate to develop a transition between the two events. Attachment 4 provides a summary of the paratransit conference plan.

4. Research Report – Will Rodman delivered the Research Chair report.

- a. Paper Submissions & Reviews. Nine papers were submitted to the committee for review. Four were accepted for presentation, along with two invited presentations. All reviewers responded on time. Thank you!
- b. Paper Reviews for 2015. Will is maintaining the list from last year unless reviewers ask to be removed from the list. If you are not on the list, please contact Will.
- c. Rural and Intercity Bus Research Needs. Will is proposing a session at the National Conference specifically for generating research problem statements.

5. Membership Report – Pat Weaver and Pat Piras

Weaver distributed a membership report to attendees summarizing current membership. See Attachment

6. Committee Communications Report – Jill Hough, Communications Chair

Jill noted that she would not be able to continue as Communications Chair for the Committee due to other commitments. Linda Cherrington volunteered that Jonathan Brooks would be willing to assume that position. An invitation will be issued to Jonathan, and the Communications Council will be notified of the change.

7. Rural Conference Report – Patti Monahan

Patti presented on behalf of the Co-Chairs (Patti and Jackie), reporting that Jackie was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

- a. 21st National Conference Committee Report (See Attachment 3 for Call for Presentations and Student Paper Competition)
- b. 22nd National Conference Committee Planning. Develop an RFP to solicit local host sites for 2016.

8. Status of Related TCRP Research Projects

- TCRP FY14 Projects (See Attachment 4). Panel nominations due January 20, 2014.
- Other Related TCRP Research Projects

9. Other TRB/TCRP Business

- Overview of TRB Business – David Wilcock, AP000 Section Chair, Jennifer Weeks, Stephan Parker
 - The spotlight theme for the TRB 94th Annual Meeting will be “Corridors to the Future – Technology and Transportation.” We plan to again supplement this theme with a small number of “hot topics” to be identified later. The meeting will take place January 11-15, 2015 in the Walter E. Washington Convention Center.
 - The Key Transportation Research Achievements submitted by more than 80 committees have now been posted on the TRB website (<http://www.trb.org/AboutTRB/KeyResearchAchievements.aspx>). We will be offering all committees the opportunity to add to or provide updates to this database in the coming months.
 - Membership
 - A survey will be sent to the Chairs of the more than 40 committees who invited a representative from one of your non-traditional stakeholder communities to participate in the TRB Annual Meeting. The survey results will be used by TAC in determining the future of this initiative.
 - TAC approved a proposal to add two standing committee Member slots for state DOT employees without these counting against the 25 Member limit. Please note that this new policy has NOT yet gone into effect, as TRB still needs to update its database systems to accommodate this. More instructions will be coming.
 - TRB will soon be launching a new online database system that will include a number of “self-service” features for TRB committee Chairs and volunteers. More details will be provided soon.
 - Daniel S. Turner will be succeeding Katie Turnbull as TAC Chair beginning in April. Dan is Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Alabama.
- TCRP Business
- Other TRB/TCRP Business

10. Other Issues

11. Adjourn

Note: Order of the agenda was adjusted to accommodate TRB Staff availability (Agenda Items 8 and 9)

Attachment 1

Attendance Roster 2014 Annual Meeting

Members in Attendance

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Attachment 2

AP055 Session Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Monday 1:30PM- 3:15PM	Transportation in Military Communities Joint Subcommittee of ADA20, AT035, AP055 Thera Black, Thurston Regional Planning Council, presiding David D. Metcalf, ATCS, P.L.C., presiding Planning and Forecasting, Policy	Hilton, Morgan	<u>ADA20</u>
Monday 1:30PM- 3:15PM	TRB Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Conference Planning Subcommittee, AP055(1) Jacklyn Montgomery, California Association for Coordinated Transportation, Inc., presiding Public Transportation	Hilton, Kalorama	<u>AP055</u>
Monday 7:30PM- 9:30PM	Session 475 Rural Public and Coordinated Human Services Transportation: Using Nontraditional Performance Indicators to Measure Impacts J. William Rodman, Nelson\Nygaard Consulting Associates, presiding <i>Lectern Session AICP Certification Maintenance Session</i> Public Transportation	Hilton, Columbia Hall 7	<u>AP055</u>
Tuesday 1:30PM- 3:15PM	Session 612 Working Together to Address Traffic Outside the Gates: Military and Civilian Perspectives on Resolving I-5 Issues at Joint Base Lewis-McChord David D. Metcalf, ATCS, P.L.C., presiding <i>Lectern Session AICP Certification Maintenance Session</i> Operations and Traffic Management, Planning and Forecasting, Policy	Hilton, Jefferson West	<u>ADA20</u>
Wednesday 8:00AM- 9:45AM	Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation Committee Patricia Weaver, University of Kansas, presiding Public Transportation	Hilton, Gunston	<u>AP055</u>
Wednesday 2:30PM- 4:00PM	Session 834 Intercity Buses from the Heartland to the Big City Fred Fravel, KFH Associates, presiding <i>Lectern Session AICP Certification Maintenance Session Practice Ready Papers</i> Public Transportation	Hilton, Columbia Hall 7	<u>AP055</u>

Attachment 3 Transportation in Military Communities

Transportation in Military Communities Joint Subcommittee

Scope

The Transportation in Military Communities Joint Subcommittee explores complex relationships between military bases and the surrounding civil transportation system. The goal is to promote greater awareness and understanding of the military and civilian processes by which decisions are made that affect these transportation systems, and to foster a more coordinated, comprehensive, and continuing approach to decision-making and funding for improvements. Topics of initial interest include but are not limited to: coordination of Department of Defense needs and decision-making processes with federally-mandated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Regional Planning Organization (RPO) processes; timely evaluation and determination of mitigation measures that support defense restationing decisions which may impact state and local transportation systems, both in urban and rural communities; increased potential for travel alternatives to reduce congestion impacts and energy consumption; more effective integration of base, military personnel and military family travel behavior considerations into regional travel models; and to identify the role of federal, state and local programs to assist in mitigating congestion impacts. The Subcommittee will pursue relevant research, annual meeting workshops and sessions, and will disseminate this information as its primary tool to fulfill this goal.

Joint Subcommittee of:

Metropolitan Policy, Planning, and Processes (ADA20) parent committee
Military Transportation (ATO25)
Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation (APO55)

Chair: Thera Black (outgoing chair of ADA20)

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Attachment 4

2014 Paratransit Conference

Shaping the New Future of Paratransit: An International Conference Monterey, California October 29-31, 2014

This TRB-sponsored conference will represent the first major international conference for paratransit solutions and operations since 1997, providing an opportunity for leading paratransit researchers and practitioners to help shape paratransit's future and its potential within the family of transportation services. The conference will focus on the future of open and integrated paratransit solutions (DRT, flexible transport), grounded in an understanding of the current state of the art of paratransit around the world, in the context of unrelenting pressures on governments to provide transport services that are financially sustainable and perceived as equitable and cost-effective.

Paratransit has evolved over the past decades in multiple important and diverse ways: providing demand-response shared-ride specialized service for people with disabilities in addition to its original use as a service for the general public in suburban and small city/rural environments; in its broader use and integration into the overall public transport system; in a wider range of rider groups served; in new and innovative services and policies used to meet service demands within constrained financial resources; and in the application of modern technologies.

Key conference topics will include:

- DRT as a first mile/last mile service to provide access to the regional public transport network;
- alternative service configurations for general public DRT and other flexible transit in metropolitan areas and small cities;
- strategies for improving financial sustainability of services;
- mobility management/coordination of services;
- innovative approaches to cost-effective service provision for disabled persons;
- using paratransit to access health maintenance services;
- technology options for improving service outcomes;
- the impacts of the combination of changing living patterns and technology advances on service delivery.

The program will include a mix of break-out sessions, structured presentations and technical and problem solving panel discussions by leading thinkers and practitioners in the domain. Participants will use this conference as a forum for cross-fertilization of ideas and practices, to analyze common problems and formulate potential solutions, to propose methods for relevant comparisons of performance, to develop a consensus on appropriate definitions and indicators for the field, and to discuss the future evolution, including near-term research needs, in such areas as information/communication technology, organization/institutional development and vehicle specifications.

Participants will gain an understanding of contemporary best practices, as well as innovative evidence-based approaches to meeting continuing challenges, including:

- Operations and service delivery ideas and tips from overall system structure to nitty-gritty daily fixes;
- Institutional, organizational, and management innovations from both the public and private sectors—true tales of success to effectively include more clientele groups, funders, service providers, and partners;
- How technology can aid—without overwhelming—services and oversight;
- How to measure and present the benefits of good quality, sustainable service—in terms of finances, health, and community; and
- Methodologies to ensure customer satisfaction; proper service and performance monitoring; and analyzing trends with Big Data.

**Attachment 5
2014 AP055 Membership Report**

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2014 Membership Snapshot Report

Total Membership (25 maximum)	23 regular members 5 Young Members 3 Emeritus
Gender	13 female 18 male
Minority	2
Organizational Affiliation	Academic – 7 Consultants – 11 Industry – 5 NFP/Research – 3 Federal – 2 State – 2 Other – 1
Geographic Distribution	North East – 11 South East – 3 North West – 7 South West – 7 Central – 5

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Chair

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Mr. Thomas J. Cook
Co-Director, Public Transportation Group
Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE)

Attachment 5

2014 AP055 Membership Report

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Ms. Karen P. Honeysett
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Dr. Jill Annette Hough
Program Director / Advanced Research Fellow
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Mr. Robert R. Isaacs
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Principal
Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates

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Ms. Pam J. Ward
Retired

Attachment 6
21st National Conference Press Releases



For immediate release

Press Release

***“Setting Our Course for the Future”* focus of student competition for the 2014 Conference on Rural Public & Intercity Bus Transportation in Monterey, California**

Lawrence, Kansas, September 20, 2013: A student paper competition is announced to encourage students in transportation and related fields to submit entries on the topic of the 21st National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation 2014 theme, “Setting Our Course for the Future.” There are two competitions: the graduate student competition requires submission of a research paper, and the undergraduate student competition requires an essay addressing a specific challenge statement related to the theme.

Two winning student papers will be awarded in each category (graduate and undergraduate), along with a cash prize and travel expenses to the 2014 conference in Monterey, California. Cash prizes for graduate research papers are \$1,000 and \$500 for first and second place, respectively; for undergraduate student essays, the cash prizes are \$500 and \$250. **Deadline for submissions is March 7, 2014.**

The National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation is co-sponsored by TRB in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration, Transportation Research Board, National Rural Transit Assistance Program, American Public Transportation Association and others. The 2014 Conference will be held in Monterey, California on October 26-29, 2014.

Complete instructions for each competition may be found on the conference website at <http://www.ribtc.org>. For more information, contact Patricia Weaver at weaver@ku.edu or Del Peterson at del.peterson@ndsu.edu.



**21st National Conference on
Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation**

Monterey Plaza Hotel
Monterey, California

The National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation provides information, training and discussion on best practices and current research in rural public and intercity bus transportation. Rural transit and human service transit providers, tribal transit managers, planners, state transportation and human service agency staff, intercity bus operators, consultants, researchers, trainers and others with an interest in rural transportation are invited to attend.

For more program information, visit the conference web site at
<http://www.ribtc.org>

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Project No.	Title
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E-11	The Relationship Between Asset Conditions and Service Quality
G-14	Contracting Commuter Rail Services
H-51	Understanding Changes in Demographics, Preferences and Markets for the Transit Industry
H-52	A Guidebook for Planning Transit Park-and-Ride Facilities