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**COMMISSION FOR LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN COLLABORATION**  
**March 30, 2017 FINAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Members present:**

Les Brand  
Bob Boehm  
Matthew Chasnis  
David Closs  
Roger Huff (via phone)  
Pasi Lautala  
Fred Schlemmer  
Kirk Steudle  
Janice Walsh (via phone)

**Members absent:**

Jamie Clover Adams/Peter Anastor

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. Rick Chapla from The Right Place, Inc. gave public comment.

Director Steudle welcomed members and gave a brief overview of the new direction of the Commission for Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration (LSC), including the move from Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Tim Hoeffner, Director of Rail for MDOT, attended the meeting to further explain the FAST Act recommendation for a Freight Advisory Council.

Elisha DeFrain, Transportation Planner, Intermodal Policy Division at MDOT, gave a presentation on the Freight Plan Update. Elisha highlighted the Plan update timeline and FAST Act Freight Plan components. The LCS will be playing a critical role in the Freight Plan update process.

Nikkie Johnson, Transportation Specialist for the MDOT Office of Rail, gave a presentation on the upcoming Rail Update. The Federal Rail Association has begun a regional planning effort. The Annual Rail Conference will be held August 15-17, 2017 and will include Michigan's' sister states. The conference will be held at Western Michigan University and include an Intermodal component.

The Commission revisited the conduct of future LSC meetings and decided that:

1. Attending meetings by phone is acceptable

2. Representatives can attend meetings but would be non-voting
3. Online conferencing may be optional down the line

**Topics discussed during “Open Discussion”**

- Transformational Technologies in Supply Chain & Logistics Industry
- Connected and Automated Vehicles (CAV)
  - CAV Bills
  - Truck Platooning
- Insurance Issues as it Relates to CAV
- Truck Weight Laws
- Truck Permitting Processes
- Truck Parking & Hours of Service
- Truck Driver Shortages
- Optimization of Freight Movement
- Data Collection Efforts for Freight
- Local Delivery
- Marine Highways & Shipping Container Movements
  - Leveraging Waterways
- Short Sea Shipping
- Soo Locks
- Agriculture Movements via Rail

The meeting concluded at 11:00 am.