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**COMMISSION FOR LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN COLLABORATION**  
**FINAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 27, 2017**

**Members present:**

Peter Anastor (for Jamie Clover Adams)  
Les Brand (by phone)  
Bob Boehm  
David Closs  
Roger Huff  
Pasi Lautala (by phone)  
Fred Schlemmer  
Janice Walsh  
Tim Hoeffner (for Kirk Steudle)

**Technical Advisors:**

Thomas Rayburn (by phone)  
Paul LaMarre  
Oliver Turner

**Members absent:**

Matthew Chasnis (for Jeff Mason)

**The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.**

Tim Hoeffner, Director of Rail welcomed members, guests and staff. Tim mentioned Director Steudle could not make it for this meeting and he sends his regards. Draft minutes from April 25, 2017 were approved with no changes. Tim also introduced the three Technical Advisors to the group: Oliver Turner, City Manager of Sault Ste. Marie; Paul LaMarre, Director-Port of Monroe; Thomas Rayburn, Director of Environmental Affairs and Regulatory Affairs-Lake Carriers' Association.

**TRB Automated Vehicle and Shared Mobility Forum Update**

Roger Huff, President at HGLC Consulting, presented on the topic preparing for Automated Vehicles & Shared Mobility Services. TRB is working to create a series of forums possibly two per year that will consist of a panel of industry experts. The proposed focus areas are:

- Develop and maintain an updated research roadmap
- Critical path for OEM automation
- Impact of automated vehicles on traveler behavior and freight
- Impact of shared mobility on the transportation system
- Data considerations, including cybersecurity and privacy challenges
- Impact on land use, and how land use impacts AVs and shared mobility
- Address social inclusion, equity, and workforce implications in shared mobility

**Legislative Update:** Troy Hagon provided the following information on recent legislative activity related to freight & logistics.

- FY18 Budget Changes
  - Detroit Wayne County Port Authority-\$268k cut
  - Rail Operations and Infrastructure/Rail Freight Economic Development line was increased \$5.9M from Comprehensive Transportation Fund
  - Freight Economic Development Program- \$2.5M specifically directed to be spent in this area
  - Transportation Economic Development Fund fully funded at \$17M
  - Earmark for \$2-3M on I-94 in Jackson to pull forward design and engineering work
- Transportation Related Bills
  - PA 35 – Trucks, semitrailer or trailer carrying agricultural drainage tubing will go up from 59 feet to 75 feet
  - SB 120 - Revises maximum length of stringer-steered combination and tow-away trailer transporter
  - SB 159 – Provides exemption for certain natural gas vehicles from gross vehicle weight limits
  - HB 4644 – Annual Trip Permits
  - HB 4444 - Collaboration and public notice for ROW projects – limit disruptions for construction purposes
  - HB 4160 – Allows for charitable solicitation in the roadway under certain conditions – impacts to free flow of traffic

**Freight Plan Update:**

Elisha DeFrain, Transportation Planner, Intermodal Policy Division at MDOT, spoke about the Michigan Freight Plan update. She provided an overview of the updates being made to the Plan to meet federal FAST Act requirements. Elisha outlined the public involvement process for the plan, and handed out printed copies of the draft freight plan.

Highlights of Freight Plan by chapter:

- Plan Overview: Strategic Goals: Economic Context of Freight Planning: Freight Policies, Strategies and Institutions: State Freight Transportation Assets: System Condition and Performance: 20-Year Freight Forecast: Overview of Trends, Needs and Issues: The States Decision Process: Freight Investment Plan (FIP)

- Public & Stakeholder Involvement Timeline
  - August 28<sup>th</sup> -September 29<sup>th</sup>: Draft Plan posted on MDOT Website & Public Comment Period
  - September 12<sup>th</sup>: Public Webinar
  - September (TBD): Final Draft Plan presented to STC & LSC
  - October-November: Revision to Plan based on comments
  - November: Final Plan shared with LSC & submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
  - December: Anticipated approval by FHWA & Plan posted on MDOT Website

**Other Discussion:**

The upcoming meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> will be held at the International Bridge boardroom in Sault Ste. Marie. Elisha DeFrain and Larry Karnes are considering setting up a tour of the Soo Locks. Paul LaMarre proposed that Governors Port Advisory Committee make a brief presentation to the LSC to show what the top five priorities are with the Port Authorities. The September 28<sup>th</sup> will be an all-day meeting due to the travel and tours.

**The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.**