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Commission for Logistics & Supply Collaboration

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Members Present:

Tim Hoeffner *for Paul Ajegba*
Beth Colosimo *for Jeff Mason*
Dr. David Closs
Roger Huff (*via phone*)
Dr. Pasi Lautala
Fred Schlemmer
James Fults, Workforce Development Agency
Janice Walsh (*via phone*)
Robert Boehm

Members Absent:

Peter Anastor *for Gary McDowell*
Les Brand

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Tim Hoeffner, MDOT Office of Rail Director welcomed commission members and MDOT support staff.

Draft minutes from August 15, 2019 were approved.

Upper Peninsula Logging Study Update

Dr. Pasi Lautala, provided a brief update on the final stages of the log study. A spatial model was created using data based on three specific areas: rail fleet size, trucker benefits and shared assets & discounts. In three out of four case studies, truckers would observe benefits from shifting to multimodal strategy. The log study covered 400 miles of rail. All shipments ran through 5 companies and 14 mills utilizing trucks and rail. The study found that for a discount to be seen financially, 200,000 tons of additional cargo would need to be moved. Another aspect of the study was to see how speed impacts productivity in a

multimodal system. The top four counties include Marquette, Dickinson, Delta and Menominee that account for over 61% of total truck tons, 83% of rail and truck tons of non-log freight.

Michigan Grant Update

Tim Hoeffner, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Rail, provided the following update on two grants awarded for Michigan projects. The State of Good Repair grant program awarded \$23M to the Kalamazoo-Dearborn Corridor project and the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements program awarded \$8.65M for the Lake State Railway Mackinaw Subdivision Improvement project.

State Long Range Plan Update

Elisha Wulff, Transportation Planner, MDOT Asset Management and Policy Division updated the Commission on the State Long-Range Transportation Plan, known as Michigan Mobility 2045 (MM2045). MDOT staff is currently finalizing the phase 2 scope of work with the consultant team, WSP. The MM2045 Vision, Guiding Principles and Goals handout was discussed. Commissioner Roger Huff will provide information regarding freight-related work TRB is doing that could contribute to the MM2045 development.

LSC Strategy Discussion (Notes)

- Keep meetings at minimum 4 per year
- Extend meetings to 3 hours
- Share news articles & items of interest with the commission
- Expand on topics: federal grants, workforce development, state and federal policies, leveraging waterways
- Get involved in specific projects and initiatives
- Create standing agenda item for 2-3-minute updates from each commissioner Open Discussion

Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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