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**Commission for Logistics & Supply Chain
Collaboration**

**Final Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2017**

Members Present:

Tim Hoeffner *for Kirk Steudle*
Janice Walsh Fred Schlemmer Roger Huff
Matthew Chasnis *for Jeff Mason*
Dr. Pasi Lautala Robert Boehm Dr. David Closs
Les Brand *on phone*

Members Absent:

Peter Anastor *for Jamie Clover Adams*

Technical Advisors:

Paul LaMarre (absent)
Thomas Rayburn *on phone*
Oliver Turner *on phone*

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Tim Hoeffner, MDOT Office of Rail Director welcomed Commissioners to the meeting. Tim thanked everyone that participated in the September 28, 2017 joint meeting with the Port Advisory Committee held in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. He commented on the success of the meeting including the group tours of the International Bridge and the Soo Locks. Tim also spoke to having Elisha DeFrain with MDOT serve as liaison to the Port Advisory Committee and Matthew Chasnis of MEDC serve as liaison to the Logistics and Supply Chain Collaboration team to observe the dynamics of these two groups working together collaboratively to further the State of Michigan's logistics, supply chain, maritime, and multi-modal goals.

A Public Comment period will be at the end of the meeting.

Draft minutes from September 28, 2017 were approved with no changes.

Matthew Chasnis, (MEDC), presented a demo of the current mitalent.org website. He highlighted the job portals for experienced job seekers and students. Matthew showed where

students can research schools based on occupational trends. The demo included various vocational training programs offered throughout the state and discussed ways to engage students to pursue these opportunities.

Roger Huff, President at HGLC Consulting provided the following update on autonomous vehicles

- There will be a Forum planned for 1st quarter of 2018 topics will include:
 - Increasing Safety
 - Reducing congestion
 - Enhancing accessibility
 - Increasing sustainability
 - Economic development

Elisha DeFrain, Transportation Planner, Asset Management and Policy Division at MDOT notified the Commission that the Freight Plan was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration for approval.

Polly Kent, Division Administrator, Asset Management and Policy Division at MDOT presented the MAASTO Freight Survey results. The top three challenges when moving freight are: Truck Driver Shortage, Conflicting State & Federal Laws and Limited Infrastructure Funding. There are other challenges including road and bridge congestion, aging maritime infrastructure, inconsistent practices at the borders and seasonal availability of rail cars.

Troy Hagon, Governmental Affairs Liaison at MDOT provided the following information on recent legislative activity related to freight and logistics.

- FY 2019 and Beyond Budget
 - \$150 million for FY 2018-19.
 - \$325 million for FY 2019-20.
 - \$600 million for FY 2020-21 and subsequent fiscal years.
- Restore Detroit Wayne Port Authority - \$268,000 cut
- SB 120 Stinger steer and tow-away trailer transporter lengths (Sen. Casperson)
- SB 637 WIRELESS ANTENNAS (Sen. Hune)
- HB 4644 Oversize Annual Trip Permits (Rep. Cole)
- HB 4846 (H-1) Off-Road Vehicles on Trunklines (Rep. Roberts)
- HB 4945 (H-1) GOLF CARTS on TRUNKLINES (Rep. Miller)
- HB 4954 Nonmotorized Funds (Rep. Hernandez)
- HB 4956 Semi-Trailer Wheelbase (Rep. Cole)
- HB 5039 SHIP FUEL (Rep. Wentworth)

- HB 5090 Weigh Stations (Rep. VanSingel)
- HB 5095 BALLAST WATER (Rep. Lauwers)
- HB 5097 COUNTY BROADBAND PERMITS (Rep. Griffin)
- 5098 RELOCATED TELECOMMUNICATIONS NOTICE (Rep. Hoitenga)

Open Discussion Topics

1. Electric Vehicle charging stations
2. Alternative fuel sources and energy for electric vehicles
3. Sponsoring students in internships and vocational job opportunities
4. MEDC to provide information on best practices for engaging students to seek vo-tech experience
5. Disruptive Technology

No public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.