

Minutes
Transportation Research Board
Public Transportation Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Committee AP025
January 11, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the committee's Chairman Edward Beimborn. Members and friends introduced themselves.

2. The minutes of last year's meetings and the summer meeting were approved.

3. Paper Reviews

Brendon Hemily reported that the committee received 39 papers, similar to the large number of the previous year, and 4 were transferred to other committees. The committee received 127 of 149 reviews; all papers had 3 or more reviews. Brendon thanked everyone who contributed to the Paper Review process.

9 papers were accepted for presentation at Presentation Sessions, and 10 papers were accepted for presentation at Poster Board Sessions.

4. Committee Strategic Plan

Rich Bickel presented the Committee's Strategic Plan which was discussed by the committee. Mary Kay Christopher moved that the Strategic Plan be approved, seconded by Sally Cooper. The strategic plan was approved. Ed thanked Rich for his efforts. The plan can be found on the committee's web site:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/cuts/trb/splan10.pdf>

5. TRB Activities:

The 2011 theme for the Annual Meeting is *Transportation, Livability and Economic Development in a Changing World*

Reports from TRB:

- There will be more focus on international developments in the future.
- TRB continues to organize webinars which provide a cost-effective method for outreach in times of fiscal constraint which limit the possibility of travel for many.
- AICP credits are available for attending many TRB sessions.
- TCRP: Synthesis problem statements are due March 15th, and main research problem statements are due June 15th.
- A new National Cooperative Rail Research program has been funded at the level of \$15 million per year.

5. Report from FTA

Charlie Goodman provided a report on various FTA activities of interest to the Committee. These included:

- Center for TOD is developing a Planning Guide for Affordable Housing at TOD locations
- NTI is offering a course on TOD and Joint Development
- An interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities has been created between DOT, HUD, and EPA. This help develop guiding principles to enhance the coordination of efforts between the agencies to promote sustainable communities.
- The FHWA, FTA, and APA are partnering to sponsor a Transportation Planning Excellence Awards Program
- Transit at the Table III, focusing on statewide and rural planning, is underway
- Transportation Planning Capacity-Building Program (TPCB): www.planning.dot.gov
- Public Transportation Participation Pilot Program has sponsored 29 research projects: www.fta.dot.gov/planning/programs/planning_environment_5925.html
- Planning Partnerships for Improved Transit Planning: Building Transit's Sustainability Participation
- Private Operator Participation in Transportation Planning: FTA has sponsored an initiative by the Taxicab, Limousine and Paratransit Association (TLPA): www.tlpa.org/meetings/fta/index.cfm

6. Committee Activities

The committee discussed reports and future activities. Possible activities include:

- International Report from Francis Cheung delivered by Brendon concerning National Smart Card project and Multimodal Traveler Information projects in the Netherlands. Brendon also provided an update on developments in Canada.
- Call for Papers, it was decided to not have a call for papers
- Webinars, anyone interested in webinars should contact TRB staff.
- Communications Coordinator: Ed will continue to serve as CC.
- TCRP Research problem Statements: a subcommittee was formed to prepare research statements for TCRP
- Participation in a proposed joint subcommittee on Carpooling: Mary Kay will monitor.
- World Transit Research website: Graham Currie reported on a new initiative by Monash University's ITS to develop a World Transit Research" website: www.worldtransitresearch.info

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.