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Transportation Research Board
Public Transportation Planning and Development Committee Meeting
Committee AP025
August 27, 2007 – Denver

In Attendance:

- Ed Beimborn (Chair), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Brendon Hemily (Secretary), Hemily and Associates
- Manjiri Akalkotkar, VIA Metro transit, San Antonio, TX
- Bruce Appleyard, UC Berkeley / Dowling Associates
- Francis Cheung, AVV Ministry of Transportation, The Netherlands
- Jim Gillespie, Virginia DOT-VTRC
- Charlie Goodman, FTA
- Sally Hill Cooper, (retired)
- Pete Shaw, TRB
- A.T. Stoddard, LSC

Discussion

TRB Annual Meeting: Pete Shaw reported that there is severe room capacity constraints. Each committee is limited to 2 formal sessions, plus submissions to the Poster Session

Experimental Speed Dating + Poster Boards Session (renamed “Tappas Session”): Participants felt that the session worked very well. Most speakers abided by time limitations, but it is important for the moderator to keep on top of time. Having the poster board exhibits in the same room (around the back and sides) was important. All of the speakers had traffic to visit their poster boards.

Committee Strategic Plan: The following comments/suggestions were made:

- There is no real need for a newsletter.
- There is not strong committee participation in the Mid-year Conference.
- The concept of a committee blog might be explored.
- Need to think a bit more about the use of the new TRB research database. Joanna Conklin is heading the Committee’s Research Sub-Committee.

Roundtable Discussion of Future Issues: The committee discussed a variety of emerging issues of pertinence to APO25, including:

- Re-authorization of SAFETEA-LU: this is likely to raise various issues for research:
- The impact of earmarking on decisionmaking and research
- The need for future visioning
- Climate Change and Sustainable Transportation: the impact on urban transportation planning with a focus on greenhouse gases rather than congestion management; the role of transit; etc.
- The impacts of an aging population
- Mobility, land use and public health, and the role of transit
- The implications of energy supply uncertainty on urban transportation planning
- School transportation and transit: an assessment of alternative approaches
- Formalizing consideration of mobility criteria in the planning of public infrastructure (e.g. schools, health facilities, seniors homes, etc.)