STANDING COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS (SCOH)
COUNCIL ON OPERATIONS
DRAFT AGENDA
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER ROOM B-112
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2006 —10:30 AM

1. Call to Order ........................................................................................................ Carlos Braceras, UT (Vice-Chair)
2. Minutes from May 5, 2006 (attached)
3. Subcommittee Updates (note please 5 minutes each, includes discussion of proposed work plan for the coming year)
   - Subcommittee on Highway Transport .................................................. Gordon Proctor, OH
   - Subcommittee on Maintenance ...................................................... Carlos Braceras, UT
   - Subcommittee on Systems Operations and Management .... John Conrad, WA
   - Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering .................................... Tom Hicks, MD (Vice-Chair)

4. Discussion Items ............................................................................................. Carlos Braceras, UT (Vice-Chair)
   a. National Unified Goal on Traffic Incident Management (TIM) ............... John Conrad/Valerie Briggs
   b. Decision on Assignment for Access Management ................................ TBD
   c. Funding Update for MUTCD ........................................................................ Ken Kobetsky
   d. Subcommittee Coordination .................................................................. Subcommittee Chairs
      (1) Cross Coordination Study (attached)
         (a) Improve Coordination among SCOH subcommittees
      (2) Research and scan proposals
      (3) Joint Meetings/Events

5. Old Business ........................................................................................................ AASHTO
   b. Consistency of AASHTO publication titles

6. New Business
   a. Joint work zone training grant ARTBA/AASHTO ect ............................................................ AASHTO

7. Adjourn

May 4, 2005
SCOH Operations Council Meeting Notes
May 5, 2006

Participants:
Kevin Mahoony
Craig Syrcusa
Larry Tibbits
MG Patel
Paul Deggs
Gummada Murthy
Doug Rose
Marvin Murthy
Kevin Chesney
Carlos Bracesas
Richard Wu
Dean Carlson
John Fuller
Del McOmie
John Conrad
Anne Brach

Subcommittee Updates

- Subcommittee on Maintenance
  - Mark Wikilius, Vice Chair has changed positions at MnDOT. Russel Urrick of Maryland DOT will be new Vice Chair.
  - AASHTO maintenance manual expected for circulation in summer
  - FHWA Secretary, Jim Sorrenson started maintenance manager, quarterly newsletter.
  - Also do quarterly conference calls with leadership team.
  - Information pamphlet for new members
  - Combined meeting with TRB this year in Charleston. Pre-screen research work
  - Next year will be meeting jointly with operations in Wisconsin
  - 2008 meeting jointly with Environmental committee
  - Performance based contracting for maintenance research project – contract to be issued soon
  - NCI course on Maintance management
  - AASHTO guide for pavement preservation research and practices
  - Resolution for technical services program passed with 26 states participating

- Subcommittee on Systems Operations and Management
  - Meeting in September with Special Committee on Transportation Security in Orlando
  - 2008 meeting with Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering in Mobile, AL
  - Mainstreaming Operations Business plan
How do you integrate operations into the planning process included. Working with FHWA and Standing Committee on Planning.
- Participate in the National Transportation Operations Coalition
- National Traffic Incident Management Coalition
  - Developing National Unified Goal on Traffic Incident Management
  - Conference in Irvine in late November to develop goal
- Steve Varnedoe new chair of work zones working group – working with FHWA
- Technology Initiatives task force – working on Vehicle Infrastructure Integration initiative, National 511 Coalition, respond to SAFETEA-Lu Incident Reporting Systems, communications backbone for incident response
- Balloting Guide to Emergency Transportation Operations

- Put National Unified Goal on TIM on Fall Ops Council Agenda
- Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering
  - Met with January with National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control devices. SAFETEA-LU did not fund update to manual.
  - Want to meet with other committees in the future
  - Doing strategic planning on where want to go in the future and how to connect with other committees
  - Work zone committee working on implementation guide
  - Signings and markings – good and bad signing practices
  - Access management – looking at developing a user friendly guide. NCHRP report also coming out.
  - Roundabout design
  - Bicycle guidelines
  - Speed limits
  - Need to coordinate safety and security
    - Looking at incident management and safety plans for the states
  - Traffic signal and roadway lighting
- Need to determine where access management belongs – Traffic Engineering, Design… - Victor Mendez will discuss with Carol
- No funding for MUTCD – two potential fixes – fix on Hill or state pooled fund. Ken Kobetsky and Tony will keep a close watch and report
- Highway Transport Committee
  - Washington briefing – task force chairs meet in Washington, briefed by Federal Agencies
  - AASHTO hurricane response survey being presented at AASHTO Board Meeting
  - Developed procedures for future emergency responses – communications, conference calls, developed webpage during Katrina response
  - Working on Bottom line report including water, rail, trucking
  - Freight transportation leadership group
  - Package of meeting proceedings notes, etc. on CD
• Future of the Interstate Policy Team Process
  o 3 teams –
    ▪ Forecasts – Neil Pederson
    ▪ 4R Needs – Dave Spryznatyce
    ▪ Operational needs and smart systems – John Conrad
  o Have consulting support through NCHRP
  o Working from Template to make recommendations
  o Operations Team
    ▪ Optimizing system performance and safety
    ▪ Emergency response and evac
    ▪ Efficient freight movement
    ▪ Full deployment of ITS
    ▪ Several overlapping area
      • Pricing and demand management
      • Bottlenecks – physical improvements that impact operations, ex. bridge constraints, crossovers for evacs
      • Organizational capacity
    ▪ First recommendations completed by end of July – recommendations to go to board at Fall meeting

• SCOH Cross Coordination matrix
  o Convene Vice Chairs
  o Add access management
  o Add details about what each item means
  o Add contacts
  o Chairs flesh out during summer meetings
  o Add research items

• Research and International Scan proposals due in September
• Joint meetings and events
  o Traffic Engineering inviting members from other committees to speak at their meeting about activities
• SCOH authorized 20-7 project to look at AASHTO publication titles – to be used as guidance
• Section 1110 of SAFETEA-LU – opens up work zone issues again – worker protection, unit prices, protective clothing