

# MAFC Meeting

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Minutes of the MAFC Meeting  
November 28, 2017  
9:00 a.m. CT

## \*Attendees:

Scott Marian, MoDOT	Alicia Miller, MDOT	Cheryl Ball, MoDOT
Bill Gardner, MnDOT	Andrew Thomason, MnDOT	Donna Luley, INDOT
Chuck Wade, WisDOT	Larry Karnes, MDOT	Tony Avona, INDOT
Matt Umhoefer, WisDOT	John Maddox, KDOT	Kristin Brier, INDOT
Lynn Hanus, WisDOT	Crystal Jones, FHWA	Carol Brent, Kentucky
DeAnna Smith, IDOT	Bill Wondracheck, WISDOT	Erin Aleman, IDOT
Jim Durako, IDOT	Aaron Michelson, WisDOT	Ernie Perry, MAFC
Jesse Gwilliams, MDOT	Mark Locker, ODOT	Kerri Phillips, MAFC
	Nicole George, MnDOT	

\*If we missed you on the attendee list, or didn't get full or correct name, please send me an email at [ebperry@wisc.edu](mailto:ebperry@wisc.edu).

Ernie gave an update on Modal comparison report. Members were asked to review the report. It is desired to use this report as the foundation for the next project. Please feel free to share.

Matt briefly point out a couple of minor edits and the group was asked to wait one day before sharing.

## Project Updates

The Platooning project is well underway and is working in coordination with the MAASTO working group on automation.

MAFC is continuing to work on getting other projects contracted. These include the OSOW, Truck Parking, and the MAASTO Regional Bottleneck.

Matt said the group will try to get contracts out to everyone and that in spite of the short turn around times being required, the goal is to ensure that the scope meets the collective will of the ten states. Right now, it is taking about 2-4 weeks from the time first drafts are done until the Secretary's office gives approval.

## 2018 Annual Meeting Planning

There was discussion about potential location and partners for the 2018 Annual Meeting. These included:

- Ohio Conference on Freight in Cincinnati.
- John suggested St. Louis as a good city, generally, due to ease of getting there.
- ITTS
- Cheryl suggested the IMX meeting in May with ITTS.
- MAASTO in Travers City. August 27-29.

It was noted that MAASTO organizers had wanted to have more Freight and to highlight Great Lakes Freight. MAASTO has said they would welcome MAFC. Downsides are a lack of industry up there and limited tour opportunities.

- Cheryl suggested Kansas City with its good freight environment. Kansas City has SubTropolis.
- Iowa Freight Symposium

Ernie will investigate these options further and report on best options. \*\*As of 12/08, based email balloting, the coalition states remain nearly equally divided on the best location for the 2018 meeting. The meeting location will be discussed at the 12/12 planning committee teleconference.

## **State by State Comments and Close Outs**

### **Illinois**

Has submitted draft plan. Have determined going to do a call for projects for the Freight formula funds. Trying to determine requirements for that now. Early next year will ask stakeholders to submit projects that would be good for formula funds. Once projects are determined will do an amendment to the freight plan.

Working on the Rail plan. Next week or two will have up on website for comment.

### **Kansas**

Freight plan submitted and approved. Rail plan is in process. Both should be up on the website today.

### **Michigan**

Submitted Freight plan and expect approval in December. Developing RFP for long range plan.

### **Minnesota**

Have submitted revised plans for review. Hoping to receive comments back soon. Also out for public comment period.

### **Indiana**

Rail plan is completed and possibly approved. Issuing an RFP for a brand new OSOW permitting system. Going through construction right now with a lot of boring, not trenching. Expect to be finished by June or August of next year.

## Ohio

Freight plan submitted and approved. Rail plan underway. Maritime plan is on the home stretch. Expect to be done by the end of the year. Going to do some additional elements next year. State going through long range planning and is now looking at alternate energy corridor in the state.

## Wisconsin

Freight plan has received the first comments back. Did not have projects defined the way FHWA wanted. They will want specific projects with project IDs. Running modifications by the Secretary's office to meet the December 4<sup>th</sup> deadline.

## DISCUSSION

There was some discussion about the Projects list. Ohio had experienced the same issue of FHWA wanting more distinct lists rather than a pool of projects to select from.

Matt mentioned that he had heard a similar story from other states. He pointed out that if people want to make changes to the projects, it can be done by submitting a Word document fairly simply.

## Missouri

Revised Freight plan has been submitted. Waiting for approval. Long range plan is also in process of being updated and is due to be finished in May. Currently working on budgets and legislative requests.

## Kentucky

Working to try to hire a replacement soon for Casey. Have submitted the first plan and received some comments. Will rework one more time and looking forward to approval.