

AGENDA

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY



FREIGHT COALITION



Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition

Spring Meeting and Workshop

March 31-April 2, 2008

Held in conjunction with the 1st Upper Midwest
Traveler Information Data Sharing Summit on
April 2nd, 2008

**Courtyard by Marriott Downtown
Indianapolis**

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GOAL

The Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition was created to protect and support the economic wellbeing of the industries, farms and people of the region by keeping the products of those industries, farms and people flowing to markets reliably, safely, and efficiently.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

- Facilitate opportunities for cooperation among Coalition members
- Updates Coalition members on sponsored activities
- Facilitate dialogue in the context of related national efforts
- Facilitate discussion and response to National Initiatives in Transportation Funding & Policy
- Conduct MVFC Technical Committee meeting and develop the 2009-2010 Workplan for the Coalition.

DAY ONE - MARCH 31 2008

Start	Stop	Activity (location)	Speaker/Facilitator
12:00	noon	Registration <i>Outside Ballroom</i>	
1:00	1:15	Welcome: Purpose and Process <i>Market & Keystone</i>	Teresa Adams, CFIRE Jason Bittner, CFIRE
1:15	1:45	Introductions: Name, role, organization, location, hope for the outcome of MVFC	
1:45	2:45	Host State Presentation Indiana Department of Transportation	Indiana DOT, Keith Bucklew
2:45	3:00	Break <i>Outside Ballroom</i>	
3:00	4:15	Coalition Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MVFC Activities • Logistics Short Course • Freight Planning for Small and Local MPOs • Expanded Truck Parking Facilities • Bottlenecks and Alleviation Strategies • Freight Traveler Information Clearinghouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teresa Adams, CFIRE • Bruce Wang, CFIRE • Jessica Guo, UW-Madison • Bruce Wang, CFIRE • Jessica Guo, UW-Madison • Todd Szymkowski, UW-Madison
4:15	4:45	FHWA Updates	Robert Tally, FHWA
5:00	7:00	Reception & Cash Bar <i>Meridian</i>	Frank Busalacchi, Secretary, Wisconsin DOT
5:45		Keynote Remarks National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission	(Member, National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission)

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DAY TWO - APRIL 1, 2008

Start	Stop	Activity	Leader
7:30	8:00	Full Breakfast and Conversation <i>TGI Fridays Dining Area</i>	
8:00	8:15	Review Agenda <i>Ballroom</i>	Teresa Adams, CFIRE
8:15	9:30	Update on Related Regional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance • North America's Super Corridor Coalition (NASCO) • Intermodal Institute, Univ. of Toledo • CREATE Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Frey, HNTB • Frank Conde, NASCO • Richard Martinko, UT • Audrey Wennink, Cambridge Systematics, Inc
9:30	10:45	Reauthorization Initiatives & National Efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Commerce Corridors • AASHTO Vision • National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Bauer, ARTBA • Leo Penne, AASHTO • Rep. Michael Krusee, Texas Legislature, Commissioner
10:45	11:00	Break	
11:00	12:30	State Round Robin (10 minutes each)	State Representatives
12:30	1:30	Lunch & Keynote Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors <i>Ballroom</i>	Leslie Blakey, Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors
1:45	3:30	What the Commission Findings Mean for the Mississippi Valley <i>Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation • Facilitated discussion 	Ernie Wittwer, Wittwer Consulting
3:30	4:00	Next Steps and Summary of the Workshop and Meeting	Teresa Adams, CFIRE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY FREIGHT COALITION BUSINESS MEETING			
Technical Committee members are expected to attend; all others are welcome			
4:15	5:30	Mississippi Valley Freight Coalition Business Meeting: <i>Fort Wayne</i> Detailed Agenda Available on Site	

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DAY THREE—APRIL 2, 2008

Participants are invited to attend either of the breakout sessions.

Start	Stop	Activity
7:30	8:30	Full Breakfast and Conversation <i>TGI Fridays Dining Area</i>
8:30	11:30	Logistics for the Public Sector Mini-Course The primary purpose of this mini-course is to acquaint the public sector with contemporary logistics practice and theory. This course intends to help the public sector better understand the needs of the freight community, and the driving forces behind the ebb and flow of freight on the roads. In 2007, the MVFC approved development of a two day course for public sector managers. This will be a condensed pilot version of the course. <i>Keystone</i>
9:00	4:30	Traveler Information Data Sharing Summit A summit of adjacent state 511 or traveler information representatives is being held to discuss policy and technical issues related to sharing data across borders. The objectives of this summit include learning about other states' practices, formulating strategies for additional data sharing across borders, and establishment of a regional traveler information working group. <i>Fort Wayne Room</i>
1:00	4:00	Weigh in Motion (WIM) Data Sharing An informal group has been arranged by Cecil Selness (MNDOT) to discuss regional efforts for sharing Weigh in Motion data. All attendees are welcome to participate. <i>Keystone</i>

TRAVEL SAFELY

Upcoming Meetings of Interest for 2008:

- Intermodal Freight Technology Working Group *Oak Brook, Illinois* (April 30-May 1)
- FHWA Smart Roadsides Workshop *Jacksonville, Florida* (April 29-May 1)
- Inland Ports Summit *Chicago, Illinois* (May 5-7)
- TRB Summer Meetings *Baltimore, Maryland* (June 18-20)
- Mississippi Valley Conference *Kansas City, Missouri* (July 7-10)
- Mid-Continent Transportation Research Forum *Madison, Wisconsin* (August 13-15)

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