

## **Performance Management Committee AJE20 - Annual Meeting at TRB**

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### **Welcome**

- This is the first in-person committee meeting since the pandemic, though we have been active online. Participation online has been very good. Welcome to all of you who may be new.
- The purpose of this group is to support performance management at large.

### **Chair's Report**

- Reach out to Dave V or Dave P to get connected to the mailing list.
- TRB code of conduct – read to committee.
- At Sunday's all-chair meeting, they announced TRB's new executive director.
- TRB Annual Meeting attendance is at around 11,000.
- Note the clarification in terminology – subcommittees are different from administrative task forces – need to keep clear.

### **Volunteer Recognition**

- Jag Mallela from WSP stepped down earlier this year as Communications Task Force Chair. Thanks!
- Jay Styles is stepping down as Session Planning Lead after having been involved in all session coordination over the past 6 years. Thanks!
- Lori Richter from SPP is the new Communication Task Force lead, and we've added Christina Leach from FHWA to the team supporting communications. William Johnson from the Colorado DOT is the new Research Coordinator for the Committee.

### **Committee rotation process.**

- New member rotation is coming up in April 2023.
- This is a working committee and there is an expectation that new members will be active participants. There are volunteer gaps in session and webinar planning – please volunteer to assist!
- Committee leadership will be looking at the committee's diversity, looking through the Diversity/Equity/Inclusion (DEI) lens.
- Reach out if you would like to be a friend or a friend who would like to be a member.

### **MyTRB**

- We encourage members and friends to review and update your TRB profile.
- There is a method for becoming a friend that is articulated on the page.

- NOTE - In the 2020-2021 rotation cycle, folks did not confirm membership invitations by clicking acceptance, please check in regularly.

### **Triennial Strategic Plan.**

- Thanks to Ting Ma from the District DOT for working on the Triennial Strategic Plan (TSP).
- Fifteen (15) actions are listed.
- Dave Vautin created and shared the scorecard. Good efforts in collaboration space. Communication has been a focus this year, a more regular process. The area needing additional focus is research – have brought on William Johnson as the research coordinator.

### **New TRB AJE20 Committee Leadership.**

- Current AJE20 Chair Dave Vautin is passing the baton to our next chair in Spring 2023.
- The next chair will be Michael Grant from ICF. Please contact Michael if you have any interest in what the committee is working on and keep an eye open for others who might be interested.
- Dave Vautin is working on transitioning to Michael.
- A suggestion was offered by Christos Xenophontos from Rhode Island DOT. Let people know if they are being rotated off the committee. This will help reduce questions/concerns.

### **TRB Update.**

- Claire Randall provided a TRB update. Please update your MyTRB profile. New feature – CRP panels is a new feature. You can see which panels are looking for members, please self-nominate.
- Messages from the new director
  - Centennial book, Everyone Interested is Invited.
  - Need to create more pathways to participation. Take a look at our volunteer structure – perhaps younger folks are looking for a different experience – micro-volunteering.
  - Take a look at in-person and virtual events to be more inclusive.
- Certificate presented to Dave for his service as TRB AJE20 Committee Chair from 2020 to 2023.
- Mara Campbell (Jacobs) – The date for the next TRB will be January 7-11, 2024. Executive Mgt Issues section - 10 committees supporting leadership. We need to figure out how to cross-pollinate expertise to help provide what leadership needs. Great TSP, let Claire and I help with implementing that plan – we will “block and tackle” for you. Great research coordinator, but if you get stuck, we can help. Want to help cross-pollinate the work of the committees.

### **Sessions, Webinars & Paper Review Updates.**

- The committee has two topics this year featured during the meeting.
  - Equity performance measures – Session on Monday, great presentations.
  - Resilience performance measures – Monday PM session, moderated by Jay Styles from Virginia DOT. Good panelists and questions.
- Coming Up Soon:
  - Looking back over the first four years of TPM. This is the topic of an upcoming TRB Webinar in March. Thanks to those who helped coordinate. DV – There will be normal TRB communication and want to leverage the informal connections. Was interested by TR News, going to write an article about it – perhaps May or June newsletter.
- Michael Grant shared a need for session coordinators. Let him know if you are interested.

### **Communications Updates.**

- Lori Richter shared an update on behalf of the Communications Task Force. This team supports meetings, notes, periodic emails, and periodic e-newsletters. The Task Force is working to get members connected with TRB and the tools they are making available. Announcements and notifications can be shared, so let us know if you have any information you would like to communicate to members and friends.
- Newsletter – distributed on a bi-monthly basis. The next deadline for content is mid-February, going out at the end of February.
- Demo of website. Using Google sites to develop the page. Photos will scroll, link to Dave Putz's email for the mailing list, committee purpose, news on TRB, pictures of committee leadership, and task force contact info. Christina Leach will be sending out a request for images of leadership.
  - Home page. About the committee and the Triennial Strategic plan.
  - Members and Friends page. What does it mean, members and affiliations. Volunteer opportunities (session lead, webinar lead, etc.).
  - Meetings and Communications page. A lot of historical content – want to share but not make it overwhelming – arranged by year. Past newsletters are indexed by year as well. List of other committee chairs and contact information. Question – is it searchable? Believe possible to do this on Google sites (will check).
  - Suggestion - If versions of past meetings, perhaps they can be added.
  - Upcoming events – arranged by month, with links and info. Can we highlight upcoming events? YES, have a “What’s New” on the front page.
  - Recently completed research and resources page. Info and links to the TRB publications page and other resources.

## **Federal & AASHTO Updates.**

- Mshadoni Smith-Jackson, FHWA Team Leader for the Performance and Asset Management Team provided an update. She thanked all state DOTs for completing the PMF process. With the end of first full performance period, FHWA Division Offices are due to be done processing information by Friday, February 13, 2023. They are also reviewing their communication processes.
- Other FHWA updates
  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – There are several infrastructure aspects. FHWA is working on how best to accommodate mandates.
  - Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP) recertifications were completed by end of 2022.
  - The TRB Asset Management Conference will take place July 8-11, 2023 in Boston, MA.
  - The FHWA resource center is looking at the division office call for support. FTA recently adopted 5 strategic initiatives in the first strategic plan in 20 years.
  - Question: Greenhouse Gas (GHG) performance measures (PMs) – anything to share? Nothing to share, received thousands of questions, still working through responses. Equity and safety measures – addressing mandates out of the bill to incorporate those aspects.
- Matt Hardy provided an update on behalf of AASHTO.
  - Partnerships on research. To be successful, AASHTO and TRB need to work together, especially in the area of research.
  - The research symposium was started remotely (during COVID) and continued over the past two years. We would like to do this again to maintain partnership/collaboration. We were successful in getting a number of research projects funded. For example, the Asset Risk and Resilience Manual. Got funded for \$4 million, 2nd largest ever. Needed partnership between AASHTO and TRB to get it accomplished. How can I get involved? Are you from a state DOT? Hard if you are not from state DOT. Contact the AASHTO CPBM Task force on Emerging Performance Areas – Deanna Belden if interested.
  - We invite you to attend the AASHTO TAM and TPM webinars. These are scheduled monthly on Wednesdays from 2-3:30 PM. They are recorded and archived at <https://tpm-portal.com>.
  - Conference in Providence, 3 days of intense sessions, All sessions will be posted on the TPM Portal site. There were three tracks comprising Performance Management, Planning, and Data.
  - AASHTO has a new technical service program. There are resources available to do work.
  - AASHTO supports members in addressing federal regulations. Five areas of concentration: GHG measure, safety, performance measures, HPS, and pavement definitions. Planning provisions: state-wide and metropolitan

planning aspects. TAM some important changes and new guidance (resilience & climate change), (CORNELL LAW). HSIP – IJJA created some conflict between national FHWA and NHTSA – which will need to be figured out to help state DOTs address. Suggestion AASHTO taking on steady or improving performance.

#### **International Activities Update.**

- Christos Xenophontos provided an update on behalf of the International Coordinating Council (ICC). He indicated that chairs wanted to know more about how to collaborate with Council. Suggested consideration of AJE20 and peer committees and ICC for workshop/webinar.
- He presented information on Coordinating Councils (see slide deck). Research is critical. Need representation from aviation and naval areas. Climate change and de-carbonization are areas of focus.
- TRB number of memoros of understanding (MOUs) with the ICC. He shared structure of ICC. (again, see slide deck). Shared vision and mission as part of a ICC TSP. GOAL 1: Collaborate with TRB technical Committees on International Activities. Encourage TRB participants to initiate and engage in international activities to increase international collaboration. GOAL 2: Engage International Colleagues and Partners in TRB Activities, Committees, and Panels. Actively engage international colleagues in TRB activities, committees, and panels. GOAL 3: Leverage International Cooperative Benefits through Convening Activities. Facilitate external collaboration with partners and TRB participation in partner events and activities.
- ICC used TRB's 12 Critical Issues to identify relevant Technical Committees to work with. Also want to invite members of Standing Committees to become friends of ICC.
- Christos provided an update on 2022 ICC developments and activities and highlights of TRB 2023 Annual Meeting ICC-sponsored events. (see slide deck).

#### **Networking Break.**

#### **Performance Blitz.**

See slide decks for additional information.

#### **Research Updates & Priorities Brainstorm.**

- Michael Grant provided an update on the NCHRP project – Effective Methods for Setting Performance Targets. The Primary product is a guidebook, which includes methods sorted into categories. Examples of implementation are included, as is a conversation about philosophy. Ultimately, is the process of setting a target lead to good conversations about performance.
- Michael shared some AJE20 research. He recognized Matt Hardy and Edgardo Block from the Connecticut DOT.

- He reiterated that the committee needs to partner with others and learn who can help successfully compete / complete research. 23-32 Transportation Asset Risk and Resilience \$4M, 08-168: Analysis and Assessment of the National Performance Management Data \$500K. 08-169: Valuing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Transportation Asset Management \$500K. 08-167: Guide Creating Effective Visualizations \$375K.
- AJE20 related Research Needs Statements Submitted FY24. (see slide deck for details). Talk to your state DOT research directors.
- Michael shared the timeline of important dates. (see slide deck).
- AJE20 Research Coordinator William Johnson from Colorado DOT provided update.
- He conducted an AJE20 Research Needs exercise. Q: What are your research needs for performance management monitoring and adjustment? Q: What are your research needs for performance-based planning and programming? Q: What are your research needs for performance reporting and communication? Q: What are your research needs related to resource allocation for performance management? Q: What are your research needs related to target setting? Q: What other performance management topics need to be addressed? Volunteer to develop research needs statements (Name, Or, Email).

#### **Closing Remarks.**

- Dave Vautin provided closing remarks. Thanks to those on Zoom. Thank you to everyone for your continued engagement with the committee.
- What is coming up this spring? March 30 – Webinar looking back at the last four years for Federal Performance Management.
- Holding a virtual communication meeting at transition in leadership.