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**Commission for Logistics & Supply Collaboration**

**FINAL Meeting Minutes**

**November 7, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Peter Anastor *for Gary McDowell*  
Tim Hoeffner *for Paul Ajegba*  
Beth Colosimo *for Jeff Mason*  
Dr. David Closs  
Roger Huff (*via phone*)  
Dr. Pasi Lautala  
Fred Schlemmer  
James Fults, Workforce Development Agency  
Janice Walsh (*via phone*)

**Members Absent:**

Robert Boehm  
Les Brand

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Tim Hoeffner, MDOT Office of Rail Director welcomed commission members and MDOT support staff.

Draft minutes from August 15, 2019 were approved.

Upper Midwest Log Study Update

Dr. Pasi Lautala, provided a brief update on the final stages of the log study. A spatial model was created using 2017 log movement data from 5 companies and 14 mills (both trucks and rail). The study investigated opportunities to increase the share of rail movements, looking specifically to rail fleet size, trucker benefits and shared assets & discounts. The study found that with rail rate discounts, 200,000-300,000 tons of logs could shift to truck/rail movements. It also found that in three out of four case studies, truckers would observe benefits from shifting to multimodal strategy. Another aspect of the study was to investigate freight movements into/from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. We found that top four counties (Marquette, Dickinson, Delta and

Menominee) account for over 70% of total freight and fit centrally within 70-mile radius, making them the most promising location for potential transload/intermodal terminal development.

#### Michigan Grant Update

Tim Hoeffner, Director, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Office of Rail, provided the following update on two grants awarded for MDOT projects. The State of Good Repair Grant awarded \$23M to the Kalamazoo-Dearborn Corridor project and Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements awarded \$8.65M for the Lake State Railway Mackinaw Subdivision Improvement project.

#### State Long Range Plan Update

Elisha Wulff, Transportation Planner, MDOT Asset Management and Policy Division updated the commission on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP). The SLRTP is currently finalizing phase 2 in conjunction with WSP with focus on the MM2045 Vision, Principals and Goals. Commissioner Roger Huff will provide some to the items that TRB is doing that overlaps the MM2045 plan.

#### LSC Strategy Discussion (Notes)

- Keep meetings at minimum 4 per year
- Extend meetings to 3 hours
- Provide materials to commission monthly possibly via web
- Expand on topics: federal grants, workforce development, state and federal policies, leveraging waterways
- Get involved in specific projects and initiatives
- Create standing agenda item for 2-3-minute updates from each commissioner

#### Open Discussion

**Meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.**