



**MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 7, 2023
7:00 to 8:30 AM EST
Grand Hyatt Washington
Latrobe Room, Constitution Level 3B
Washington, D.C.**

Attendees:

IL :

- **Secretary Omer Osman**

IN:

- **Commissioner Michael Smith**

IO:

- **Director Scott Marler**

KS:

- Secretary Calvin Reed

KY:

- Secretary Jim Gray

MI:

- **Director Bradley Wieferich**

MN:

- **Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger**

MO:

- **Director Patrick McKenna**

OH:

- **Director Jack Marchbanks**

WI:

- **Secretary Craig Thompson**

1. **Call to Order** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
 - **7:12 AM**
2. **Roll Call** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
3. **Approval of Meeting Minutes, December 20, 2023** **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
 - Comments from Commissioner Daubenberger
 - No other comments or corrections were submitted
 - First Commissioner Smith
 - Second Commissioner Daubenberger
 - Passed unanimously
4. **Ohio Automation Project Updates**..... **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
 - CAV Conference Updates
 - June 3, 2024
 - CAV and EV Committee Meetings
 - MAASTO Board Members-Only Event

- Tour of Transportation Research Center Inc. followed by an evening reception
 - June 4, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 - Keynote opening
 - Breakout sessions (3 CAV focused, 3 EV focused)
 - June 5, 2024, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Panel discussion, roundtable discussions
- MN – Initial draft agenda looks good
- MI – Is working with OEMs to obtain data and willing to work with Ohio on trying to connect to more OEMs.
- MO – Working on pooled fund to try to find a way to pierce the “OEM data-lock”
 - Modeled after a trucking pre-pass arrangement
 - Data would be shared among all states
 - Would work on the latency issue to address crashes and congestion
 - MO looking to see which other states are interested.
 - UT is very interested – asking for time at the AASHTO Spring Meeting to develop a joint work statement
 - Many states concerned about the private sector trying to monetized their data
 - Want to stay far away from asking for proprietary data
 - Federal partners are very interested
 - MO has a center for transportation innovation – has some data structures already set up
 - GA is already doing something, too. We need to link up and make a cohesive effort
 - OH – How many states have negotiated agreements w/ OEMs? OH does with Honda for safety data only
 - IO does
 - MO – what is the incentive for the OEMs? What do we give them? Is there some sort of efficiency gain we can bring to the table.
 - If we don’t get ahead of this, we are going to have to pay larger and larger amounts of money to get their data
 - MN – When did the request come out for MO’s pooled fund?
 - MO – About 1 month ago
 - OH – Will add this discussion to the CAV summit
 - IN – Should we use the MAASTO CAV committee?
 - MO – Is using the Research approach, but will coordinate with the CAV committee
 - IN – Applauds the effort. We must make clear what the DOTs want. It’s a little different from what academia wants.

- MO – The DOT intends to drive it. The research project is just the vehicle we are using. We intend to share all the data to see if it prompts any additional research.
- MO – WA is also working in this space and may be a little further along, but no one has cracked the nut yet. We need to come together and show the OEMs we are not trying to get into proprietary data.
- MO – Using the research approach is a slower more deliberate track.
- IO – Have we thought of this from a policy perspective (like using it for federal performance measures)? Should we make this part of national policy?
 - MO – Concerned if we make it part of national policy it may stop the negotiations and collaboration with OEMs.
 - MO – Our effort sprung out of the CAV conference from 2023. Looking forward to the next conference in Ohio.

5. Other Business..... President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT

• AASHTO-CTSO..... Vice President Scott Marler, Iowa DOT

- CTSO on a membership push (want people actually participating, currently about 35)
- Want states to contribute to the TSP
- Please check with your teams to see if your state is participating
- We will never have enough money to build all we want, which is why this work is so important
- There is a new manual (Transportation Operations Manual – TOM) – like the “Green Book” for operations and is administered by CTSO
- TOM is available through AASHTO – Check with your teams to see if they are engaging that resource
- CTSO is having a meeting in Kansas City immediately after the MAASTO AM – albeit at a different hotel

• MAASTO Committee Structure Review Scott Phinney, ODOT

- OH – STIC committee has noted some challenges in communicating with other MAASTO committees.
 - The MAASTO website information on the other committees is outdated
 - Not sure how these committees are functioning or who the current chair is
 - STIC would like to send out a survey to the other committees and report back to the BOD
 - Survey will include questions about committee:
 - Mission/charter
 - Current chair
 - Current membership
 - Frequency of meeting
 - Frequency of chair rotation
 - Process for identifying new chairs
 - Recent activities/discussions over the last 6 months
 - Future activities/discussions planned for the next 6 months
 - Recommended changes to the mission/charter

- STIC committee seeking BOD approval before sending out the survey
 - MO – are we looking to make changes in the committee structure?
 - OH – Yes. Sometimes committees get setup but over time you need to prune
 - MN – Another potential question – What frequency should the committees be reporting out to the BOD? What is the proper cadence? The survey can give an indication of how active the committees are. It would be helpful for assembling the agenda for the BOD meetings.
 - OH – Send out the survey and discuss during the Spring Meeting.
 - MO – The survey results may require an update to the MAASTO bylaws
 - First Commissioner Smith
 - Second Director Wieferich
 - Passed unanimously
- **AASHTO Spring Meeting Update..... Josh Reed, WisDOT**
 - April 23-26, WisDOT will host at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright)
 - HNTB and AASHTO are coming to do a final site visit soon
 - BOD please attend the last night for a reception in the capital rotunda and at a nearby venue
 - WI – We are really looking forward to hosting. Weather should be beautiful.
 - OH – WI state capital has to be one of the top five in terms of architectural beauty
- **2024 MAASTO Annual Meeting Update Joel Skelly, KDOT**
 - Call for abstracts currently open, as well as registration (email notifications have gone out)
 - Currently have 20 abstracts and 100 people registered
 - Tech tours:
 - MO – Buck/Oneal bridge
 - KS – US69 Managed Lanes/Express Lanes
 - Opening Night at the College Basketball experience – just off the streetcar route
 - Come prepared to play and compete in a 3 on 3 tournament
 - Sheraton Crown Center – WWI museum is nearby
 - Closeout at the historical Midland Theater – entertainment by the Rock Gods
- **2025 MAASTO Annual Meeting Update ... Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger, MnDOT**
 - Aug 24-27, 2025 at the Hyatt
- **Truck Automation Project Director Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**
 - [See attached slides]
 - IN – Getting ready to deploy a testing tool
 - MO – How many companies are involved
 - OH – 4 companies at present
 - MO – Will this allow for automated coupling and decoupling?
 - Yes, 2 and even 3 trucks.

- MO – Tailgating laws have been a problem in MO. Law enforcement does not like those laws to be touched.
- MO – Looking at a \$100M investment in technology
- OH – We are supported by the Ohio Trucking Association and the State Patrol
- IO – Congrats to OH and IN. This could be very powerful if we target the Truck/semi OEMs. This could be a unique position for our region.
- OH – We are happy to share what we have and grow the effort
- **Engagement with Local Agencies** **Secretary Craig Thompson, WisDOT**
 - Had a meeting yesterday with some local government associations to discuss the view in federal government that State DOTs are a problem.
 - Locals have concerns about how federal funds flow down through state DOTs and are distributed.
 - AASHTO may suggest that states do surveys within their states to see if their locals have concerns about how federal funds are distributed within their state.
 - Going into the next Re-auth, it is not good if there is a perception of a problem between State DOTs and locals.
 - OH – Good point. We need to make sure our locals are knowledgeable about how funds are allocated.
 - MI – Who was at the meeting yesterday from USDOT?
 - WI – No one
 - WI – In attendance were representatives from: AASHTO, NACTO, AMPO, NARC, National League of Cities, National Association of Counties
 - MO – We need to press that state DOTs are primary project delivery machines, not enforcers of federal policy. Some MPOs struggle to deliver projects. State DOTs need to come along side MPOs and help them deliver projects.
 - WI – Some of the MPOs do a great job delivering, but others struggle. State DOTs need to address the perception that it is the state DOTs that are the problem.

6. Future Meetings **President Jack Marchbanks, ODOT**

- March 27, 2024 (Virtual)
- April 23-26, 2024 – AASHTO Spring Meeting, Madison, WI
- May 22, 2024 (Virtual)
- June 26, 2024 (Virtual)
- July 24, 2024 (Virtual)
- August 26-28, 2024 – MAASTO Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO

7. Adjourn

- First smith
- Second Mckenna
- 8:25 AM