



**MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, May 24, 2018
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs
Franklin, Tennessee**

MAASTO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome and opening remarks were made by MAASTO President Director McKenna.

MAASTO Board Members in Attendance:

- Patrick McKenna, Director, Missouri DOT, MAASTO President
- Randy Blankenhorn, Secretary, Illinois DOT
- Richard Carlson, Secretary, Kansas DOT
- Joe McGuinness, Indiana DOT
- Mark Lowe, Director, Iowa DOT
- Kirk Steudle, Director Michigan DOT
- Charlie Zelle, Commissioner, Minnesota DOT
- Bob Seitz, Wisconsin DOT, designee
- Terri Barnhart, Ohio DOT, designee and MAASTO Treasurer
- Paul Looney, Kentucky DOT, designee

Others in Attendance:

- Paul Loete, Illinois DOT
- Omer Osman, Illinois DOT
- Justine Sydello, Illinois DOT
- Erin Aleman, Illinois DOT
- Jim Armstrong, Iowa DOT
- Mitch Dillavou, Iowa DOT
- Charlie Purcell, Iowa DOT
- Mark Van Port Fleet, Michigan DOT
- Polly Kent, Michigan DOT
- Laura Mester, Michigan DOT
- Robert Ranck, Jr., Michigan DOT
- Sue Mulvihill, Minnesota DOT
- Michael DeMers, Missouri DOT
- Kathy Harvey, Missouri DOT
- Ed Hassinger, Missouri DOT
- Jay Wunderlich, Missouri DOT, MAASTO Secretary
- Steven Krebs, Wisconsin DOT

Opening Comments from MAASTO President

Board President Patrick McKenna began the meeting with opening comments.

Director McKenna said that it's been an extremely busy 8 months as President of MAASTO.

He referenced the MAASTO Policy Recommendation for a Discretionary Rural Program whitepaper and how this policy proposal has been widely distributed in congress and within the administration as a method to invest more funds for roads and bridges in the rural parts of the nation.

In October 2017, on behalf of AASHTO and MAASTO, Director McKenna testified before the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the US House of Representatives. It was during this forum that the director testified on the importance that the next transportation bill adequately fund the current distribution formula and invest more in rural infrastructure to improve mobility and the quality of life.

Director McKenna distributed a letter to the MAASTO Board that would be addressed to key House and Senate appropriations leaders regarding conversations surrounding rescissions of unobligated federal-aid highway contract authority. These are funds that can use for projects in each of MAASTO states. Director McKenna gave a special thank you to Illinois' DOT, Jeff Bell, who drafted the letter. If there were no objections to sending the letter on behalf of MAASTO, the director plans to mail the letter to Washington D.C. by the end of May.

Finally, the Director referred to Illinois' Secretary Randy Blunkenhorn to discuss an op-ed piece that was drafted and signed by both the Illinois and Missouri DOTs to be shared with media outlets in both states outlining the strong parts of the Administration's Building a Stronger America.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from the September 28, 2017 MAASTO Board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Terri Barnhart, Ohio DOT and Treasurer for MAASTO, reported there is a current balance of \$214,391.75 in the bank. However, after MAASTO pays for state delegate registrations for those attending the 2018 MAASTO annual conference in Michigan, the balance in the treasury could be reduced to an estimated \$84,000.

Director Steudle reported that he expects the 2018 conference to end up in the "black" after all expenses are paid. With this information, Director Steudle made a motion that the annual conference dues be paid for employees of MAASTO states who plan to send their employees to the 2019 annual conference in Indiana.

Director Lowe seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of the board members.

Committee Reports

On behalf of the Strategic Transportation Initiatives Committee (STIC) Polly Kent Michigan DOT, reported the following:

- The STIC spent substantial time discussing Missouri's Buckle Up – Phone Down campaign, an area of emphasis for Director McKenna. More discussion will follow later in the agenda.
- A MAASTO Conference sponsorship program was developed by the STIC including guidelines. It appears via a survey of MAASTO states there may be about three states who may take advance of this program in the near future.
- The Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) Survey is making its way to MAASTO states. The results will likely be shared at the August board meeting.
- A working group from the MAASTO states has completed its work toward a regional model for truck platooning. A copy of the "Truck Platooning" document was distributed to the board members and will be posted on the MAASTO website.
 - The CEOs from Indiana, Missouri and Michigan all discussed what was currently happening within their respective states as it related to legislation and implementation of autonomous vehicles and connected vehicles. Director Steudle said that in order to make AV/CV work nationally, there will need to be federal oversight in order to make autonomous vehicles operate on interstates first, before this technology can ever be implemented on a local level.

Justine Sydello, IDOT, discussed the **MAASTO CEO Welcome Guide**. This guide is designed to provide new CEOs within MAASTO an overview of the structure, committee responsibilities and the resources available to those persons interested in becoming more involved with the organization.

Paul Loete, IDOT, reported the following on behalf of the Chief Engineers Committee:

- Highway fatalities continue to increase and are a concern to the MAASTO states. The chief engineers continue to share best management practices to address those concerns.
- Chief Engineers are now discussing "models" and how they can be used to enhance asset management.
- The chief engineers have discussed how they handle emergency related matters that arise in their respective states. Ohio has been identified as the state with the best program in place for addressing public relations issues pertaining to emergency situations.
- Chief Engineers had a heavy discussion on MASH Standards. It has been best described as "splintered approach" for resolving states concerns with guardrail. FHWA has stepped back citing concerns with approving future products. FHWA wants a plan from each state by June 30 that outlines how states will meet crashworthy roadside hardware requirements. The Chief Engineers Committee believe this issue needs to be

elevated to AASHTO for discussion to: 1) identify a national model for certification, and 2) allow manufactures to individually certify the product.

The chief engineers believe AASHTO needs to get involved.

Director McKenna discussed that this is the very reason for why AASHTO is in existence – highway safety. Director McKenna said there needs to be a certification process; liability issues covered and manufacturing concerns addressed.

Director Steudle believes this is a US DOT/FHWA issue and that this issue should be discussed during the AASHTO board meeting.

Erin Aleman, IDOT, reported the following on behalf of the Planning Committee:

- The committee looked into procurement and multistate agreements as it related to the possibility of submitting a BUILD grant application. The Planning Committee have asked the Mid-America Freight Coalition to look at possible suggestions on projects that could be submitted.
- The truck parking project continues to move forward.
- The committee has been discussing the implementation of federal performance measures including working with local MPOs; freight plans and assessment management plans and how these different elements all fit into long range transportation plans.

Neither the Motor Carrier nor Chief Counsel's Committees had a report.

Proposed Resolutions

The MAASTO board discussed three different resolutions:

- 1) Ed Hassinger, MoDOT, outlined the Buckle Up – Phone Down resolution. This resolution was drafted as a way to emphasize the importance to buckle up and place the cell phone down when operating a motor vehicle.

Secretary Blankenhorn made the motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Zelle seconded the motion which passed by a vote of the board members.

- 2) Director Kirk Steudle introduced a resolution pertaining to the Soo Lock. This resolution urges congress to prove the Corp of Engineers with the necessary and appropriate funding to construct a new large lock at Sault Ste. Marie.

Director McKenna made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Lowe seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of the board members.

- 3) Commissioner Zelle introduced a resolution relating to human trafficking. Specifically, this resolution was a pledge of MAASTO board to do what they can to eliminate human trafficking.

Secretary Carlson made a motion to approve the resolution. Director Steudle seconded the motion which was passed by a vote of the board members.

AASHTO Transportation Policy Forum Update

Justine Sydello, IDOT, MAASTO's representative to AASHTO's Transportation Policy Forum (TPF) provided an update to the board.

Specifically, Ms. Sydello discussed ideas and concepts that could be used by the TPF to develop national transportation policies. Ms. Sydello used the MAASTO STIC committee as a way to educate and communicate with other state DOTs and their respective congressional delegation to advance transportation-related policies.

These policy ideas could include ensuring funding remains flexible and that any additional funding is driven through the current distribution formula that will allow states to make their own decisions on how to spend their share of federal monies.

Upcoming MAASTO Annual Meetings

Director Steudle reported that the hotel rooms are filling up fast for the 2018 MAASTO Annual Conference in Traverse City, Michigan. Representatives from MCity, Bosch and General Motors are all part of the agenda.

To date, 34 of the 37 vending booths have been reserved. Director Steudle said the conference is "shaping up to be a great success."

Commissioner McGuinness announced that the 2019 MAASTO Annual Conference will be held on Aug. 12 to 14 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The conference will be held in the Indy Hyatt Regency Hotel. More information will be forthcoming.

Adjournment

With no other business coming before the board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jay Wunderlich
MAASTO Secretary