



Research and Technology Advisory Panel (RTAP) Executive Committee

Draft Meeting Summary

Date: Wednesday, May 07, 2008

ATTENDANCE

Meeting called by: Genevieve Giuliano, RTAP Chair

Attending:

- RTAP Members: Susan Handy, Steve Ritchie, Dan Sperling, Brian Taylor, Pravin Varaiya, Maged Dessouky
- Ex-Officio Members: Randy Iwasaki, Sunne Wright McPeak (Phone), Jim Bourgart, John Barna
- Guests: Jeff Brown, Sen. Lowenthal's Office
- DRI Staff: Larry Orcutt, Nancy Chinlund, Judith MacBrine, Tori Kanzler, Pete Hansra
- Caltrans Staff: Gregg Albright, Cindy McKim, Asif Haq, Sri Balasubramanian, Suzette Musetti, Nathan Smith, Barbara Lewis, Jeffrey Ingles, Richard Nordahl, Al Arana, Joan Sollenberger, Reza Navai

Absent:

- RTAP Members: Samer Madanat
- Ex-Officio Members: Will Kempton

PANEL BUSINESS

- The RTAP approved the meeting minutes from January 22, 2008
- The RTAP confirmed October 1, 2008 as the next meeting and January 23, 2009 as the subsequent meeting date.

CCST-RTAP PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

Gen Giuliano reported on status of project. Committee volunteers: Maged Dessouky, Richard Nordahl, Jim Bourgart, John Hummer, Jeff Brown. (Joan Sollenberger offered to help)

- **Action Item:** Workshop committee will meet to develop workshop program, set date and invitees for a small, 1.5 day, invitation-only conference comprised of a mixed group to discuss the role of rail technology in the near and longer term future.
- **Action Item:** Team is going to generate a one-pager of project scope for moving forward.

BROADBAND

- Follow-up: Gen with Sunne as to needs.

TRANSPORTATION FINANCE

- **Action Items:** Brian Taylor will develop workshops for key decision-makers for this fall:
 - Contact John Barna, Barbara Lewis (from Cindy McKim's office) and Joan Sollenberger to define the funding needs, parameters, topics, and logistics,
 - Identify who should participate

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DETECTION

The Division of Traffic Operations (John Wolf) reported on the status of Caltrans detection plans. Steve Ritchie and Pravin Varaiya proposed development of a “best practice” corridor of IT infrastructure.

- **Action Items:** Steve Ritchie will form an expert panel with Pravin Varaiya and John Wolf to develop next steps for RTAP activity. DRI will help coordinate.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

The California ARB catalog on climate change research should be complete within the next few months.

Action Item: DRI will bring a copy of the ARB catalog to the next RTAP meeting and discuss circulating it to the transportation community.

RTAP TOPICS

The RTAP is working with DRI to develop a one-page RTAP topic request form.

Action Item: DRI will work with Gen to complete a draft of the form, develop the process and timeline for submission, and recommend how the RTAP could evaluate requests.