

Border Data Breakout Session Write-up

Overall: The group had a very healthy discussion about the need to know what data is currently available, where are the data gaps and what would be the future data needs. Unfortunately, due to the limited time available, decisions on key points could not be made (i.e., approaches to explore for performance measures, etc.). It was agreed that a smaller sub-committee would be formed to start providing direction on the various data related issues. This sub-committee would be the driving force for the various short-mid-long term actions and members would be drawn from the Border Data Working Group of the TBWG. Leads would be Transport Canada and FHWA.

The group agreed that there is a need to gather information on what currently is available and identify resources of data. Basically, the main data categories include the following:

- Delay times
- Origin and Destination
- Weight
- Value
- Volume
- Number of trucks
- Classification

Additional information for Passenger related data:

- Trip Purpose
- Number of Passengers
- Residence

Once the information on existing data is identified, a way to easily access the data was discussed. The leading proposal was to establish a website that has links to the various sources. Information on the contacts and various sources associated with the data would be useful part of the website.

In the near-term, the data sub-committee would also determine what the next steps are for the National Roadside Survey. Also, there was discussion about having a data workshop/conference to address some of the coordination/information needs of the group.

In open discussion, it was mention that a proposed format change for the overall TBWG meeting, so to allow for the working groups to have a half day session that would allow more time to discuss key items.