

Agenda

1) TBWG and proposed bilateral frameworks

- a) Following elections in both the U.S. & Canada, various policy-papers have recommended creation of or improvement to bilateral mechanisms for advancing collaborative actions on our border.
 - i) What is missing that these recommendations aim to provide?
 - ii) Relative to cross-border transportation and connections at ports-of-entry, does TBWG already provide these connections and capabilities to our governments?
 - iii) What components of past bilateral & trilateral initiatives are still being advanced?
 - (1) What offices and staff are involved?
 - (a) Security & Prosperity Partnership, Smart Border Declaration, Canada U.S. Partnership, Shared Border Accord, NAFTA (land subcommittee), others...
 - iv) If it is sensible to expect that some kind of next-generation bilateral framework is on the way, should TBWG be proactive in getting itself engaged with that?
 - (1) If so, what actions are needed?

2) Coordination of freight strategies – an important issue and a case-study for applying any conclusions from above

- a) What are the objectives? (i.e. those listed in the 2000 MOU, last June's trilateral meeting—summary attached)
- b) What's the status (active/inactive) of recently cited initiatives (i.e. shortsea shipping, alignment of electronic-cargo/manifest rules, harmonized FAST, others)
- c) U.S. and Canadian freight policies.
 - i) To what extent does international coordination depend on better formation/articulation of underlying, national freight policy?
 - (1) Proposals for U.S. freight policy
 - (2) Canadian freight policy

3) Next steps

- a) Consideration of a report to TBWG chairs: Should the TBWG policy subcommittee develop and submit a report to the co-chairs (Transport Canada and FHWA) including an assessment of the current policy environment, description of the institutional resources at hand, and suggestions of appropriate actions by the TBWG to advance its mission and action-plan.

4) Specific assessment of policies affecting U.S.-Canada freight data sharing.