



Highway Policy Committee

CHAIRMAN: Dave Williams, Executive Vice President, Knight-Swift Transportation
TCA STAFF LIAISON: David Heller, Kathryn Pobre

MINUTES:

MEETING DATE: Monday, April 19, 2021
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
PLACE: Virtual

MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Amhof
Dave Berry
Adam Blanchard
Jon Coca
Ron Cordova
Roy Cox
Dennis Dellinger
Amber Edmondson
Wendell Erb
David Freeman
Sherri Garner Brumbaugh
Darrel Hopkins
Brent Hutto
Josh Kaburick
Trevor Kurtz

Scott Manthey
Ed Nagle
Dean Newell
Manohar Patwardhan
Robert Penner
John Pope
John Simms
Karen Smerchek
Konor Swedberg
Tommy Thomas
Randy Vernon
Jim Ward
Nicholas Wingerter
Chris Woody

GUESTS PRESENT

Todd Amen
Mike Bash
Tim Chrulski
Tim Clark
John Culp
Missy Edwards
John Elliott
Tanya Fox
Nikki Francis
Finch Fulton
Ray Haight
Brian Hall
Joey Hogan
Jane Jazrawy

Anthony Meloy
Amy Mielke
Jonathan Neeb
Misti Olszewski
Mylene Patterson
Scott Randall
David Roehrick
Nicholas Roth
Glynn Spangenberg
Richard Sullivan
Harold Sumerford
Tyler Tigges
Lance Votroubek

TCA STAFF

Kristen Bouchard
Zander Gambill
Kim Grimmick
David Heller
John Lyboldt

Kathryn Pobre
Jim Schoonover
Caitlin Smith
Ryan Snyder

I. Call to Order

Acting Chairman Adam Blanchard called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. and a video by DriverFacts, the sponsor of the 2021 TCA Spring Business Meetings, was shown to welcome participants to the meeting. Attendees who were not identified through their Zoom video were asked to introduce themselves. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to conduct the meeting according to the antitrust guidelines. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the previous virtual meeting on September 22, 2020.

II. Political Briefing – Missy Edwards, MME Strategies; Richard Sullivan, State Federal Strategies

The committee received an update on the current U.S. political climate from TCA's outside lobbyists, Missy Edwards and Richard Sullivan. Edwards and Sullivan focused on infrastructure proposals and corresponding pay-fors. They also noted the Biden Administration's impact on trucking and answered questions from the group.

III. Advocacy Advisory Committee Briefing – Jim Ward, D.M. Bowman

Advocacy Advisory Committee (AAC) Chairman Jim Ward informed the group that the AAC recommended the Highway Policy Committee revisit whether new TCA policies should be created for side override guards and the vehicle miles traveled (VMT) tax.

IV. Discussion of TCA Policy on Side Override Guards – David Heller, Vice President of Government Affairs, TCA

David Heller explained to the committee that TCA currently only has a broad policy on "equipment" and nothing specifically mentioning side override guards. Since there is presently congressional legislation to mandate the use of side override guards, he asked the committee whether new policy should be adopted to reflect this. After discussion, Acting Chairman Adam Blanchard elected to form a subcommittee to study the issue further. TCA staff will follow up with the committee about participation in this subcommittee.

V. Discussion of TCA Policy on VMT Tax – David Heller, Vice President of Government Affairs, TCA

Heller also informed the committee that while the group had previously developed a guidance document for members and staff to use when discussing the VMT tax with Congress, this was not official association policy and did not represent an official support or oppose position. TCA policy currently only supports an increased federal fuel tax. After discussion, Acting Chairman Adam Blanchard elected to form a subcommittee to develop a formal policy position on VMT. TCA staff will follow up with the committee about participation in this subcommittee.

VI. Old/New Business

There was no old business to discuss. Under new business, Glynn Spangenberg of Locomotion noted that significant action at the state level regarding autonomous vehicles could hamper the development of these technologies. He suggested the committee consider adding it to the agenda at the next meeting. Committee member Finch Fulton, also of Locomotion, volunteered to speak. Acting Chairman Blanchard requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:00 p.m.

VII. Adjournment