



Highway Policy Committee

CHAIRMAN: Jerry Sigmon, Jr., COO, Cargo Transporters, Inc. TCA STAFF
LIAISON: David Heller, Hailey Betham

MINUTES:

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2024
TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: The Royal Sonesta Hotel
Washington, D.C.

Committee Members

Joe Beacom (Proxy: Shelly
Seaton)
Adam Blanchard
Don Christenson (Proxy:
Rayvaun Christenson)
Jon Coca

John Culp
Amber Edmondson
Ed Nagle
Dean Newell
Barry Pottle
Nicholas Roth

Jerry Sigmon, Jr.
Glynn Spangenberg
Kevin Reynolds
John Simms
David Williams

Guests:

Mylene Abrego
Michael Foley
Mike Hayden
Pete Hill
Jennifer Nuest
Chris Patrick
Ryan Penix

David Pike
Robert Ragan
Taylor Santiago
Evan Shelley
Lisa Spangenberg
Patrick Tripp
Derek VanBlargan

Molly Vidler
Ryan Whelan
David Widly
Kevin Williams
Lydia Wommack

Staff:

Hailey Betham
David Heller
Eric Rivard
Jim Ward

Call to Order: The motion for the approval of the antitrust review and the minutes of the previous committee meeting held were approved at 11:01 A.M.

- I. Policy Discussion – Dave Heller, TCA Staff
 - Senior of Safety and Government Affairs, David Heller, led a discussion regarding an update of TCA’s current policies to reflect the topic of electric vehicles. Through conversations with the committee, there was a motion made to provide the Electric Vehicle Policy Subcommittee with a six-month extension to ensure the updated policies are accurate, as well as thought out as fleet electrification has become an

pressing issue within the truckload industry,

II. Highway Trust Fund discussion – Dave Heller, TCA Staff

- Senior Vice President of Safety and Government Affairs, David Heller, led a discussion regarding reforming funding for the Highway Trust fund. Heller shared multiple reasons of why funding of the Highway Trust Fund has decreased, such as the increase of fuel efficiency and higher construction costs are leading trust fund to insolvency.

Mr. Heller also shared with the committee options that could address the shortfall of the Highway Trust Fund, such as increasing the fuel tax or having a national VMT tax.

Heller also mentions that other organizations are looking for solutions to funding the Highway Trust Fund and shared the proposal made by AHUA, which suggests that the government should Eliminate all current taxes paid into the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), including gas and diesel taxes, truck taxes, and the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), and replace them with a National Registration fee based solely on the registered weight of vehicles would simplify the system and reduce administrative burdens for both carriers and the government. The states would collect this fee and then remitted to the federal government, streamlining the process and cutting down on collection costs. By setting appropriate rates, this system could fully cover the HTF shortfall, ensuring the fund's sustainability and protecting it from future cuts to general fund contributions.

The committee elected to table the discussion until the TCA Annual Convention in Phoenix when more committee members are present to discuss.

III. Old/New Business

- There was no new or old business to be discussed.

IV. Executive Session

- There was no executive session to be had.

V. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.