



**Annual Partnership Topic (APT)  
Mobile Observations Committee  
Telecon Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, 10 December 2010  
1:00 PM EST**

Able to Participate	Committee Member	Affiliation
Y	Bill Mahoney (Co-Chair)	National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
Y	Jim O'Sullivan (Co-Chair)	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Y	Andrew Stern	National Weather Service (NWS)
	Dave Helms	NWS Office of Science & Technology (OST)
Y	Jud Stailey	Office of Federal Coordinator for Meteorology (OFCM)
Y	Erik Peterson	United Parcel Service (UPS)
	Jim Block	Telvent/DTN/ Meteorlogix
Y	Ben McKeever	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), USDOT
Y	Chaz Harris for Paul Pisano	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Road Weather Management Program, USDOT
	Gina Eosco	American Meteorological Society (AMS)
Y	Leon Osborne	Meridian Environmental Technologies & University of North Dakota, Surface Transportation Weather Research Center
	Steve Cook/Greg Krueger	Michigan DOT
	Michael Hooper	Sirius XM Radio
	Jim Sayer	University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute (UMTRI)
	Robert Koeberlein	Idaho DOT
	Bob Baron	WxWorks, Inc., Baron Group
	Richard Clark	Millersville University
	Kevin Petty	Vaisala
Y	Sheldon Drobot	NCAR
Y	Art Handman	Chair, Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITSA) Weather Committee (ex-officio)
	Ed Boselly	Chair, AMS ITS/Surface Transportation Weather Committee (ex-officio)
	<b>Non Members</b>	
Y	Gary Rasmussen	AMS

The telecon began at 1:00 PM EST and ended at 1:50 PM EST.

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda was approved.

**Old Business**

1) **Minutes:** The *Minutes* from the 12 October 2010 telecon were approved. The *Minutes* will be posted to the AMS Enterprise Commission document library at: <http://www.ametsoc.org/boardpges/cwce/docs/BEP/index.html>

2) **Agenda:** The agenda was approved.

3) **Driver Preference Survey:** The driver preference survey was conducted in October and November by Survey Sampling International using a funding mechanism between the FHWA Road Weather Management Program and the AMS. A total of 1627 responses were received. Sheldon Drobot worked with the web survey contractor to administer the survey and to perform a preliminary analysis of the results. The preliminary report was distributed to the committee and this deliverable satisfied the tasking requirements of the FHWA sponsored contract with the AMS. The AMS is grateful to Paul Pisano for supporting this effort. The committee was asked to

review the preliminary report and provide comments back to Sheldon Drobot. The survey report will eventually become part of the committee report.

The raw survey results (Excel spreadsheet database) will be made broadly available after the committee has had time to process and analyze the results. The committee is encouraged to participate in additional analyses of the survey data. Those interested in further analyzing the data should contact Paul Pisano and Sheldon Drobot (please copy the committee chairs). Because the FHWA sponsored the survey, they need to ensure that the data are processed and handled carefully. The committee also discussed the idea that a coordinated journal paper could be prepared with authors identified and brought together through the committee.

The committee also agreed to provide a draft of the survey report to the ITSA Weather Committee after the committee has had a chance to provide comments on the draft report and after the Seattle meeting.

4) **AMS Annual Meeting in Seattle:** The Committee meeting is currently scheduled for Wednesday, 26 January 2011 from 7:00 – 8:15 AM. The room assignment will be provided as soon as it becomes known.

5) **Committee Report:** Drafting of the Committee Report began in November. The report will include an executive summary of findings, background on the committee, purpose, mission, membership, organization, and work plan. The subcommittee reports will be incorporated as well as a copy of the BAMS article and driver survey as appendices. A first draft was provided to the subcommittee chairs a few weeks ago to give them a feel for the format and detail level. The full committee will be provided a copy of the draft report by the end of December or first week of January. A discussion of the report will be a major topic at the committee meeting in Seattle.

6) **Road Weather Policy Forum:** A Road Weather Policy Forum was held in Washington, D.C. on 8 and 9 November. Committee members that attended the Forum reported on the results. Everyone felt that it was successful in reaffirming the need to address the impact of weather on safety and the surface transportation system. The Forum provided an opportunity to discuss road weather issues with stakeholders representing public (e.g., FHWA, USDOT, NOAA, DOC, State DOTs, etc.), private, and academic sectors. A summary report and presentation will be provided by the USDOT at the AMS Meeting in Seattle and at the ITSA meeting in Orlando.

### **Open Discussion**

A round robin discuss was held primarily focused on the Road Weather Policy Forum.