Meeting Called to Order @ 2:05 PM EST

1. Roll Call
Jim Spalla (Chair), Barbara Wessinger, Matt DeLong, Juanice Hughes (absent), Lyle McMilan (absent), Ron Johnson, Clyde Johnson (absent), Bill Wright (absent), Kristin White (absent), Wendy Knox (absent), Jill Hendrickson, Rob Jessee

Question from Ron Johnson, should we postpone considering the people absent?
Barbara stated that we at least need to see where we are

2. Review redraft for Pilot proposal for moving nonconforming signs impacted by state transportation projects (Barbara Wessinger)
Where are we? Barbara drafted it with 7 or 8 key points that everyone reviewed. When she went back to FHWA guidance, she left out 3 or 4 points… She will re-draft with those new questions added, but will not add any more information. Barbara will send to the committee soon
We will have Dawn @ FHWA review
Barbara will make the changes, send the draft to the committee and Dawn
If Dawn has issues, we can respond.
Kristin has indicated that Minnesota DOT has decided not to participate in the pilot project due to the fact that they have concerns about local municipalities’ support and the fact that they have few planned acquisitions in the next 3-5 year construction plan. So it will only be Florida and South Carolina, at this time.

   a. Review research on impact of Uniform Act requirements on the payment of relocation claims for billboards impacted by transportation projects.
Barbara – not sure who is doing the research on Uniform Act requirements, and will check
Rob –we discussing this because of the discussion on tracking savings. If the pilot is approved, we will save acquisition and possibly increase relocation costs…
Barbara will send the Uniform Act to the committee with information on how they handle the issue in SC, for all to review.

   b. Are we looking at cure vs. relocation costs?
Same as discussion above…

   c. Review how the proposed pilot would be impacted by local government ordinances (Kristin White)
Kristin was not in attendance, Barbara will touch base with Kristin on this…

3. Review comments received for reporting format for Pilot proposal (Rob Jessee)
No comments as of yet that Rob is aware
4. Proposal by Georgia for possible Pilot proposal regarding the updating of state laws (Bill Wright)
Bill was not in attendance, therefore we will defer to next conference call.

5. Update on NCHRP 20-7 proposal (Barbara Wessinger)
None
   a. Spreadsheet of 20-7 committee membership (Kristin White)
Kristin was not in attendance, however Kristin sent Barbara an email with a contact list for the members of the NCHRP committee, with people listed on who is suggested to call the members to lobby for our research project. The next vote will occur in May. Barbara will follow up with Kristin and follow up with the committee

6. Other Business
NAHBA is narrowing down the conference topics
Jim Spalla – We will take the list, and narrow it down for conference topics. If any of the members have any ideas, please send them to Jim, Rob, and Wendy.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:28 PM EST