

***GCM Corridor  
State Borders Traffic Incident Management  
Memorandum of Understanding***

**PURPOSE AND AUTHORITIES**

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is made and entered into by and between the Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation. For the purposes of this MOU, the term "GCM Corridor" is taken to mean the 16 county area within the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Priority Corridor, the term "state DOTs" is taken to mean the Departments of Transportation from the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, and the term "state EMAs" is taken to mean the Emergency Management Agencies from the states of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin.

Furthermore, for the purposes of this MOU, the term "traffic incidents" is taken to mean disruptions of or distortions to the flow of traffic. Traffic incidents can encompass minor traffic crashes, stalled vehicles and roadway debris; as well as more extensive incidents such as overturned trucks, spilled loads, and hazardous materials crises. In addition, the term "traffic incident management" is taken to mean the coordination and planning of resources, and the development of effective working relationships between people in various responding agencies. Effective traffic incident management ensures the safe and quick clearance of incidents from highways and coordinated management of traffic to mitigate the impacts of incidents.

This MOU is not a legal contract or compact. The purpose of this MOU is to provide a mutual state DOT commitment to principles and concepts for interagency cooperation, coordination, information sharing, training and outreach as it relates to managing or responding to any traffic incident that may occur within the GCM Corridor state borders area between Illinois and Indiana and between Illinois and Wisconsin. This MOU shall also provide for mutual cooperation in multi-state traffic incident-related exercises, testing, and other training activities necessary to enhance state DOT traffic incident response readiness.

By entering into this MOU the state DOTs agree to begin working with the state EMAs on a broader formal agreement that addresses liability, compensation, and other legal issues related to providing traffic incident management across state borders.

**GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION**


Each state DOT recognizes that many traffic incidents transcend political jurisdictional boundaries and that intergovernmental coordination is essential in managing these events. Each state further recognizes that there will be traffic incidents within the state borders area of the GCM Corridor which require immediate access and provide opportunities to apply outside resources to make a prompt and effective response to such an event. The underlying principle of this MOU is to agree on the need to begin the appropriate dialogue required to allow prompt, full, and effective utilization of incident response resources of the state DOTs, including any resources on hand or available from any other source, that are essential to the safety, care, and welfare of the people in the event of any traffic incidents.

### STATE DOT RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of each state DOT to continue with interstate cooperation, coordination, information sharing, training and outreach and to begin appropriate dialogue with the state EMAs to address legal issues related to providing traffic incident management across state borders.

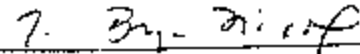
In witness hereto, the state representatives of the Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin Departments of Transportation herein cause this MOU to be executed.

For the ILLINOIS Department of Transportation:

  
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Kirk Brown, IDOT Secretary

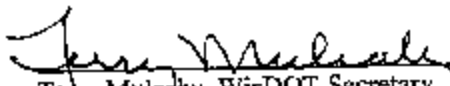
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For the INDIANA Department of Transportation:

  
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J. Bryan Nicol, INDOT Commissioner

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For the WISCONSIN Department of Transportation:

  
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Terry Mulcahy, WisDOT Secretary

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