



**GCM ITS Priority Corridor  
Deployment Committee Meeting**

Thursday, January 9, 2003, 11:00 a.m.  
IDOT Traffic Systems Center  
445 Harrison Street, Oak Park, IL

**Meeting Minutes**

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**1. Introductions and Review of the Agenda**

Introductions were made. Mark Newland, INDOT, chaired the meeting. A list of Deployment Committee members in attendance is included at the end of these minutes.

**2. September 18, 2002 Deployment Committee Group Meeting Minutes**

*Handout:* 1) DC 2A-010903 – September 18, 2002 Draft Deployment Committee Minutes

*Actions:* 1) URS to incorporate comments into minutes

The committee approved the minutes, pending prior comments by Chuck Sikaras, IDOT.

**3. Executive Director's Report**

*Actions:* 1) Shamo to keep track of time spent as Executive Director

Dan Shamo, the GCM Executive Director, talked to the committee about how he will work on the GCM Corridor's image, opportunity, and momentum.

- Image – Shamo discussed how the GCM websites and video can be useful in promoting the GCM Corridor. Both are being nominated for ITS America awards. He noted that David Zattero has been nominated for a position on the ITS America Board of Directors. Shamo will continue efforts to raise the visibility of the GCM Corridor.
- Opportunity – Shamo will work to identify opportunities for the GCM Corridor.
  - Shamo, David Zattero of IDOT and Jeff Hochmuth of ITS Midwest will meet with Jeff Paniati, the Associate Administrator for Joint Operations, to get national attention for GCM.
  - There will be an I-95/GCM meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in New York. The two corridors will compare notes on their structure, projects, accomplishments, and lessons learned.
  - Shamo will work to organize a Congressional Tour this year, to make sure legislators and other key players in Reauthorization are aware of the GCM Corridor.

- Shamo will also be working to reach out to non-GCM ITS projects in the GCM Corridor. Working with these projects bring additional resources without additional funding, and would help coordinate efforts in the corridor.
- Momentum – Shamo wants to track projects more carefully and find out what problems occur and what resources are needed for a project to work. He noted that he has described the performance measures for the position.

John Corbin, WisDOT, recommended that a good starting point for project tracking is the fiber link between Wisconsin and Illinois, which is in process.

Shamo noted that a neutral presence between states can be advantageous to keeping track of progress made. Many program management functions, such as generating documents like meeting minutes and action items, will be performed by lower level employees and will not take up much of the Executive Director's time.

Corbin suggested that the Executive Director think about how the organization will grow in the future, and suggested a vision statement for the Corridor be prepared.

#### **4. GCM Web Sites**

**Handouts:** 1) DC 4A-010903 – GCM Web Site Overview

**Actions:** 1) URS to inform agencies that their final technical documents can be placed on the PIC  
 2) UIC, IDOT, and URS will have a teleconference. The Coordination Work Group and state DOT representatives will meet February 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 3) URS to place link to EDL on GCM PIC

Jeff Benson, URS, discussed the maintenance of the GCM web sites. The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) has hosted and performed routine maintenance on the GCM Communicator, but an agreement to do so is no longer in place.

The Coordination Work Group has discussed this issue. A conference call between IDOT, UIC, and URS will be held by the end of January, and the Coordination Work Group will revisit the subject with representatives from each state who deal with web site issues.

A survey on use of GCM web sites was given to all work group participants in December. The results showed that many work group and committee members do not regularly use a GCM web site. Most respondents thought it would be nice to consolidate web sites, but a consolidation would only significantly affect a third of the respondent's use of GCM internet resources. Respondents also offered many suggestions on how to improve the GCM sites and increase awareness of the resources the sites offer.

Zavattero noted that the coalition should periodically revisit the mission for each web site and the overall vision for the web sites in general. The Communicator is intended for sharing

information between work group and committee members, and the Public Information Center (PIC) is intended to share final documents with the general public.

Zavattero noted that the Corridor Transportation Information Center (C-TIC) page is moving to GCMTravel.org in February. Attempts to get to the C-TIC page will be redirected to the GCM Travel site. The new address should be easier to remember.

Jeff Hochmuth of Iteris suggested that the GCM could use the FHWA Electronic Document Library (EDL) as a repository of technical documents, instead of the PIC. He noted that money and time will play an important role in determining what happens with the web sites.

Paul Lamb, URS, noted that hardly any technical documents have been added to the PIC in the last year and a half. Joe Ligas, representing INDOT, suggested that if the PIC is not used for sharing technical documents, they should be placed on the EDL. He noted that many agencies do not know that their documents can be placed on the PIC.

Hochmuth noted that some documents, such as major design documents, should be posted on the EDL even if the PIC is continued. To place documents on the EDL, documents should be sent to the USDOT for posting.

Chuck Sikaras, IDOT, suggested that technical reports and design documents could be sent to the EDL, and meeting minutes could be moved to the Communicator, eliminating the need for the PIC.

The work group decided that any technical document that would benefit people using the GCM Corridor should be available on the PIC, regardless of whether the project was financed with GCM funding or not. Placing documents on the PIC could be added to the scope of work for projects with GCM funding.

Hochmuth suggested that the Executive Director send out a press release of some form for what needs to be done to get documents posted on the PIC or EDL.

UIC, IDOT, and URS will have a teleconference. The Coordination Work Group and state DOT representatives will meet February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Awareness and Communications Work Group will meet after that and discuss the direction of the CWG.

Zavattero reported that there is a cost of approximately \$13,000 in labor time of Parsons and UIC for companies to patch into the IDOT/Gateway information. Currently, IDOT is paying for these labor costs, but is considering charging commercial companies for this labor. Vendors do not see a problem with passing on these costs up front.

## **5. TSC Tour and Lunch**

Jeff Galas of the IDOT District 1 Traffic Systems Center gave committee members a tour of the Traffic Systems Center facility.

## **6. Update on Project Status**

**Actions:**

- 1) GRICC to look at data ownership and archiving issue, develop an agreement, and report back to the Deployment Committee*
- 2) Wendall Meyer to send URS the contract between FHWA and Mobility Technology for data archiving*
- 3) Shamo to check with the I-95 Corridor on data sharing agreements*

WisDOT has selected a consultant team for their 511 project. They will develop a work plan. This effort will expand to include the entire state, and will be coordinated with Illinois and Indiana's efforts. The first step is to have a meeting between the three states and their contractors to coordinate their plans and visions. Illinois is currently receiving proposals for their RFP, and Indiana is finding funding before issuing an RFP.

Mobility Technology has reached an agreement with the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority on data archiving. Corbin noted his concern about Wisconsin data being archived without an agreement with WisDOT. Zattero clarified that he understood the agreement to cover Chicago data being archived. The group agreed that it should be determined what data is being archived and only data from ISTHA and IDOT should be archived. The only existing agreement dealing with data sharing simply says that the three states will share data.

The GRICC, with any necessary supplemental participants, will look at data ownership and archiving issue, develop an agreement, and report back to the Deployment Committee. Joe Ligas noted that this could be a major effort. Corbin noted that there needs to be some effort to determine and designate data ownership.

Zattero noted that the issues any agreement should deal with are: 1) archiving data and 2) use of real-time data. Private companies can now make money off of real-time data developed by public agencies. Ligas noted that if public data is provided to private companies to archive, that data should be available to the public.

Wendall Meyer, FHWA, will send URS the contract between FHWA and Mobility Technology. Shamo will check with the I-95 Corridor to see if they have data sharing agreements.

## **7. Updates on Funding Applications and Other Pursuits**

The Security MDI Application was deferred to the Homeland Security Office. GCM will likely not be awarded any funding from that application.

Illinois is not aware of the final decision on its Computer Aided Dispatch/Traffic Management Center (CAD/TMC) Integration Field Operational Test submittal to FHWA.

## **8. FHWA Status Report**

FHWA is operating under a continuing resolution that expires January 11. There will likely be a new continuing resolution that goes through January.

## **9. New Chair of Awareness & Communications Work Group**

Chuck Sikaras was named the new head of the Awareness and Communications Work Group, replacing Claire Jonak who retired.

## **10. GCM Corridor Work Group Updates**

### Awareness & Communications Work Group

The Awareness and Communications Work Group will meet after this meeting to discuss the short GCM video and the delivery of the ITS Midwest/GCM Newsletter.

The short GCM video has been entered for the ITS America Best of ITS Awards in the advocacy category. INDOT is submitting a Borman TMC video under the Public Safety category. IDOT is submitting the GCM Travel web site under the Consumer Product Launch category. RTA also has submitted a project for an ITS America award.

### Traffic and Incident Management Work Group

At the last meeting, the work group heard presentations on the Illinois emergency radio frequency (IREACH) and CATS Ramp Metering study. John Benda led the group on a tour of the ISTHA facility.

### Commercial Vehicle Operations

Bob Sussor of Mettler Toledo gave a presentation to the work group on sending images of non-compliant trucks. This is part of a VWS project piloted by INDOT. Work group members who were not present can make arrangements to see the presentation, which will be posted on the Communicator.

### GRICC

Scott Lee of IDOT and Jeff Hochmuth have been reorganizing the GRICC. The group will focus on TMCs and TOCs. Architecture interests will be added to the group as needed in the future.

Lee is contacting agencies to ensure that there a technical person from each agency involved sits in on the meetings.

### Transit Operations

The Transit Operations work group has discussed possible improvements to the GCM Travel web site to enhance transit information there. The group will also contact Milwaukee County Transit and NICTD to increase their involvement.

### Safety and Security

The work group will address three efforts:

- 1) Helping CATS and Northwestern University develop a scope for Project CLEAR,
- 2) Develop a GCM Security Workshop, and

- 3) Develop or refine a small group of projects to focus on.

Lamb to add Deputy Michael Mach of Will County Sheriff's Police to the organizational group.

## **11. Other Agency ITS Status Reports**

### Illinois

The regional architecture with CATS has been completed and is compliant with the GRICC architecture. This document will be placed on the PIC.

CATS and Northwestern will be hosting a Lake Cook Road Incident Management Exercise on January 29. Those interested in attending should contact Dick Raub of Northwestern University.

RTA has installed 4 multi-modal VMS at O'Hare and CTA. These signs will display information from the CTA and Gateway. RTA is working on integrating this information. There is currently some information, but it is not real-time information.

RTA is also working on guidelines for transit VMS. The guidelines will use highway VMS guidelines where applicable, but will have to adapt some due to the different needs.

The TIMS for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority has undergone acceptance testing, and will be coordinated into the Gateway by March.

### Wisconsin

Wisconsin is developing a statewide ITS plan with a thirty-year outlook. Wisconsin will start to scope for the plan soon.

### Indiana

The Borman TMC is close to setting up a live video feed.

The Indiana Toll Road is deploying 23 portable DMS throughout the 155 miles of the road. The Toll Road foreman will operate the signs based on information from the TMC and Borman. These signs will be automated in one or two years.

## **12. Next meeting and Other Business**

The next Deployment Committee meeting will be held Thursday, March 27 at the RTA.

The ITS Midwest Annual meeting will be held March 7 in Lisle, Illinois. There will be a tour of and reception at the ISTHA facility. The focus of the meeting will be on funding.

There will be a Transport Chicago 2003 conference on June 6. More information can be found at [www.transportchicago.org](http://www.transportchicago.org)

**Deployment Committee**  
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