



Meeting Minutes
GCM ITS Corridor Deployment Committee
Friday, December 19, 2003, 12:00 p.m.
FHWA Resource Center
19900 Governors Drive, Olympia Fields, IL

1. Introductions & Review of Agenda

The meeting started with attendees introducing themselves. David Zavattero, IDOT, chaired the meeting. A list of Deployment Committee members in attendance is included at the end of these minutes.

2. October 30, 2003 Deployment Committee Group Meeting Minutes

Handout: 1) CWG 2A-121903 – October 30, 2003 Draft DC Meeting Minutes

The team reviewed and approved the meeting minutes.

3. Executive Director's Report

Dan Shamo, GCM Executive director, reported that he is scheduling a videoconference between the I-95 Corridor and the GCM Corridor. Potential dates for the videoconference range between February 12 and March 2. During the meetings between two corridors, a game plan will be developed for co-operation and future meetings.

At its December teleconference, the GCM Executive Committee approved the idea of requesting Set Aside Funding. The state DOT congressional liaisons are finalizing the letter requesting that the dedicated funding language be included in the transportation reauthorization bill. Set Aside language would be pursued in coordination with the I-95 Corridor. Shamo will continue to coordinate between the two corridors regarding funding efforts.

The Set Aside language included a technology transfer initiative of \$1million/year in funding to be used as seed money to successfully expand successful projects outside of the GCM Corridor. Jeff Hochmuth, Iteris, asked about expanding the GCM Corridor beyond the three member states. Shamo said that the corridor would work on expanding projects statewide before they address including other states. Zavattero added that this initiative might change the philosophy in the next Corridor Program Plan (CPP). The question of a state match for federal funds will need to be addressed if federal funds are dedicated. The GCM Corridor will continue to develop projects in the corridor that have statewide implications.

4. Lake County TMC Project Architecture

This agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

5. Data Sharing Agreement

Actions: 1) Lamb to place data-sharing report on Communicator and alert DC members
 2) Lamb to place data-sharing report on GRICC after comments are made
 3) Shamo to write report appendix based on INDOT's cell phone tower experience

Scott Lee, IDOT, presented the GRICC report on data sharing to the committee members. The GRICC report will be placed on the GCM Communicator for Deployment Committee members to review. The GRICC evaluated the agency policies in the corridor regarding data sharing. Under the current GCM Gateway policy, any private entity who is registered with IDOT has access to data from the Gateway system. To be registered with the IDOT, the companies have to explain what they would use the data for, demonstrate how information would be used, and give the GCM Corridor attribution as a data source.

Lee said that there are currently private entities that use data to provide information through the media. Gateway data can be accessed with CORBA and XML over dedicated phone lines. Lee noted that the amount of data in the Gateway system will increase in the future.

Lee noted that if fees are charged for access to data, someone will have to determine the value of the data. He was also concerned that if agencies charged for the data then liability and reliability would become an issue. Currently, agencies own their own data documents. The report did not answer the question of whether data sharing generated any revenue, as no verified models that generated profit were found. Also he noted that it was not clear whether any revenue generated would go to the general transportation fund.

The report outlined the following 3 models:

- A) Keep existing policy of providing data to all users for free.
- B) Let each agency market and negotiate with users for their own data. They could still provide the data for free if they desire to do so.
- C) Provide advertising space on Gateway site.

Lee commented that it was not clear how the Transcom Model worked. Transcom model is an incorporated entity. If the GCM Corridor wants to use Transcom model, then GCM Corridor would have to become a legally incorporated entity.

Questions and Concerns:

Phil DeCaboooter of WisDOT noted that WisDOT was reluctant to increase and enhance data for commercial entities without compensation. He also noted that if agencies negotiated prices and collected revenues, they would have to develop accounting systems for this. Joe Ligas, representing INDOT, added that cost to administer contract, receive accounts, audit etc., can be relatively significant and they could outweigh the revenue received.

Zavattero noted that state DOTs may not be best agencies to evaluate and value data since market is still immature. Ligas, mentioned that companies charge for purchasing programs and not data.

Companies would value data less than a DOT will.

Zavattero mentioned that Illinois' administration personnel might want some revenue for the services provided, though not necessarily as money. TV channels getting video from the Gateway system could barter equipment for images from DOT operated cameras. Ligas mentioned that the companies could barter the airtime for public service announcements for traffic data. Hochmuth mentioned that in this case companies would be willing to bear some cost.

Lee mentioned that there has not been a demonstrated successful case in market gaining revenue from traveler information. Zavattero added that there could be a public relations backlash from charging for a service that was previously provided for free. He also noted there might be legal complications from charging for data gathered via an infrastructure built with public funding. Also, broadcast companies provide a service in providing information to the public. Chuck Sikaras, IDOT, mentioned that the IDOT ITS Program office does not have the legal authority to sign any agreement.

Hochmuth mentioned that the GRICC wants further direction from Deployment Committee. Zavattero recommended finalizing the report. He recommended endorsing a barter approach, where data providers would negotiate with entities that want to use the data. The Deployment Committee agreed with this endorsement.

Shamo will prepare an appendix for report using INDOT's cell phone tower experience as a case study.

6. I-80/I-90/I-294 Construction Corridor Action Team

Davis Zavattero briefly reviewed the activities of the Corridor Action Team (CAT), which was formed to address information concern arising from Interstate construction in the south Chicago/Gary metro area. The team is collecting and coordinating construction and planned lane closure information from the various agencies planning construction. The team will also be generating a work plan, outlining the planned construction activities and how involved agencies will share information between themselves and with travelers.

7. FHWA Status Report

John Berg of FHWA reported that the 2003 Edition of MUTCD is available.

Berg also briefly discussed the proposed reorganization of the FHWA ITS Joint Program Office under the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA).

8. Update on Project Status

Handout: 1) DC 8A-121903 – Priority Project Status Update

Chuck Sikaras of IDOT noted that funds are being transferred from two Illinois projects that have not been initiated to support the multi-state construction coordination that the CAT is working on.

The next step is to get specific project proposals and work orders completed.

9. GCM Corridor Work Group Update

Handout: 1) DC 9A-121903 – GCM Work Group/Committee Update

The committee reviewed the GCM Corridor Work Group/Committee Updates.

The following resolution regarding hours of operations for traffic operations centers generated from the Traffic Incident Management Work Group was presented and approved:

The Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Corridor recommends that transportation operations centers within the corridor are fully operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week to support transportation operations and security.

10. Update on GCM Projects Activities

Illinois:

IDOT is working to install AVL and data terminals in Emergency Traffic Patrol vehicles. The RFP for the project is being developed.

Indiana:

- Purdue University is in the process of doing sensor work on the Borman Expressway.
- (State?) Representative Peter Visclosky toured the Borman TMC and was impressed. He offered his assistance in finding financial assistance for the Borman system.
- The Indiana Toll Road system is close to being integrated with INDOT.
- Troy Boyd of INDOT is still working on getting Borman data to the Gateway TIC.

Wisconsin:

- Wisconsin is in the process of starting its 511 planning effort. It will hold a formal coordination meeting in January.
- The WISDOT districts? are trying to better coordinate activities and information between the districts. This includes reorganizing DeCabooteer's district.

11. Next Meeting and other Business

The next GCM Deployment Committee meeting will be held on March 30, 2004.

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