



**GCM ITS Priority Corridor
Deployment Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2003, 11:00 a.m.
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Facility
2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, IL**

Meeting Minutes

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. March 27, 2003 Deployment Committee Group Meeting Minutes

Handout: 1) DC 2A-062603 – March 27, 2003 Draft Deployment Committee Minutes

Action: 1) Sikaras to contact Lamb with comments on minutes

Chuck Sikaras of IDOT will give Paul Lamb of URS comments after the meeting. Pending those changes, the committee approved the minutes.

3. Executive Director's Report

Handout: 1) DC 3A-062603 – I-95/GCM Meeting Minutes

Dan Shamo, GCM Executive Director, reported that the I-95/GCM Summit meeting was very productive. Both groups felt there was opportunity for more coordinated efforts. The groups will be looking at a combined effort to secure dedicated federal funding. The two groups will hold a video conference in the fall to continue this discussion.

Shamo reviewed plans for a Congressional Tour in August. John Corbin of WisDOT suggested contacting the co-chairs of the ITS Caucus in the House of Representatives to let them know about the tour, though not necessarily extending an invitation.

4. GCM Executive Committee Meeting

Handout: 1) DC 4A-062603 – July 17, 2003 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda

Jeff Benson of URS discussed the upcoming GCM Executive Committee meeting to be held on July 17. Along with hearing updates on GCM Corridor activities, another topic to be discussed at the meeting is the possible expansion of Corridor coordination activities statewide in each of the states. Such responsibilities would likely put the GCM Corridor in position to receive more funding.

The state architectures were designed with statewide deployment in mind, so the framework exists for statewide expansion. If efforts do expand statewide, the GCM Corridor will need to coordinate more with ITS Midwest.

John Corbin of WisDOT suggested stressing the inclusion of transportation security and interoperability in future expansion.

5. Real Time Traffic Simulation Tools

Mithilesh Jha of Jacobs Civil, Inc. presented the committee with information on advances in simulation tools as applied to real-time information. He discussed how these tools can be used in TMCs to better manage traffic through more accurate predictions. If accurate travel information can be generated based on predictions, it can be distributed to travelers sooner. Predictions need to be revisited regularly to account for any changes and correct inaccuracies. These tools are very useful when looking at single incidents.

The data quality determines how much data is needed for predictions. The closest practical use of these tools is in Hudson Valley, there it is used only for planning. The committee discussed applications, predictions, and the advantages and hazards of influencing of traffic. John Tolle of the FHWA Midwestern Resource Center is another resource for these tools.

Questions can be directed to Mr. Jha at Mithilesh.Jha@jacobs.com.

6. FHWA Status Report

Handout: 1) SAFETEA: Transportation System Management, Operations & ITS

Mac Lister of FHWA discussed ITS components of the proposed SAFETEA bill. The initial proposal would still foster research and development, but would use a formula-based performance incentive mechanism to improve performance and operations of the transportation system. Both current ITS deployment provisions are mirrored in the proposed bill. The proposed bill would also establish a program to fund nationwide deployment of CVISN. Lister cautioned that the provisions in the bill could change greatly before it is passed.

7. GCM Directory

Handout: 1) DC 7A-062603 – GCM Directory Update

Paul Lamb, URS, reported that URS is in the process of gathering updated contact information for the GCM Directory. The directory will be available on the redesigned GCM Communicator web site. URS will also develop a separate newsletter-only list available on the web site.

8. Update on Project Status

Handout: 1) DC 8A-062303 – Project Status Update
2) DC 8B-062603 - Work Order Status Update

The committee reviewed the progress made in GCM Priority Projects.

9. GCM Corridor Work Group Updates

Handout: 1) DC 9A-082603 – GCM Work Group Updates

Awareness & Communications Work Group

The A&C Work Group has received a request from the Illinois Tollway to reshoot the GCM video to incorporate its new Executive Director. The work group will discuss with Southern Illinois University, who produced the first video, the possibility of shooting footage of the new Executive Director, along with the new RTA Executive Director. The work group is determining if other organizations would like to reshoot their portions of the video and will pay for the re-production. IDOT subsequently requested to reshoot the footage containing its Secretary. Corbin suggested that it is beneficial to all to have an up-to-date video for use.

CVO Work Group

Bill Honan of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration reported that the work group is reviewing SAFETEA updates that affect commercial vehicles and Virtual Weigh Station updates from the states.

GRICC

The committee is looking at data sharing agreements with regards to how they will affect data on the web. It will identify the options for the corridor and make a recommendation to the Deployment Committee. The recommendation will try and balance the information useful to travelers versus that which is sensitive. Future integration on Gateway design may be effected by whatever decision is reached.

10. Update on GCM Project Activities

Illinois

- The ISTHA TIMS connection to the Gateway is being transferred through a CORBA interface.
- The TSC/Gateway interface is in testing.
- The ITS Program Office is working with District 1 to develop software and procedures to show video snapshots from construction areas.

- The Illinois 511 planning contract will be awarded soon.
- The Gateway interface with Chicago DOT is on hold.
- The Lake County Architecture Traffic Management Report has been issued.

Wisconsin

- WisDOT is waiting to coordinate its 511 system planning with Indiana and Illinois.
- WisDOT is getting ready to award the ITS component of its Long Range Transportation Plan. It will work to connect with Illinois in the south.
- WisDOT is working on its state Traffic Operations Plan as well as a Communications Interoperability Study.

Indiana

- INDOT has met with its contractor for 511
- The website for Northwest Indiana will be available by the end of the summer.
- Indiana Tollroad service patrols will be changing to Hoosier Helpers
- INDOT is using a revised version of the DMS Manual for portable DMS.

13. Call for Documents to be added to the GCM PIC

Completed GCM documents related to the GCM Corridor interests or activities can be placed on the GCM Communicator for other agencies to use or on the PIC for general use. Contact Paul Lamb of URS at paul_lamb@urscorp.com or (612) 373-6463 for assistance in placing documents on either web site.

14. Next Meeting and Other Business

Corbin suggested having the next meeting via video conference. The next GCM Deployment Committee meeting will be October 30, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

ITS Midwest will hold an Architecture Workshop in September or October.

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