



Meeting Minutes
GCM ITS Corridor Deployment Committee
Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 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. December 19, 2003 Deployment Committee Meeting Minutes

Handouts: 1) DC 2A-033004 – December 19, 2003 Draft DC Meeting Minutes

Actions: 1) Sikaras and Lee to give comments to Lamb

The Meeting minutes from the December 19, 2003 DC meeting were approved pending changes from Scott Lee, IDOT, about data sharing and general comments from Chuck Sikaras.

3. Executive Director's Report

On March 2nd, a videoconference was held with the I-95 corridor group. This videoconference identified a need to focus on education. There is a need for sharing training and a forum to exchange the lessons learned.

The two corridors are still working on getting legislative language included in the transportation reauthorization bill. The two groups reiterated the need to coordinate actions regularly and will plan on meeting again in the near future.

4. Lake County Traffic Management Center (TMC) Project Architecture

John Sauter, Lake County DOT, gave a presentation on the Lake County TMC Project. They are currently working on the backbone of signals, including work on 17 master controllers during Phase 1. More pan-tilt-zoom cameras and detection devices will also be installed. Other enhancements in the project include:

- Start fiber backbone
- Install traffic signals to fill gaps
- Install traffic signal system hub
- Initiate Highway Advisory Radio (HAR)

- Deploy Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) interface with Sheriff
- Expand video camera usage
- Install variable message signs (VMS)
- Link to GCM Gateway
- Create advanced traffic management system (ATMS) to get information to public quicker

During the question and answer session, the following discussion points were made:

- Lake County has neither a policy nor traffic signal equipment in place with capacity for preemption.
- IDOT/Tollway fiber lines may be available to Lake County.
- Efforts are being made to further educate the public about importance of this traffic system.
- Lake County is looking at a combination of off the shelf type products and custom technology for its coordinated system.
- A tax referendum that would have provided match funding for the project was not passed. It will be voted on again in the future, and Sauter expects it to pass.

5. Regional Planning Template

Handouts: 1) DC 5A-033004 – Regional Planning Template and Framework

Actions: 1) Benson to arrange a conference call between the Coordination Work Group, the Corridor Action Team, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and report back to the Deployment Committee
2) Shamo to contact MPOs with state contacts assistance

Jeff Benson, URS, went over a draft scope of the regional planning template and discussed related issues. Zavattero suggested that operations and maintenance costs be integrated into the regional plans and noted that it would be beneficial to get Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) input. Phil DeCabooteer, WisDOT, stated that the Wisconsin contract with SEWRPC targeting operations and maintenance has been on hold. This project is not related to the GCM corridor.

Zavattero stated that the Metropolitan Transportation Commission may have a similar scope or model for the regional planning template. Dan Shamo, GCM Executive Director, stated that there has been limited involvement from MPOs outside of CATS. Zavattero added that it might be best to have MPOs integrate these issues into their regional planning process. There is a need to proceed through MPOs for jurisdiction and funding issues. It might be a joint planning effort between MPOs.

Benson will arrange a conference call between the Coordination Work Group, the Corridor Action Team, NIRPC, and SEWRPC and report back to the Deployment Committee. Shamo stated that the group should do outreach to SEWRPC and NIRPC to lay the groundwork for encouraging participation in the GCM corridor.

Zavattero said that this regional framework can help secure funding and therefore should be considered a high priority project. Ligas stated that the FHWA is developing material on how to get ITS Architecture projects into the planning process. There will be classes on this topic in the future. The reauthorization may treat operations expenses the same as capital ones for these types of projects. The next steps are to reach out to the MPOs by Shamo and CWG and schedule a conference call between MPOs and CWG.

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

Actions: 1) CAT will review Concept Of Operations
 2) CAT will look at DMS Interagency plan

Scott Lee, IDOT, stated that there are some items that need to be accomplished for this task. Currently, there are loose information connections between CDOT and the Gateway. The group is also working on integrating the Borman and the Gateway. There are now a total of 4 web servers providing additional site stability and performance. There has also been a section added to the webpage that highlights information pertaining to the corridor construction that the CAT deals with. There have been problems getting incident information from Illinois to Indiana in the past.

7. GRICC Data Sharing Report

Actions: 1) Lamb to send revised Data Sharing Report to Grabowski

The revised GRICC Data Sharing Report is available on the GCM Communicator under the GRICC and DC folders. GRICC will begin looking at the data menu model to let subscriber and data owners negotiate their own agreements pertaining to data distribution. There has not been any evidence that it is possible to gain substantial revenue from this type of data distribution. GRICC will have the final recommendations on data sharing at the next Deployment Committee meeting.

Zavattero stated that he would like to see the Deployment Committee provide guidance on the data menu model. This information could then be brought to the EC at its summer meeting. Zavattero noted that there is uncertainty about who wants to pay for data and how much they might be willing to pay. DeCabooter noted that as long as the data resides in the public domain, it is available. Wisconsin may face budget restrictions when it requires additional funding to provide data to people in any other way.

Mark Newland, INDOT, asked whether the data was going to be used to generate revenue. Lee stated that each member would be given the option of negotiating its own agreements with data subscribers. DeCabooter noted that there should be a solid business plan in place before anyone starts charging for the data. It should be noted that there would be an infrastructure requirement necessary to be able to collect revenues from subscribers. Agencies also have to consider the possibility of lawsuits if there are different prices.

John Ellis, TranSmart, stated that the group should consider that the private sector could add value to the data and then resell it.

8. FHWA Status Report

There is nothing new to report.

9. Update on Projects Status

Handouts: 1) DC 9A-033004 – Priority Project Status Update, as of March 30, 2004
2) DC 9B-033004 - Work Order Status Report as of March 30, 2004

This agenda item was postponed to a future meeting.

10. Other Agency ITS Status Reports

Taqi Mohammed of Pace submitted a list of updates from transit agencies.

- The Active Transit Station Signs (ATSS) acceptance testing has been successful, and the RTA is recommending an incremental implementation of more ATSS.
- Metra is reviewing contractor's bids for field demonstrations of its Parking Management Guidance Systems. The field demonstrations are planned for the Mokena/Hickory Creek and Tinley Park/80th Avenue stations.
- CTA and Pace are having the BusInfo system developed incrementally by SAIC and NextBus. The system will provide bus arrival information to waiting passengers.
- Pace is proceeding on schedule with its Intelligent Bus system. All designated busses have been equipped with AVL and on-board information signage. Next steps include installing central components in area garages, system acceptance and training.

11. Next Meeting and other Business

The next meeting was scheduled for June 10 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will focus on the development of 511 Traveler information Systems in the three states.

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