

**GCM ITS Priority Corridor
Executive Committee Telephone Conference
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 13, 1996, 3:00 p.m., Central Time**

Attendees:

The Executive Committee:

- Charles Thompson, Secretary - WisDOT (Chair) - Represented by Jim VanSistine
- Kirk Brown, Secretary - IDOT - Represented by Linda Wheeler
- Stan Smith, Commissioner - INDOT - Represented by Dave Pluckebaum
- Ken Perret, Deputy Regional Administrator - FHWA

The Coordination Work Group:

- Phil DeCabooter, Chief ITS Engineer - WisDOT (Chair)
- Joe Ligas, ITS Program Manager - IDOT
- Ed Cox, Highway Support Manager - INDOT
- Ed Stillings, Transp. Management Specialist - FHWA

Support:

- Jon Obenberger - WisDOT
- Jeff Benson - BRW
- Daryl Taavola - BRW

The following handouts were provided for the GCM Executive Committee Telephone Conference:

- *Ten page handout summarizing GCM activities and funding.*
- *GCM Federal Funds Utilization Needs - Year 1 table dated February 20, 1996.*
- *Resolution for approval of FY '96 funding requests and endorsement for Program Year 2 funding needs.*

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Phil DeCabooter of WisDOT called the meeting to order and welcomed those participating.

2. UPDATE ON GCM CORRIDOR ACTIVITIES

Jeff Benson of BRW presented a brief overview of the GCM Corridor activities since the last GCM Executive Committee meeting held on July 13, 1995. The presentation included an update of activities associated with project/program development and implementation, committees and work groups, outreach and education and the status of the next Corridor Program Plan update.

3. GCM PRIORITY CORRIDOR FY '96 FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION STATUS

Action: *Executive Committee approved FY '96 Federal funding requests in the amount of \$7.1 million.*

Mr. Benson presented a summary of how the FY '93 and FY '94 federal funding received by the GCM Corridor is currently being utilized. Efforts have concentrated on state specific projects within the incident management, traffic management systems and traffic signal integration areas and on corridor-wide projects within the multi-modal traveler information system area. Mr. Benson also discussed the availability of \$7.1 million in Federal FY '96 funding and proposed utilization of these funds. The \$7.1 million results in a GCM Program Year 1 funding shortfall of approximately \$2.1 million. This shortfall was equally applied to Traffic Management System projects of Program Year 1 within each of the three states.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the use of the \$7.1 million in FY '96 federal funding requests. Ken Perret of FHWA mentioned that the GCM Corridor needs to begin to develop more focused project definitions and outcomes. This would help the Coalition in providing the status of the program/projects when requested by others who are not involved with the GCM activities on a day-to-day

basis.

4. PROGRAM YEAR 2 NEEDS & ANTICIPATED FUTURE FUNDING

- Action:**
1. *Executive Committee endorsed Program Year 2 funding needs in the amount of \$16,576,500.*
 2. *Executive Committee revised and approved the Resolution of approval for FY '96 federal funding requests and endorsement of Program Year 2 funding needs.*
 3. *WisDOT Secretary to submit adopted Resolution to USDOT Secretary Peña.*
 4. *WisDOT Secretary to submit letter requesting future funding support to USDOT Secretary Peña upon approval from the GCM Executive Committee.*

Endorsement of Program Year 2 Funding Needs & Federal FY '97 ITS Priority Corridor Budget: Mr. Benson presented a summary of the federal funding needs for Year 2 of the GCM Program. Program Year 2 needs amount to approximately \$16.58 million which includes the \$2.1 million shortfall from Program Year 1 and adjustments due to the use of match credits. Mr. Benson also noted that the FY '97 federal ITS Priority Corridor budget is expected to be \$43 million.

The Executive Committee unanimously endorsed the GCM Program Year 2 federal funding needs in the amount of \$16,576,500.

Approval of Resolution: Mr. Benson briefly presented a proposed resolution of approval for FY '96 funding requests and endorsement of Program Year 2 funding needs. Mr. Perret requested that an additional "WHEREAS" statement be added to the resolution that indicates how the components of the GCM Corridor Program Plan being developed and deployed, support the USDOT Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure (ITI) initiative and Operation Time Saver program. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the resolution with the revision as noted above.

Strategies & Direction to Solicit Support for GCM Funding: Mr. DeCabooter opened the discussion of possible strategies and FHWA direction and guidance to solicit support for additional GCM Corridor funding through the ISTEA successor bill. After some discussion between the three states and FHWA, the committee reached the following consensus:

1. A letter will be prepared by WisDOT Secretary Thompson to transmit the adopted resolution which endorses GCM Program Year 2 funding needs to USDOT Secretary Peña on behalf of the Executive Committee.
2. A separate letter will be drafted by WisDOT Secretary Thompson which requests continued support for GCM and Priority Corridor funding in the ISTEA successor bill. Upon review and approval by the three states and FHWA, this letter will also be submitted to USDOT Secretary Peña on behalf of the Executive Committee.

It was noted that members of the GCM Coordination Work Group will be discussing funding issues with other national priority corridor members at the ITS America Annual meeting in Houston, Texas on April 14, 1996. The Coordination Work Group members will report back to the GCM Executive Committee regarding this meeting in July, 1996.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at the Mississippi Valley Conference on July 11, 1996 at 4:30 p.m. This meeting will provide an update of the GCM activities and formally transfer the Chair of the Executive Committee and Deployment Committee from Wisconsin to Indiana.