



**Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM)
Intelligent Transportation Systems ITS Priority Corridor
Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes for:**

Monday, April 21, 1997, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Telephone Conference

Please note that the agenda topics included in these meeting minutes were discussed via a telephone conference held on April 21, 1997.

- Meeting Handouts:**
1. *April 21, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.*
 2. *Meeting Overhead Packet.*
 3. *Draft Corridor Program Plan Update , dated March 11, 1997.*
 4. *FY '97 Detailed Funding Splits Tables for GCM Program Yr. 2.*
 5. *Draft Letter to Commission Thomas Walker, dated April 21, 1997.*
 6. *1996 GCM Corridor Annual Brochure.*
 7. *GCM Newsletters from September 1996 and January 1997.*

1. INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was attended by:

The Executive Committee:

- Curtis Wiley, Commissioner - INDOT (Chair)
- Kirk Brown, Secretary - IDOT
- Terry Mulcahy, Deputy Secretary - WisDOT (Representing Charles Thompson, Secretary - WisDOT)
- Dale Wilken, Regional Administrator - FHWA

The Coordination Work Group:

- Dan Shamo, ITS Program Engineer - INDOT
- Joe Ligas, ITS Program Manager - IDOT
- Phil DeCabooter, Chief ITS Engineer - WisDOT
- Bill Brownell, Urban Transp. Specialist - FHWA
- Ed Stillings, Transp. Management Specialist - FHWA

Support:

- Jeff Benson - BRW
- Daryl Taavola - BRW

Other:

- Linda Wheeler, IDOT
- Bill Jones, FHWA Region 5

2. UPDATE ON GCM CORRIDOR ACTIVITIES

Jeff Benson of BRW summarized GCM Corridor projects currently underway. Approximately half of more than 100 ITS projects included in the 20-year GCM Corridor Program Plan have been initiated. Efforts have focused on the first two years of the program. Outreach and education activities were also highlighted including the establishment of a Public Information Center, development of quarterly newsletters and annual brochures, monthly committee/work group meetings, and workshops/tours.

To date, the GCM Corridor has received \$18.69 in federal funds from FY 93, 94, 96 and 97. The Year 2 Program ended with a \$10 million shortfall which was considered in the Corridor Program Plan update process.

3. GCM CORRIDOR PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE

- Action:**
1. *Executive Committee approved the proposed projects/programs as included in the draft Corridor Program Plan Update.*
 2. *Executive Committee approved the proposed budgets for FY 98 and 99 as included in the draft Corridor Program Plan Update.*

Jeff Benson summarized the process used in updating the GCM Corridor Program Plan which included surveys, interviews, workshops and committee/work group input. The update includes details for projects and program activities for FY 98 and 99 and builds upon what has already been accomplished. Several proposed project efforts from each of the ten program areas included in the plan were highlighted:

- **Program Area 1 - Multi-Modal Traveler Information System:** Efforts will include deployment of smart kiosks, providing traffic information to Cable TV, as well as Interactive TV.
- **Program Area 2 - Integrated Transit Systems:** New activities will include parking management systems and neighborhood on-demand automated transit systems.
- **Program Area 3 - Incident Management Programs:** Efforts will involve Automatic Vehicle Location (AVL) for Emergency Traffic Patrol (ETP) vehicles in Illinois and deployment activities associated with the Southeastern Wisconsin Incident Management (SWIM) Program.
- **Program Area 4 - Technical and Planning Support:** Includes continuing support from BRW, committee and work group activities, and outreach.
- **Program Area 5 - Traffic Management System:** Efforts will build upon the existing traffic management systems in each state. Activities include the Traffic Systems Center (TSC) upgrade in Illinois, integration with the Tollways, a low cost demonstration to gather traffic information from truck transponders, and the use of portable traffic management systems in construction zones.
- **Program Area 6 - Commercial Vehicle Operations (CVO):** The Coalition will begin

to implement CVO programs within the corridor based on a recently completed CVO plan.

- **Program Area 7 - Traffic Signal Integration:** Signal integration tests will begin within Illinois and Indiana.
- **Program Area 8 - Vehicle Transponder Systems:** Efforts related to the use of vehicle transponders will begin.
- **Program Area 9 - Incident Reporting and Mayday Security:** Efforts will include a hazmat tracking system demonstration in Illinois, enhancement of the 911 system in Wisconsin, and an integrated cellular call-in system throughout the corridor.
- **Program Area 10 - Private/Public Partnerships:** Private/Public Partnership activities will be enhanced through the use of seed money available from an investment bank and utilization of ITS Midwest in performing RFPP solicitations.

The Executive Committee members unanimously approved the proposed projects included in the Corridor Program Plan Update.

The proposed project budget levels for FY 98 and 99 were presented. Total budgets include \$16,870,000 for FY 98 and \$16,360,000 for FY 99. The Executive Committee unanimously approved the proposed FY 98 and 99 project budgets.

The Corridor Program Plan Update document completion schedule was reviewed. The GCM Deployment Committee will be asked to approve the final document on June 19, 1997. The Executive Committee will be asked to approve the final document on July 10, 1997.

4. FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE PRIORITY CORRIDOR PROGRAM

Dale Wilken of FHWA summarized the status of the Priority Corridors Program in NEXTEA. The Priority Corridors Program will no longer have a separate funding source but can compete for funds from the ITS Infrastructure Incentive Program and other discretionary state funding.

Joe Ligas of IDOT initiated a discussion on alternate funding sources and strategies to continue the program. Highlights of the discussion are listed below:

- The Priority Corridors have met several times to discuss strategies. The I-95 Corridor has been aggressively trying to keep the Priority Corridors Program.
- Lack of a Priority Corridors Program will reduce the ability to fund integration efforts between the three states.
- It was noted that the federal program does offer areas where the GCM Corridor can apply for funds.
- There is a need for the GCM Corridor to continue with its efforts. The Priority Corridor Program has allowed the states to work together. The Corridor should do what ever we can to get additional funding.
- It was premature to discontinue the Priority Corridors Program.

5. LETTER TO CHICAGO COMMISSIONER THOMAS WALKER

Action: *Executive Committee approved submittal of congratulatory letter to Chicago Commissioner Thomas Walker.*

The Executive Committee reviewed a draft congratulatory letter proposed to be sent to the City of Chicago Commissioner Thomas Walker regarding his nomination to the ITS America Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee unanimously approved the submittal of the letter. Curtis Wiley of INDOT will sign and submit the letter.

6. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m., July 10, 1997 in conjunction with the 1997 Mississippi Valley Conference.