



**Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM)
Intelligent Transportation Systems ITS Priority Corridor
Executive Committee
Thursday, July 10, 1997, 5:00-5:45 p.m.
1997 Mississippi Valley Conference
Holiday Inn City Center
St. Clair Board Room**

- Meeting Handouts:**
1. *July 10, 1997 Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.*
 2. *Meeting Overhead Packet.*
 3. *Corridor Program Plan Update , dated July 1997.*
 4. *First Amendment - Match Credits Agreement, dated July 1997.*
 5. *GCM Newsletter from May 1997.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The meeting was attended by:

The Executive Committee:

- Curtis Wiley, Commissioner - INDOT (Chair)
- Jim Slifer - IDOT (Representing Kirk Brown, Secretary - IDOT)
- Charles Thompson, Secretary - WisDOT
- Bill Brownell, Urban Transp. Specialist - FHWA (Representing 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
- Ed Stillings, Transp. Management Specialist - FHWA

Support:

- Chuck Sikaras - IDOT
- Jay Obenberger - WisDOT
- Jeff Benson - BRW

Other:

- Dennis Faukenberg - INDOT
- Terry Mulcahy, Deputy Secretary - WisDOT
- Ken Leonard - WisDOT
- Debra Simmons-Wilson - INDOT
- Marty Monahan - PB Farradyne

2. UPDATE ON GCM CORRIDOR ACTIVITIES

Jeff Benson of BRW presented an update on GCM Corridor activities and briefly noted the progress of various GCM projects already underway including: the Integrated Corridor Operations Project (ICOP), transit management system efforts, WisDOT's freeway management system (MONITOR) enhancements, quick tow devices in Illinois, Hoosier Helpers in Indiana, development of the Corridor Transportation Information Center (C -TIC), etc. It was noted that almost half of more than 100 projects contained in the 20-year GCM Corridor Program Plan have been initiated. Project activities that have recently started

were also highlighted including efforts such as the Illinois Traffic Systems Center upgrade and video surveillance expansion, railroad grade crossing in-vehicle supplemental warning system demonstration, Phase 2 of the Borman Expressway freeway management system, Indiana regional traveler information strategic plan, Hoosier Helper expert system, electronic transit schedule system, and Wisconsin efforts such as development of a communications/data system infrastructure, special event management plan and emergency service co-location training program. Internet applications currently available to obtain information on the GCM Corridor were also reviewed.

To date, the GCM Corridor has received federal funding support in the amount of \$18,690,000. The Federal Funding Utilization for FY 93, 94, 96 & 97 (by GCM Corridor Program Area) is as follows:

Multi-Modal Traveler Information System	\$1,736,500
Integrated Transit System	3,020,000
Incident Management Programs	2,015,632
GCM Technical & Planning Support	1,290,000
Traffic Management Systems	8,923,868
Commercial Vehicle Operations	140,000
Traffic Signal Integration	1,004,000
Incident Reporting and Mayday Security	400,000
Private/Public Partnerships	160,000

3. GCM CORRIDOR PROGRAM PLAN UPDATE

Action: *The Executive Committee unanimously approved the Final Corridor Program Plan Update Document.*

The group reviewed the Corridor Program Plan Update process, as well as the status of the Priority Corridors Program in NEXTEA and potential alternate funding sources to continue the program. The current NEXTEA proposal discontinues funding for the Priority Corridors Program but there appears to be at least 3 potential funding sources where the GCM Corridor could compete for funds. The 3 funding sources and budget levels as proposed in NEXTEA include:

- Deployment Incentives = \$100 million
- Operational Tests = \$24.5 million
- Architecture and Standards = \$13 million

Jeff Benson then presented the projects/programs included in the draft Corridor Program Plan Update document and identified how the projects could potentially qualify for the various funding sources. Initial review suggests that all GCM Corridor projects could qualify for the use of funds available from the funding categories listed above. It was also noted that most categories of federal funding will be eligible for use on ITS projects.

The Corridor Program Plan Update includes a budget of \$16,870,000 in FY 98 and \$16,360,000 in FY 99. These funding levels are comparable to the levels included in the initial Corridor Program Plan.

Upon completion of a discussion among the committee members, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the Final Corridor Program Plan Update Document. This document will guide the GCM Corridor Program activities during the next 2 years (FY 98 and 99).

4. MATCH CREDITS/MATCH REQUIREMENTS

Action: *The Executive Committee unanimously approved the Proposed Amendment to the January 1996 DOT Match Credit Agreement.*

The committee reviewed a proposed amendment to the January 1996 DOT Match Credit Agreement. The initial agreement was executed in April of 1996 and committed each state to provide a maximum match credit of \$252,500 for corridor-wide projects. Since the maximum match credit levels will be reached in the near future, the agreement needs to be amended. The proposed amendment will allow each state to provide a maximum match credit of \$425,000 for corridor-wide projects. This amount is equal to the match credits level established in the Wisconsin DOT match credit pool. Both Illinois and Indiana have match credit pools above this level.

The committee members also discussed strategies to meet future GCM Corridor match requirements. It was noted that current match credits for Indiana and Wisconsin are expected to be depleted with the deployment of corridor-wide FY 98 projects. After some discussion, the committee agreed that the Coordination Work Group is to continue to review options to meet future match requirements and keep the Executive Committee informed of potential strategies.

5. EXECUTIVE & DEPLOYMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

- Action:**
1. *Kirk Brown of Illinois DOT approved to be Chair of the Executive Committee for the next year.*
 2. *Joe Ligas of Illinois DOT approved to be Chair of the Deployment Committee and Coordination Work Group for the next year.*

The committee members unanimously approved the new Chairpersons for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

Executive Committee:	Kirk Brown, Secretary - Illinois DOT
Deployment Committee:	Joe Ligas, ITS Program Manager - Illinois DOT
Coordination Work Group:	Joe Ligas, ITS Program Manager - Illinois DOT

6. NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held by conference call either during the Fall of 1997/Winter of 1998 contingent on the outcome of NEXTEA or during the Spring of 1998.