



MEETING MINUTES
Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) ITS Priority Corridor
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 15, 2004

The GCM (Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee) Executive Committee held a meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2004. The purpose of the meeting was to set policy direction for the GCM ITS Corridor.

1. Introductions

Introductions of members of the Executive Committee, FHWA Officials, and the Coordination Work Group were made. The list of those in attendance is given at the end of these meeting minutes. Jeff Benson of URS thanked the attendees for participating and congratulated the Corridor on its tenth anniversary.

2. GCM Corridor Program Activities

Executive Director Report

Dan Shamo, GCM Executive Director, provided a summary of late breaking events. The program management contract extension is in the Indiana Attorney General's office for approval. Once approved and signed, the extension will provide program management services into 2006.

Michigan DOT has shown interest in a partnership with the GCM Corridor. The GCM Coordination Work Group will explore different partnering arrangements and report back to the Executive Committee in December.

Shamo attended a meeting of the Great Lakes Partnership, a private/public partnership exploring interdependencies between critical areas. The group would like to take advantage of existing projects to secure interdependencies. He was invited to chair the Transportation subcommittee, but did not feel that the GCM Corridor has the resources to fulfill that commitment. He asked the three state security directors to see if they were interested in chairing the subcommittee or if they had any suggestions. The Partnership may be able to attain funding in the future for security efforts.

2003-2004 Annual Report

Benson reviewed the priority projects that are underway:

- Gateway Operations and Enhancements
 - The award-winning Gateway hub provides real-time traveler information for the corridor.
- Continued Program Management Support
 - Program Management has supported the Executive Director position, outreach, enhancing links to the I-95 Corridor, and two security workshops in the previous year.
- Provide Communications Links at State Borders

- A hard fiber link is being installed between Wisconsin and Illinois and a temporary virtual private network link is being completed between Illinois and Indiana.
- Virtual Weigh Stations
 - Purdue University is doing research into using technology to increase compliance and use enforcement more efficiently. The sensors can be calibrated to register vehicles well over the weight limit and allow enforcement to focus on major violators.
- Integrated Corridor-wide 511 Traveler Information Hotline Strategy
 - The Corridor held a three-state workshop in June for agencies to coordinate efforts between states and contractors.
- Multi-state Agreements for Coordinated VMS Message Posting
 - The corridor is providing traveler information on DMS in metro areas and working to coordinate information between agencies to provide advance information.
- Endorsement of Coordinated Incident Management Practices, Outreach, and Training
 - A subgroup is developing performance measures for the Corridor to set goals and measure the effectiveness of incident management.

Benson also mentioned the Corridor Action Team, which brings IDOT, INDOT, the Illinois Tollway, CATS, and CDOT together to use previously deployed ITS technology to coordinate and distribute traveler information.

Next Steps

The Corridor will be developing a new Corridor Program Plan in 2005 and is exploring transferring proven ITS technologies to areas in the three states outside of the 16-county corridor.

3. GCM Funding and Reauthorization

Bruce Matzke of FHWA briefly discussed Reauthorization, and referred attendees to a session earlier in the day at the Mississippi Valley Conference. The FHWA website contains analysis of the different transportation funding bills.

4. Impact of Reauthorization on GCM Corridor

In December, the Executive Committee sent letters to congressional delegates suggesting the inclusion of dedicated funding language for the GCM Corridor in the Reauthorization. The DOT legislative liaisons have not heard back that the language has been included in any of the proposed bills. If the corridor receives dedicated funding, the set asides will allow it to predict the amount needed for a match and allow it to more efficiently program its resources. If there is no dedicated funding, the Corridor will pursue whatever funding is available. The new Corridor Program Plan will outline a funding strategy based on Reauthorization.

Shamo noted that while the Corridor did not have dedicated funding under TEA-21 as it did

under ISTEA, it has used earmarks and state/local funding sources to make significant progress on several projects. The Corridor serves as an excellent forum to address institutional issues and set consensus between agencies.

5. Executive Committee Chairperson and FHWA Representative Rotation

Wisconsin DOT Secretary Frank Busalacchi became the new Executive Committee chair and Robert Tally, Division Administrator of the Indiana FHWA Office, became the new *ex officio* FHWA representative.

6. Next Executive Committee Meeting & Other Business

The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to be a teleconference in December.

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Attendees**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>	
Timothy Martin	Illinois DOT	Member
J. Bryan Nicol	Indiana DOT	Member
Ruben Anthony, Jr.	Wisconsin DOT	Representing Busalacchi
Jeff Lindsey	FHWA – JPO	Ex officio member
Robert Tally, Jr.	FHWA – Indiana	
Norm Stoner	FHWA - Illinois	
Bruce Matzke	FHWA – Wisconsin	Ex officio member
Dave Zavatiero	IDOT	
Chuck Sikaras	IDOT	
Dick Smith	IDOT	
Randy Blankenhorn	IDOT	
Mark Newland	INDOT	
Laurie Maudlin	INDOT	
Joe Ligas	Representing INDOT	
Phil DeCabooter	WisDOT	
Beth Nachreiner	WisDOT	
Gary Rylander	Edwards & Kelcey	
Jeff Benson	URS	
Dan Shamo	URS	
Tina Roelofs	URS	
Paul Lamb	URS	