

National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board

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Meeting Notes

MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS (MOITS) POLICY TASK FORCE AND MOITS TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, December 8, 2009

TIME: 12:30 PM

PLACE: COG, First Floor, Meeting Room 1

CHAIRS: Hon. David Snyder, City of Falls Church, Chair, Policy Task Force
Yanlin Li, District of Columbia Department of Transportation, Chair,
Technical Committee

VICE CHAIRS: Peter Buckley, Montgomery County Ride On
Mark Miller, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
J.D. Schneeberger, Virginia Department of Transportation

Attendance:

Sam Beydoun, VDOT
Ed Daniel, Montgomery County Police Department
Craig Franklin, Trichord, Inc.
Dan Godwin, Trafficland, Inc.
Michael Harris, Virginia DRPT
Egua Igbinosun, MD SHA
Broderick Kelly, Montgomery County DOT – Ride On
Steve Kuciemba, Parsons Brinckerhoff
Yanlin Li, DDOT
Alvin Marquess, Maryland SHA
Amy McElwain, VDOT
Mark Miller, WMATA
Frank Mirack, FHWA DC Division
Nick Pakulla, Telvent, Inc.
Tom Scherer, Arlington County DOT
J.D. Schneeberger, VDOT
Kenneth Vaughn, Trevilon
Greg Williams, Joint Forces HQ National Capital Region
Robert Winick, Motion Maps LLC

COG Staff Attendance:

Michael Farrell
Andrew Meese
Patrick Powell
Wenjing Pu
Jim Yin

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Actions:

1. Welcome and Review of Notes from the November 10, 2009 Meeting

Participants introduced themselves. Notes from the November MOITS meeting were approved.

2. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of 2010 MOITS Technical Subcommittee Officers

Mr. Igbinosun, chair of the nominating committee, reported the nominees for the 2010 MOITS Technical Subcommittee officers. Mr. Kennedy of WMATA was then elected as the chair, Dr. Li of DDOT and Mr. Schneeberger of VDOT the vice chairs. There was a vacant vice chair position to be filled by an officer from Maryland and this election was deferred to the next meeting.

3. Regional Emergency Support Function 1 – Transportation Committee Update

Mr. Powell reported that the FEMA guidelines for UASI FY 2010 grant had just arrived. The grant was about fifty to sixty million dollars in total for this region, a quarter of which would go to law enforcement. He mentioned several projects under RESF-1's consideration for the grant application, including ITS redundancy, WMATA detection station expansion, MATOC-RITIS, and DC evacuation program, etc.

The participants discussed the possibility to propose ITS Redundancy projects (e.g. traffic signal and CCTV backups) for the UASI grant application. Mr. Marquess emphasized the importance of a regional standard. Mr. Meese informed the group that responses from some preliminary chief administrative officers' meetings on such a project were not optimistic for receiving funding this year due to competing needs. Participants agreed to continue working on this after the meeting to reach a consensus on the proposal and submit it before the deadline.

4. Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program and Regional Integrated Transportation Information Systems (RITIS) Activities Updates

Mr. Meese distributed the November 30th MATOC Executive Briefing and reported on behalf of Mr. Ey. Ms. Jordan, the second MATOC facilitator, joined the program so there were two MATOC staff operating from the office space in the CapWIN offices in Greenbelt, Maryland, covering 5 days a week and 16 hours a day. During the past two months, the MATOC facilitators sent cross-jurisdictional staff notifications on 20 incidents with regional impacts. Some of the incidents were used as examples to illustrate the benefits of the MATOC program. More detailed benefit information would come out from the benefit and cost study carried out by a consultant.

5. Presentation on the MATOC Traveler Information White Paper

Mr. Winick made a presentation on "Recommendations from the White Paper on Regional Traveler Information". The white paper, which was posted on the MOITS website, had recently been approved by the MATOC Steering Committee. The white paper identified 3 categories and 9 critical

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issues regarding traveler information in the region, including (1) data collection and/or gathering of system conditions (1 issue), (2) conversion of the data into traveler information (4 issues), and (3) dissemination of the traveler information to users (4 issues). Ms. McElwain hoped the region could have multimodal traveler information that contains not only highway and transit travel information but also information regarding park-and-ride facility operations, HOV operations, etc. Although the paper had been finalized, further follow-through could be arranged.

6. Status Report and Request for Information Updates for the Congestion Management Process

Mr. Pu distributed a memorandum requesting update from the committee members regarding ongoing local jurisdictional travel demand management strategies for the 2010 CMP Technical Report. Members were encouraged to send Mr. Pu any updated information by January 15, 2010.

7. MOITS Committee Member Input Session into MOITS Strategic Plan Development

Mr. Meese briefly reported the earlier working group discussions on the 9 emphasis areas. Participants were asked to provide any ideas and requests to the Strategic Plan development team as the plan was being written.

8. Update on the Regional ITS Architecture

Mr. Yin reported. The Regional ITS Architecture Subcommittee met in November and participants were be briefed on, among other updates, the Northern Region Operations (NRO) Strategic Planning. Mr. Yin attended the two-day ITS Architecture Workshop held by DDOT at Howard University in early December.