

Briefing on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program

Presentation to the Transportation Planning Board

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MATOC Program Goal and Objectives

- ***Goal: enable better coordination of the transportation management strategies employed in response to incidents and emergencies by operating agencies in the National Capital Region***
- ***Objectives:***
 - ***Provide situational awareness for regional transportation operations***
 - ***Provide quick and reliable exchange of transportation system information among operating agencies***
 - ***Provide reliable information that enables the public to make timely and effective travel decisions***
 - ***Develop the tools and processes needed to facilitate regional coordinated operating agencies response***

MATOC Notification Activities Since July 15

- ***MATOC Facilitator tracked and made notifications on 20 incidents since July 15***
 - ***3 were significant regional incidents with extensive lane closures***
 - ***Details on separate list***
- ***Helped agencies make full use of highway message signs as appropriate for each incident***
- ***Cross-jurisdictional staff notifications on each incident***
- ***Special emphasis on notifying WMATA, local transit, and bus and rail commuter services***

Woodrow Wilson Bridge Tabletop Exercise

- ***MATOC Facilitator served as leader of this workshop held September 10***
- ***Scenario involved an overturned propane truck on the Wilson Bridge, with lane closures of 4 – 48 hours***
- ***Participants included transportation operations/response and public safety personnel***
- ***Key findings included needed improvements for communications, coordination of inter-agency procedures, and public information***
- ***Forthcoming report will summarize results***

Upcoming Activities

- ***Regional coordination and notification activities will continue***
- ***Permanent location being established at the Capital Wireless Information Net (CapWIN) offices in Greenbelt, starting October 1***
 - ***Takes advantage of already existing communications and information technology infrastructure***
- ***Hiring a second staff person for monitoring and notification activities***
- ***Efforts to enhance real-time public information utilizing the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) will continue***

Funding

- ***Original federal earmark provides funding through June 30, 2010***
- ***An estimated \$1.2 million per year is needed to sustain the program thereafter***
- ***MATOC Steering Committee is actively working to identify stable sources of funding to continue MATOC after the federal earmark ends***
 - ***Anticipating strong support in new federal authorization for these types of programs, but also looking at potential near-term funding sources***
 - ***As part of a larger TPB action on the UPWP this fall, TPB staff will propose using UPWP funding to support some MATOC expenses that are eligible as planning activities***
- ***Sustained funding beyond June 30, 2010 will ensure that successful MATOC functions are maintained and enhanced***

MATOC Notifications July 1 through September 14

Date	Location and Description	Notifications Made
1-Jul	WB I-66 at mm 69, accident with all lanes blocked, significant congestion into DC	VA Transit, WMATA, DDOT
4-Jul	July 4th Activities at HSEMA, provided situational awareness messages throughout	DDOT, MD SHA (SOC), VDOT, WMATA, WWB
6-Jul	1st and Independence, all lanes blocked for suspicious package	WMATA
8-Jul	SB I-95 at MD 198, overturned tanker truck (veg oil), 2 lanes blocked for many	MD Transit, WMATA, PG Trip, DDOT
8-Jul	SB I-395 at Glebe Rd, accident, all main lanes blocked, 1 HOV blocked, PM rush,	DDOT, VA Transit, MD SHA
18-Jul	NB355 at Wootton Pkwy, poss 10-50F, all NB lanes blocked	MD SHA
24-Jul	NB95 at MD175, accident with >50% blocked	WMATA, MD Transit, VDOT
27-Jul	14th St NW, secret service closures	VDDOT, VDOT, WMATA, Va Transit
27-Jul	SB 95 at MD32, accident >50% blocked	MD Transit
28-Jul	US29 at Fairland, gas leak, all lanes blocked	MD Transit
29-Jul	IL495 at Van Dorn, overturned tractor trailer, all lanes blocked, diversions established	MD SHA, DDOT, WMATA, MD Transit, VA Transit, WWB
30-Jul	WB I66 at mm69 (Sycamore), vehicle fire, all lanes blocked	DDOT, WMATA, VA Transit
31-Jul	EB I66 at Gallows Rd, vehicle fire, all lanes blocked	VA Transit, WMATA
31-Jul	WB I66 at mm73, tree down, all lanes blocked	DDOT, WMATA, VA Transit
7-Aug	US1 at Opitz Blvd in Woodbridge, all NB & SB Lanes blocked	DDOT, WMATA, VA Transit, WWB
7-Aug	Branch Ave METRO station, outage with bus bridge required	PG Tripp (for The Bus)
8-Aug	IL495 at Braddock Rd, all lanes blocked for 5.5 hours, early Sat morning	MD SHA, DDOT
10-Aug	I270 at MD80 in Frederick Co, accident, all NB and SB lanes blocked	MD Transit (inc MC TMC)
19-Aug	I-66 EB at Sulley, 3 lanes blocked, morning rush	WMATA, VA Transit
19-Aug	I-66 WB at Sulley, 2 lanes blocked, morning rush	WMATA, VA Transit
24-Aug	I-66 EB at Nutley, all lanes blocked	WMATA, VA Transit
24-Aug	NB I-95 at MM 162 in Fairfax, ALL NB lanes blocked, 4 mile back up	VA Transit
25-Aug	SB BW Parkway south of MD 197, ALL SB lanes blocked, NB blocked briefly.	WMATA, MD Transit, PG Trip Center, DDOT
26-Aug	NB I-95 at MD 32, jack knifed tractor trailer, 3 NB lanes blocked, queue to I-495.	WMATA, MD Transit, PG Trip Center, DDOT, VDOT,
4-Sep	IL-495 Bradley Blvd, overturned car, 2 lanes blocked, evening rush	VDOT
4-Sep	IL-495 at River Rd, jack knifed tractor trailer, 3 lanes blocked, evening rush	VDOT
11-Sep	SB I-395 at Pentagon, accident and ramp closures, congestion to DC	DDOT



Significant Regional Incident