

Florida CVISN Team Meeting

January 21, 2003

1:00PM - 3:00 PM



MINUTES

Participants:

Mike Akridge	<i>FDOT</i>	John Harris	<i>FDOT-Permits ofc.</i>
Charles Brantley	<i>FTA</i>	David Helton	<i>DHSMV</i>
Allie Braswell	<i>ACS S&L</i>	Judy Johnson	<i>DHSMV</i>
Ernie Brown	<i>FDOT/MCCO</i>	Roger Pittman	<i>FL Dept of Agriculture</i>
Bill Cumbie	<i>Dept. of Revenue</i>	Hugh Stephens	<i>Dept. of Revenue</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Marcel Tart	<i>FDOT/MCCO</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Jerry Ward	<i>Help Inc./PrePass</i>
Richard Gerke	<i>FMCSA</i>	Dianna White	<i>Landstar</i>
Paul Grimes	<i>FDOT</i>	Doug York	<i>FL Dept of Agriculture</i>

Mike Akridge opened the meeting and welcomed the participants. Bill Cumbie will be taking Jim Gowen's position on the team while Jim is on active duty for the next year.

Automated Permitting System

John Harris updated the team on the status of this project. He noted that the project is now a four-phase project. Phases 1 and 2 are completed and they are working on Phase 3. Phase 3 consists of taking credit card payments on-line. They currently have a contractor on board – MGT and are working with Bank of America and the State Treasurer's office to add credit card on-line payment functionality (Phase 3). The permits office has also contracted with MGT for Phase 4 of the project. Phase 4 consists of revising the old Fortran Bridge Evaluation Program, when completed the new format will allow to accept highway segments from standard routes.

E-Screening at Agriculture Interdiction Stations and BOL Program

Roger Pittman updated the team on the status of the pre-clearance program. He advised the group that 241 companies now participate in the program and there are another two applications pending. To date 428 applications have been received. Roger noted the numbers had been adjusted to adjust for companies that submitted duplicate applications.

Hugh Stephens advised the group that Jim Gowen has been called to active duty for one year. He then updated the group on the status of the project to begin analyzing the BOL data. The programmer has requested data from one of the participating carriers. There was a problem with a format error in the tape and they are working on correcting it. Bill Cumbie reported this pilot project is scheduled for 90 days.

E-Screening at MCCO Weigh Stations

Marcel updated the team on this project. He reported that the Madison site should be ready on 1/21/03 and that training was scheduled for 1/24/03 at that site. The hope is that the Pensacola site will be on-line by the end of calendar year 2003. Marcel then provided the team with the statistics for 2002. At the six WIM stations there were 1,721,896 bypasses through November 2002, at the Plant City location there were 146,234 bypasses. Marcel also reported they have received few complaints and that most carriers are complying with the requirements of the program. Mike Akridge advised the team the reason the Plant City numbers were so much lower is because it was not on-line the same amount of time as the

WIM stations. There were two incidents that brought the equipment down for a significant amount of time. Once the sign was shot out and repair took longer than expected and on the other occasion citizens working on highway beautification cut the underground power lines.

Executive Steering Committee meeting briefing

Mike updated the team on the results of the Executive Steering Committee meeting. Mike noted that all members of the committee had attended the meeting except Commissioner Bronson who sent Don Steverson as his designee and Fred Dickenson who sent David Helton as his designee. The Steering Committee approved moving ahead with the help desk and determining the best way to implement the system. Mike noted that some concern was expressed with the automated telephone system. There will be a meeting to work out the details of the system. Those CVISN team members who will work on this project will be asked to attend the meeting. Mike also reported that the Dept. of Agriculture and Dept. of Revenue will not be asked to pay the costs of the toll free lines for the help desk, they will just be responsible for the per minute charges for their respective departments. DHSMV and DOT will pay the line charges. DHSMV's phone cost may increase when their department implements the toll free number. Currently DHSMV incoming calls are not toll free and any long distance callers are responsible for their phone charges.

Mike also reported that the CVIEW project was approved with a budget of \$750,000. This project will also require a separate meeting to determine how to move forward. The Information Systems Inventory project for \$60,000 was also approved by the Steering Committee. Mike advised the group that even though these projects will move forward Florida will not be CVISN Level 1 compliant by 9/30/03.

Agriculture Gamma Ray Technology Demo

Doug York gave a short presentation on the mobile VACIS system that is now being utilized by DOACS. The unit rotates through each of the six interdiction station locations. The department uses an objective/neutral selection criteria to determine which vehicles are screened. The cab of the vehicle is not screened nor are trailers that are carrying livestock. It takes three officers to operate the equipment and the search takes 15 seconds versus the 15 – 30 minutes it used to take to do a manual inspection. Safety precautions are taken to avoid exposure of humans to the gamma radiation and to protect the equipment from being struck by other vehicles. Doug noted that if someone were exposed to the gamma rays (which is avoided) it would be less than that which a person is exposed to during an airplane trip at 30,000 feet. Inspections can be performed during the day or night time hours. Other key aspects of the technology are that known images can be stored for future reference. For example if a load of cabbages were scanned the image could be stored. In the future when the same type of load is scanned the computer will automatically scan the database for a stored image and retrieve it allowing the officer to compare the new image with a known image for density comparisons.

Doug will set up a demonstration for the CVISN team at the I-10 site in February or March. Doug also noted that the trucks on I-95 are familiar with the technology and very familiar with the scanning procedure. Canada will also be using this technology very soon.

IFTA Clearinghouse

Judy Johnson reported that she has received the specifications from David Helton and will review them. She expects the project to begin the end of January and complete by June 2003.

CVIEW

Mike Akridge advised the group that the money is available for this project and it needs to be determined which department will host the CVIEW server. He noted that Nelson Hill and Paul Grimes are concerned where the equipment will be housed and who will support it. David Helton thought that DOT would be the appropriate place. David Browning expressed his concern that there were too many projects being worked at the same time and the result could be interoperability issues, redundancies and failure to get the projects done for the least amount of money. There was discussion of the possibility of MCCO having excess equipment that could be used for this project. The issue of private entities accessing an MCCO server was also discussed. Connectivity issues were also discussed. It was determined that a separate meeting of affected agencies to discuss these issues will occur in the near future.

Online Florida intrastate registrations

Marcel discussed the issue of Florida intra-state registrations. Marcel advised the group that intra-state carriers are not able to use the FMCSA on-line registration. If they indicate on the form that they operate intra-state form they are kicked out of the system. They can download the registration form from MyFlorida.com but they must still mail it in. Richard Gerke advised the group about the New Entrant Program that was effective 1/1/03. After being issued a new entrant registration, the carrier will be subject to an 18-month safety-monitoring period. During this safety-monitoring period, the carrier will receive a safety audit and have their roadside crash and inspection information closely evaluated. The carrier will be required to demonstrate it has the necessary systems in place to ensure basic safety management controls. Failure to demonstrate basic safety management controls may result in the carrier having their new entrant registration revoked.

Information Systems Inventory

Mike advised the group that an RFP will be developed for this project. The scope will include inventorying all systems (hardware and software) from all agencies not only in terms of what they have but also the anticipated needs of the respective department. There will be a separate meeting to discuss this project. David Helton and Mike Akridge will be involved in the meeting as well as others on the team. Doug York requested to be involved in any meetings that address the connectivity issues. Mike recommended that looking at the current DOT microwave communications network for solutions to the connectivity issues. Nick Adams is the contact for this.

ITS Georgia Meeting – February

The meeting will be February 27th and Mike will make a presentation designed to rejuvenate the Georgia CVISN program. McKenzie Tank lines will also be there for a demonstration of the Intelligent Vehicle Initiative (IVI) tanker.

Next CVISN Meeting

The next CVISN meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Environmental Management Office (EMO) conference room #330, Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Suite 3B, Tallahassee, FL. **PLEASE NOTE:** If this is determined to be the day that we go the VACIS site visit we will have our meeting in the morning 9:30 – 11:30 am and then go to the I-10 location after lunch.

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