

Florida CVISN Team Meeting

April 2, 2003, Wednesday

1:00 – 3:00 pm



MINUTES

Participants:

Mike Akridge	<i>FDOT</i>	Richard Gerke	<i>FMCSA</i>
Lorenzo Alexander	<i>FDOT Seaport Office</i>	Paul Grimes	<i>FDOT</i>
Don Baxter	<i>PB Farradyne</i>	John Harris	<i>FDOT-Permits ofc.</i>
Allie Braswell	<i>ACS</i>	David Helton	<i>Dept. of Revenue</i>
David Browning	<i>FDOT/MCCO</i>	Warren Higbie	<i>Radian</i>
Steve Capecci	<i>Cambridge Systematics</i>	Jim Kennedy	<i>McKenzie Tank Lines</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Nancy Leikauf	<i>FL Ports Council</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Lou Leinhauser	<i>FL Dept of Agriculture</i>
Jim Long	<i>FTA</i>	Hugh Stephens	<i>Dept. of Revenue</i>
Ken Midkiff	<i>FDOT Seaport Office</i>	Jim Wells	<i>FHP</i>
Roger Pittman	<i>FL Dept of Agriculture</i>	Dianna White	<i>Landstar</i>
Mike Rubin	<i>FL Ports Council</i>	Doug York	<i>FL Dept of Agriculture</i>
Marc Spiegel	<i>Siemens</i>		

Mike Akridge opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Automated Permitting System

John Harris updated the team on the status of this project. He noted that the project was still in phase III. The consultant they are working with on the project is MGT. The final component to be completed is the credit card module to be used for credit card payments over the internet. They hope to finish this project by June 2003.

John also advised the group that the number of permits that are applied for over the internet has dramatically increased. When the system was first rolled out, the Permits office was receiving about 1 or 2 online applications, they are now up to 40 to 50 per day that come in via the internet.

The permits office also has some other IT projects currently being worked. They are rewriting their program that performs longitudinal evaluation of bridges from FORTRAN to a GIS based program. They are also in the process of looking at evaluating bridges transversely. All systems will access PONTIS live.

John also advised the team that certain responsibilities within the office are scheduled to be privatized on July 1, 2003. The Scope of Work for this project has been finalized and the RFP will soon be released.

E-Screening at Agriculture Interdiction Stations and BOL Program

Roger Pittman advised the group of a problem they are experiencing in locations where the DACS Interdiction station is close to the MCCO weigh station. Drivers have reported they had a green light when they came to the DACS Interdiction station and thought they were cleared to bypass. The green light is actually from the MCCO weigh station bypass and not an indication of ability to bypass the DACS station. Laura Brady provided a short term solution and a long term solution is currently being worked. Allie Braswell with ACS reported that the fix was expected to be complete by the end of the week.

Hugh Stephens updated the group on the Department of Revenue/Bill of Lading project. He noted that they have selected an additional 95 carriers and are now in the process of contacting them to participate in the testing of an electronic program. Hugh also noted that DOR has been sharing information about the benefits of the Florida Bill of Lading Program with six other southern states.

E-Screening at MCCO Weigh Stations

David Browning reported that the number of bypasses continues to increase every month. He also further commented on the PrePass green light problem as another reason that the stations need compliance readers.

David also advised the group that MCCO had received a negative report from FMCSA because Florida doesn't have mainline WIM. FMCSA is unhappy with not knowing what trucks weigh.

David reported that another issue with the PrePass system is the inability to incrementally increase the number of random pull-ins. Currently MCCO can only increase the pull-in rate to 100%. MCCO needs the ability to change this number from anywhere between their current random pull-in rate and 100%. They feel certain that in PrePass about 0.7% of the trucks are running overweight and they need a method for testing this. The 100% pull-in rate doesn't meet their needs because they end up with too many trucks in the queue and have to temporarily close the station.

David advised the group that the weigh station in the Keys will not be using electronic bypass due to security concerns.

CVIEW

Mike updated the group on the CVIEW vendor demonstrations meeting. He noted that information was received on CVIEW product offerings from Cambridge Systematics, ACS, and the xCVIEW product currently in use by Washington State DOT and the xCVIEW product currently being developed by North Carolina. The next step will be to develop an RFP for building Florida's CVIEW. One thing that did come out of the meeting is that Florida will probably ask for certain connectivity features that other states have not asked for before. Mike would like to have the CVIEW up by 10/1/03.

CVO Help Desk Implementation

Richard Easley went over the template that had been sent out after the Help Desk Kick off meeting noting that he had not yet received feedback. He advised the group that there would be a task team meeting very soon to finalize the template and move forward. Richard noted that Mike would like to have this project completed by the end of this fiscal year.

Information System Inventory

Mike advised the group that the project has been approved to move forward and stressed the need to get started on the project. He plans to have the RFP on the street in the next three months.

MCCO Applications for viewing OS/OW permits

Mike noted that he has received approval to do a direct negotiation with Cambridge Systematics for this project. Since the budget for this project is \$25,000 he does not have to put it out to bid. Cambridge will provide a scope of work for this project and they have also been requested to provide references of

other states that are using this system. David Browning noted that he thought Tennessee and NYSTA were using this system.

IFTA Clearinghouse

David Helton advised the group that currently there are 26 jurisdictions participating in the clearinghouse. DHSMV is looking at completing this project by 9/2003. He also noted that as part of the IRP renewals they are asking for USDOT numbers. They don't currently have the authority to make this a requirement, but they are asking for it. They are also in the process of linking IRP and IFTA accounts and the corresponding USDOT numbers. David Browning noted that there are currently sanctions before the legislature to give them regulating authority. The legislation will require intrastate carriers to get USDOT numbers or get a \$500 fine. David Browning also noted the current package, which is supported by the Florida Trucking Association, is the most aggressive safety package to be presented in nine years. Much of this is due to requirements that are needed to keep from losing MCSAP funding.

David Helton also noted that PRISM is not yet moving forward.

SeaTACS: Seaport Transportation Access Control System Program

Warren Higbie of Radian and Marc Spiegel of Siemens presented an overview of the SeaTACS system which they are currently proposing for Ports in the State of Florida.

Center to Center Communications Dan Baxter with PB Farradyne gave an update on a current project which will connect all Florida Traffic Management Centers (TMCs) into a statewide network. This will allow sharing of data, video and voice communications for incident management (such as fires, hurricanes). In addition to sharing information, the network will also allow centers to coordinate their activities. Within a year or so the video sharing capability will be available. The plan is also to create a repository of traveler information. The system will also include Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) to convey information to the traveling public

Miscellaneous

Allie Braswell with ACS advised the group that the PrePass update frequency will soon decrease to 4 hours (down from the current 24 hours) due to wireless (satellite) communication.

Next CVISN Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 in the Environment Management Office (EMO) conference room #330, Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Suite 3B, Tallahassee, FL.