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Project updates

Automated Permitting System and Privatization Project

John Harris advised the group that the APAS (and the corresponding system to process credit card payments was functioning; however, they did have a problem and it was down for a few days.

ACS is now managing the Permits Office effective July 1st. ACS has hired the majority of the DOT employees whose positions were eliminated by the privatization. The contract with ACS is for five years with an option for a five-year renewal.

John also reported that the Permits Office had executed a contract for a new program that enhanced the old system. The new system which is part of APAS (the Permits Application System) is known as ASABE.

Jean Ducher gave a presentation on the automated permitting system that has been developed, and is now processing about 90% of the permit applications. The other 10% are handled by Jean because they require analysis by an engineer.

Highlights of Jean's presentation:

The FDOT Permits office issues approximately 90,000 truck permits per year. With over 6,200 bridges in Florida's transportation systems this results in a very large number of potential routes for the load to take. The result is approximately one to two million bridge crossings per year. Because of all of the variables, such as the gross vehicle weights and the load on bridges at the time the permitted vehicle crosses, it is a large challenge to automate the permitting process. However the department recognized that in order to realize the department's vision and mission they had to find a way to make the permitting process more efficient.

In order to automate the permitting process, to the greatest extent possible, they segmented the State Highway network (each segment is a list of bridges). The new automated system is very easy to use. The applicant enters the weight of the truck, the number of axles, and axle spacing. This is incorporated into the PONTIS Database which has the bridge information. The system will automatically review the route (segment) and bridges along that segment. The system is flexible enough to allow for engineer review rather than just pass/fail. When developing the system they tried to integrate components of the old program. The trucking community has given positive feedback on these efforts.

The system went online on April 1, 2003. It took about 3 months to develop the system and then testing took place the first quarter of 2003. Jean Ducher wrote the algorithms for the system and MGT of America wrote the code.

Jean reported that the time to issue permits before automation compared to after automation was 10:1.

E-Screening at Agriculture Sites and BOL Program

Roger Pittman gave an update, he reported that the number of bypasses at Ag. sites in May/June was 38,555 for May and 39,480 for June. To date DOACS has received approximately 1,044 applications for participation in the Ag. Electronic pre-clearance program. Of these, 470 were approved, 310 were denied, 18 were duplicates, 3 needed more information (but they were never able to contact the company), 2 changed their mind and did not want to participate, 2 were sent to HELP, Inc. for a signature, 71 currently being processed (information is missing), and 168 are pending processing.

Roger reported that about 4% of the total truck traffic is currently bypassing agriculture interdiction stations. Mike Akridge advised the group that the reason the pull-ins are much higher than bypasses is because the statistics reported for Agriculture includes all PrePass participants and not just the subset that participates in the Agriculture pre-clearance program. Pull-ins are actually 5.2%.

Bill Cumbie reported that the Dept. of Revenue was done with the pilot program and had collected about \$250,000 from this effort (out of 55,000 BOLs that were analyzed). He also reported that they have another 1 million records to analyze.

E-Screening at MCCO Weigh Stations

Marcel Tart reported that the pre-clearance program is running smoothly and YTD there have been about 1.3 million bypasses. The pull-in rate is running about 20%. Marcel also reported that he is not getting very many bad reports from stations on random pull-ins. He noted that he wants to look at developing reports on the number of overweight citations written for PrePass transpondered trucks.

CVIEW

Mike Akridge updated the group on the project status. He noted that the information from the vendors on what they will need in order to respond to the CVIEW solicitation has been received and will be discussed at the next CVIEW task team meeting.

Information Systems Inventory

Mike advised the group that the System Inventory Project will include information on the technical architecture for the various databases that will interface with CVIEW. The result will be two reports: 1) Information Systems Inventory; and 2) Technical Architecture.

Florida CVO Help Desk

Richard Easley reported that the requirements have been fleshed out and the task team gave the final approval on the phone tree. As previously reported, because of the inability to track the calls into the various departments (for billing purposes) the telephone number will not be toll free. The number is 850-414-4700. The listing for this telephone number and the Help Desk will be known as the "Florida Trucking Info Line."

Doug York reported that there is a new Agriculture web site, the address is www.FL-AGLAW.COM.

MCCO Application for Viewing OS/OW Permits

Richard Easley reported that the scope of work will be completed this week.

IFTA Clearinghouse

Judy Johnson reported she has spoken with the IFTA Clearinghouse Help desk regarding systems specs.

David Helton reported that the department is still very happy with their participation in the IRP clearinghouse and that participation in the clearinghouse costs about 1/14th of the old way.

Next meeting

The next CVISN meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th, and was later rescheduled for 9/8/03. The meeting will be in the Inspector General Conference room (#308) at 1:30 pm.