



## MINUTES

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### Participants:

Mike Akridge	<i>FDOT</i>	John Harris	<i>FDOT Permits Ofc.</i>
Charles Brantley	<i>FTA</i>	Judy Johnson	<i>DHSMV</i>
Ernest Brown	<i>MCCO</i>	Randy Lenczyk	<i>DHSMV</i>
Jerry Bryan	<i>OALE</i>	Roger Pittman	<i>DOACS/OALE</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Hugh Stephens	<i>DOR</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Marcel Tart	<i>MCCO</i>
Jay Friedman	<i>DOR</i>	Craig Wilson	<i>MCCO</i>
Paul Grimes	<i>FDOT</i>		

Mike Akridge opened the meeting and asked each of the team members to introduce themselves to Jay Friedman who is new to the CVISN team from the Department of Revenue.

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### Automated Permitting System & Automated Trip Permit Routing System

John Harris reported that the permits department continues to run smoothly. In May the department processed 7,880 over dimensional/overweight permits (5,418 trip and 2,460 blanket). Of these 773 (10%) were issued over the internet. John also noted that they have had no formal complaints this year. Charles Brantley and Mike Akridge brought up some issues that had previously been brought to their attention regarding permits. John explained to Mr. Brantley he had taken care of the issue, which was the result of a misunderstanding on part of the trucking company as to why the FDOT permits office would not issue a permit for a particular stretch of road. This road was a county road and the permits office does not authorize permits over county roads. With regard to the other issue, Mike advised John that Comdata had some concerns with the permits office but they were now satisfied with the way things were being handled. John noted that the issues had not been brought to his or Sharon Holmes' attention.

#### Pre-Clearance at Agriculture Interdiction Stations and BOL Program

Roger Pittman reported, to date, DACS has received 1,470 applications for participation in the Agriculture Pre-clearance program. Of these, 867 applications were approved and 490 were denied (the remaining 113 were either duplicates, withdrawn, or are pending further information or processing). Roger was unable to provide PrePass utilization data for May as he has not yet received that information. Roger advised Mike Akridge that he usually does not get the usage reports unless he calls and asks for them. Mike noted that report turnaround was supposed to get better.

Hugh Stephens introduced Jay Friedman, Revenue Program Administrator (with DOR), and advised the group that Jay would be participating in CVISN activities. Jay is the coordinator for the enforcement activities of DOR. Hugh noted he is hoping to get some of the Tallahassee staff resources dedicated back to the electronic bill of lading (BOL) program. (All resources are currently devoted to the imaging BOL program.)

#### Pre-Clearance at MCCO Weigh Stations

Marcel Tart reported in May 2004 there were 294,177 bypasses statewide. Pensacola is still being worked on. The bolt issue has been resolved (PrePass will be using 6-bolt poles) but there is still a delay. Mike Akridge explained that the delay is due to the district requesting design drawings for the poles in order to approve them

for use. Mike advised Craig Wilson that the poles were purchased from a vendor the state recommended, their equipment is already being used by the state, PrePass would like to be able to move forward without providing the drawings.

Marcel also reported that PrePass has agreed to put in a WIM at Islamorada. The group then discussed the issue of using the WIM for all trucks and bypassing those that are not overweight (and don't need to go over the static scales). Mike explained that the issue with PrePass is that they are not inclined to provide equipment that, if used for all trucks, negates their compelling argument for being a PrePass member. They are concerned that if trucks can bypass that don't have a transponder it could be a disincentive for PrePass participation. It may be that FDOT should install the WIM rather than PrePass. Craig Wilson will bring the issue up at the round table discussion (on 6/17). If this were the solution that was selected, FDOT would also have to put up signage to advise those truckers that are allowed to bypass that do not have a PrePass transponder.

With regard to the SmartCop viewing application, Marcel reported he had not yet been given a demonstration of the product so he was not able to report if it meets all of the requirements they had originally developed for the MCCO permit viewing application that was under development by Cambridge Systematics. Mike asked Marcel to investigate the application and advise him if the \$15,000 invested by the CVISN program was indeed used to develop a system that meets the needs of the MCCO officers.

### **IFTA Clearinghouse**

Judy Johnson reported DHSMV had received the last changes from IFTA and they expected to send May's data and go live with the clearinghouse by the end of June. Judy also reported that the IFTA clearinghouse is strictly for information exchange and does not provide the funds netting capabilities that the IRP clearinghouse does. Another difference is that IRP is a web based system and IFTA is not. Marcel Tart asked Judy if officers would have access to the system to verify if carriers had paid their taxes. Judy noted that at this point the answer is no. Mike Akridge elaborated that the underlying issue is that DHSMV is not able to give out this information outside of their department. The issue is currently being worked and the good news is that the IRS now understands the need to share this information electronically. The old system of providing information in hard copy does not meet the needs of today's computer based regulatory agencies.

### **FIRST Florida**

Mike Akridge reported on the events at the project kick-off meeting held June 7, 2004 at the Port of Miami. To summarize: The ports are interested but they have not officially committed to moving forward. They have recognized that it would be a good system to have, but its value will be directly related to the commitment of the users to entering their data into the system. PANY&NJ needs to get commitment soon or there is a good possibility that the FIRST program will be terminated due to PANY&NJ's financial issues. Mike noted he is not sure at this point if this project will go or not. Mike has recommended to the ports that they develop a business plan for operation of the FIRST program in the future. The CVISN program will provide the seed money to develop the system but the ports will be responsible for ongoing operation costs.

There will be two more meetings on the FIRST project on July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; one will be for data providers and the other for potential users of the system. The meetings will be held at Port Everglades and the Port of Miami.

### **Electronic Credentialing**

Mike advised the group that he has had discussions with David Westberry, the deputy director of DHSMV. Mike has advised Mr. Westberry that it will not be possible to transfer the funds from FDOT to DHSMV to pay for in-house development of the electronic credentialing system. In order to use FDOT funds, Mike will have to be the project manager for the electronic credentialing project. He suggested to Mr. Westberry that DHSMV have a consultant develop the system and Mike will manage the project. Mike again expressed his concern that he has set aside a substantial amount of funds for the electronic credentialing project and he does not know how

much longer he will be able to hold the funds aside. Mike asked Randy Lenczyk and Judy Johnson for any assistance they can provide in support of moving the electronic credentialing project forward.

### **MCCO Bypass Detection System**

Craig Wilson advised the team that there had been no qualified responses to the Bypass Detection System ITN. There is a possibility the location will be changed in order to reduce the cost of the project. The new, tentative location, on Rt. 41 does have some advantages over the initial location in that it will also monitor the rock haulers in that area. Mike and Craig discussed the funding issues and timing for funds availability for a project with an increased budget. At this point the funding won't be available until September or October 2004. They were not sure if they could post an ITN if the funds were not immediately available. Mike and Craig will check with the appropriate people to verify which is the best way to move forward and re-release the ITN. Craig also noted that there are some CCTVs being installed in the same location and Col. Fountain is looking into the possibility of MCCO using these cameras for their monitoring activities.

Mike and Craig also discussed the UCF/Virtual Weigh Station Project and some issues associated with that project. Currently there is discussion on using a gantry vs. attaching equipment to the bridge. Mike has asked PBS&J for an estimate of the cost of the gantry so he can encumber funds for it. There was also discussion of brake-testing equipment being testing at the Virtual Weigh station. This issue is still being worked out.

### **Electronic Freight Theft Management System**

After a short delay, the electronic paperwork has been processed through MyFlorida Marketplace. David Binder (MCCO) will be the project manager and UCF has begun the project. The project is scheduled for completion in Spring 2005 (March 15<sup>th</sup>).

### **Florida Trucking Info Help Desk Phone System & Help Desk Website**

Sharon Easley reported the statistics on utilization of the CVO Help Desk telephone number. In May 2004 the usage of the phone system was: Total calls = 131. The number of calls transferred was 112 (85.5%) and hang ups were 18 (13.7%). Utilization for May was up compared to both March and April.

Sharon also asked the group if they had anything for the "what's new" page of the web site.

Richard Easley reported that information regarding commercial busses will be added to the website. In May there were 147 visits to the website and 1481 hits. Richard projected the visits to the website for June will be double the activity for last May. In the first two weeks of June there has been as much activity as the whole month of May.

Charles Brantley, FTA asked for 400 color copies of the FloridaTruckingInfo flyers for two upcoming events that will reach about 200 people at each event. Charles has offered to place the sheet in the registration packets of all Leadership Meeting attendees and to place it at the registration desk. Mike advised Charles he will provide him with as many flyers as he can.

Other outreach opportunities were also discussed. Ideas for outreach:

- Highway signs in GA and AL prior to the last exit. Mike would like the signs to contain the telephone number, website URL and warning about the port of entry issue.
- There was also discussion of putting information at Georgia weigh stations.
- Contact Florida Turnpike Authority for outreach opportunities there.
- Ernie Brown suggested contacting truck rental agencies, such as Penske, to give them information of the help desk and website and also about advising those that rent commercial vehicles that they must stop at Agriculture Interdiction stations in Florida.

Hugh Stephens inquired about the status of the Agriculture interdiction station at Pensacola. Representatives of the department of Agriculture had to leave the meeting early and the status was not known by anyone else at the meeting.

**Next CVISN Meeting**

There will be no CVISN meeting in July. The next CVISN meeting will be Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 1:00 – 3:00, at the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Offices. The meeting will be in the Donald Steverson Emergency Operations Center. It is located on the second floor, Suite C of the Terry Lee Rhodes Building, 2005 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL. The office number to call for individuals who need more specific directions is 850-245-1300.