



MINUTES

Participants:

Mike Akridge	<i>FDOT</i>	Randy Lenczyk	<i>DHSMV</i>
Ernest Brown	<i>MCCO</i>	Jim Long	<i>FTA</i>
Jerry Bryan	<i>OALE</i>	Barry Mason	<i>BGM Assoc.</i>
Richard Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Roger Pittman	<i>DACS</i>
Sharon Easley	<i>E-Squared Engineering</i>	Hugh Stephens	<i>DOR</i>
Jay Friedman	<i>DOR</i>	Marcel Tart	<i>MCCO</i>
Richard Gerke	<i>FMCSA</i>	Craig Wilson	<i>MCCO</i>
Paul Grimes	<i>FDOT</i>	Dianna White	<i>Landstar</i>
Judy Johnson	<i>DHSMV</i>		

Mike Akridge opened the meeting and asked each of the team members to introduce themselves, Mike also introduced the participants joining the meeting by telephone.

PROJECT UPDATES

Automated Permitting System & Automated Trip Permit Routing System

John Harris was on vacation and no report was presented.

Pre-Clearance at MCCO Weigh Stations

Marcel Tart reported he had not received July statistics; in June 2004 there were 303,299 bypasses statewide. He also noted that the recent numbers show that there are 266,582 PrePass vehicles in the system (this is total number of transpondered vehicles nationwide, not just Florida). Pensacola is still being worked on. Currently the hold up is getting the 6-bolt poles. The designs and specifications were submitted and approved and now the manufacturer is giving a delivery date of six to eight weeks for the poles. If this is the case the poles will not be available until after all of the other construction is complete and the work crew has been released. There are differing opinions among the various entities as to where the fault for the problem lies, but Mike is doing all that he possibly can to move the process along and get the PrePass system up and running. For PrePass there is an issue of additional expenses, for the engineer responsible for this area the issue is only using poles that meet AASHTO standards, for the trucking community – they are not able to realize the benefits of the PrePass program at the Pensacola station, lastly there is a safety issue any time trucks are backed up onto the highway at a weigh station. Mike estimates that the Pensacola PrePass system will not be on line until September.

IFTA Clearinghouse

Judy Johnson reported DHSMV sent in the July data which went well. They still have not connected the users yet, that will be the next phase of the project.

FIRST Florida

Mike Akridge reported that although there is support for bringing the FIRST system to Florida by the Florida Ports Council and by some of the ports; however, at this point there is not a champion for the project that is willing to put forth the effort to make the project happen. Although the system has the potential of providing many benefits to the ports and the trucks that service the port, it does not appear that there is enough time to get all of the stakeholders to the table. The reason for the sense of urgency is that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANY&NJ) must have commitment by September or their support for continuing the project

will end due to budget constraints and program cuts. Mike reported that he did not think that the project would happen. PANY&NJ will receive payment for the work completed thus far, but the remaining funding will most likely be transferred to another project.

Electronic Credentialing

Mike advised the group that he had received a call from Carl Ford at DHSMV requesting information on funding availability for the Electronic Credentialing. The call came while Mike was on vacation and he has not received a call since, so he could not provide further information. Judy Johnson indicated she has heard that DHSMV has determined that there would be a way for Mike to transfer the money to DHSMV by putting the funds into a certain type of highway trust fund, however this could not be done until the end of the fiscal year. Judy also reported DHSMV plans to contract out for the systems development of the electronic credentialing system and use in-house staff to develop the legacy system interfaces.

Mike reported that the ITS Office believes that if they do not use the funding for the electronic credentialing project this year, it will be lost. Mike noted that before he lost the money he would transfer the funds from the Electronic Credentialing project to another CVISN project.

MCCO Bypass Detection System

Craig Wilson and Mike Akridge discussed the availability of funds for the construction component of this project. Mike is working on a way of exchanging one type of funding for another which can be used toward construction costs. As soon as this can be done, the ITN can be re-released and the schedule for an ITN solicitation will begin again. Duration of the ITN process and subsequent implementation of the system will depend on the availability of the ITN evaluation committee members.

Mike and Craig also discussed the UCF/Virtual Weigh Station Project and some issues associated with that project. The thought was that there was an agreement among the stakeholders that rather than attaching each equipment component to the bridge, there would be a 'component' attached to the bridge to which the equipment would then be attached. Unfortunately, when discussing this with the structures personnel, they were unaware of the agreement. Mike and Craig agreed that the next steps need to be: 1) Determine what needs to be done, once this is done; 2) get approval from structures for what was agreed upon; then 3) determine the costs.

Electronic Freight Theft Management System

Mike reported the project is progressing. There was a request (apparently in error) by UCF for a server on which the system would be developed. Mike denied the request and later received a call from UCF apologizing and advising Mike that he should not have received the request.

Florida Trucking Info Help Desk Phone System & Help Desk Website

Sharon Easley reported the statistics on utilization of the CVO Website (www.FloridaTruckingInfo.com) and Help Desk telephone number. In June there were 292 visits to the website and 3,723 hits; in July there were 131 visits and 1,297 hits.

In June 2004 the usage of the phone system was: Total calls = 130. The number of calls transferred was 116 (89.2%) and hang ups were 13 (10.0%). Usage was about the same as in May. For July, usage was up over May and June. In July 2004 the usage of the phone system was: Total calls = 164. The number of calls transferred was 137 (83.5%) and hang ups were 23 (14.0%).

Sharon also asked the group if they had anything for the "what's new" page of the web site and thanked Ernie Brown for submitting two items for the 'what's new' page. Suggestions were:

- August 25-26 Southern Area's Summer Motorcoach Blitz
- Orlando Area Aggressive Driving Operation
- Hours of Service recent events
- Florida's participation in Federal New Entrant Program

Richard Gerke explained the status of the Federal New Entrant Program in Florida. It is a Federal program which requires that all trucking companies which apply for a DOT number must be audited within 18 months of going into business. For Florida, Richard estimated this to be about 1300-1500 new carriers a year. Previously Florida chose to not participate in this program. This has forced FMCSA to bring people over from Texas to do the audits on Florida carriers. Florida has now joined for interstate. MCCO has applied for a grant for \$700,000 to participate.

Marcel Tart reported that on October 1, MCCO will be on board with the Federal new entrant program as well as the Florida intrastate new entrant program seminars.

Pre-Clearance at Agriculture Interdiction Stations and BOL Program

Roger Pittman reported he had not received any July figures. He also reported that they are averaging between 53,000 and 55,000 bypasses a month. Through August 3, there were 1,529 total applications, 896 approved, 501 denied, 41 duplicates, 11 applications withdrawn, 5 returned for signature, 31 unable to contact/discarded or wouldn't provide info, 9 pending processing (need to contact), and 35 new applications.

When asked about the new fee structure, Roger reported that the Agriculture PrePass charge is \$4/month/truck.

Jay Friedman reported they have received tentative approval to use the Data Tracking System. Within the next month they will be using the new Data Tracking system to track data for one company.

Information Systems Inventory

Mike Akridge stated that the Information Systems Inventory is missing a lot of information and therefore it is not a useful document. He noted that he was disappointed that the program had spent a lot of money and didn't get something that is useful to anyone, and he is not happy with the product. Sharon Easley will distribute the document on CD, one per agency for final comments and or insertion of missing information.

Next CVISN Meeting

E-Squared Engineering will survey the CVISN team to assess their opinion of changing the meeting frequency. After the results are tallied the next meeting will be set.