

TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS TASK FORCE **MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

September 16, 2013

1. Welcome and Introductions

Lou Belmonte, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), welcomed members and thanked them for attending.

2. Two Minute Agency Reports

Each person in attendance introduced themselves and added any relevant ITS and transportation operations updates from their agency. Some of the highlights include:

- ▶ PennDOT: Will be bidding for three additional Emergency Service Patrol routes operating in the AM and PM peak periods along the US 30 Bypass, US 422, and PA 309. ITS equipment installed along US 202 Parkway is in its final stages of testing.

It was mentioned that the use of red light cameras is expanding to other areas of the state beginning with a project in Abington.

- ▶ Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission (PTC): The I-476 Northeast Extension reconstruction project from the Mid-County Interchange (Milepost A20) and Berks Road (Milepost A26) is on schedule and expected to be completed by 2014. Once this is complete, the area between Berks Road (Milepost A26) and the Lansdale Interchange (Milepost A31) will begin total reconstruction. This six-mile section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike (I-76) is currently in final design. Another total reconstruction project west of Valley Forge between milepost 320-326 is anticipated to begin in 2014.
- ▶ Cross County Connection TMA: Currently has several free transportation mobile applications available for public use: NJIntersections.com; TransitLocator.com; NJDirectConnection.com; and NJevacuation.com.

3. NJ ITS Architecture and Strategic Deployment Plan Effort

Solomon Caviness, North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) provided a brief overview of the New Jersey Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Architecture Update and Strategic Deployment Plan project. This project serves the dual purpose of updating the statewide architecture and preparing a Strategic Deployment Plan that will create a shared vision of how to implement Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) in New Jersey and bordering areas to provide a safer and more efficient transportation system for businesses and travelers. This project is scheduled for completion in August 2014

Steve Dilts and Lou Neudorff of CH2MHill provided additional details stating that that this project will focus on TSM&O strategies to solve the state's transportation challenges and the importance of sharing this information with the stakeholders involved.

Additional elements of the project include:

- Forming the IAC (ITS Architecture Committee) which is made up of various stakeholders throughout the state
- Developing a vision for Safety, Planning, and Operations
- Updating and streamlining the statewide and regional ITS Architectures and deployment plans
- Integrating and prioritizing ITS into the capital planning and project selection process
- Sharing information through technology and private company resources through partnerships
- Analyzing what New Jersey is doing now, identifying gaps, and planning where New Jersey should be going – program projects into real construction work
- Measuring progress

4. Use of Archived Operations Data: Analysis and Communication

Jesse Buerk, DVRPC, gave a presentation on DVRPC's use of Archived Operations Data. He presented examples of analysis using I-95 Corridor Coalition's Vehicle Probe Project (VPP), which enables fast, deep exploration of the performance of the region's roadways. He explained how the ad hoc group "Partners using Archived Operations Data" has agreed to a few measures to share on a voluntary basis, in advance of MAP-21 requirements: cost of delay, travel time, duration of congestion (recurring), and reliability index or planning time index (non-recurring).

A brochure was also presented that uses archived operations data to understand the causes of congestion and what can be done about it. The focus corridor for this brochure is I-295 in the vicinity of I-76 and NJ 42, however the emphasis is on operations, multimodal approaches, and partnerships, as realistic approaches to congestion are widely applicable. It was created via a PowerPoint template, so other partners can customize it for their own use.

5. Status Updates

- ▶ RIMIS: DVRPC is currently conducting outreach to all registered RIMIS users and will report findings via a newsletter. DVRPC continues to install RIMIS at local police and fire houses. Chester County Emergency Management Agency and Mercer County Department of Transportation & OEM have recently expressed interest in using RIMIS to enter in special event, construction, and road closure events due to flooding. Follow up meetings are forthcoming.
- ▶ IDRuM: Discussions continue on the next steps for migration of IDRuM to a mobile ready application in partnership with the Cross County TMA.
- ▶ Incident Management: Incident Management Task Forces (IMTF's) continue to meet quarterly. The Chester County and the Burlington County IMTF's are currently working on developing policy and procedures guidelines for safe operation of incident responders on the highway. A joint meeting of the NJSAFR and Burlington County IMTF is being held on September 27th at the New Jersey State Police Regional Operation Intelligent Center (ROIC).

6. New Business

- ▶ The 2013 ITS New Jersey Annual Meeting will be held on December 16th at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ. Go to www.itsnj.org for more information.
- ▶ Next Meeting Dates:
 - Monday, December 9th, 2013 at DVRPC

7. Tour of SEPTA Control Center

Jack Power, SEPTA, provide a tour of their Control Center which consists of several separate areas: bus operations, police dispatch, rail transit, paratransit dispatch, power dispatch, railroad dispatch and the command center.

MEETING ATTENDEES:

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| 1. | Bill Ragozine | CCCTMA |
| 2. | Torsten Lienau | CH2M HILL |
| 3. | Lou Neudorff | CH2M HILL |
| 4. | Steve Dilts | CH2M HILL |
| 5. | Kyle Guie | GVFTMA |
| 6. | EK Phomsavath | FHWA – NJ |
| 7. | John Allen | NJDOT |
| 8. | Jo Wall | NJDOT |
| 9. | Simon Nwachukwu | NJDOT |
| 10. | Susan Winter | NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness |
| 11. | Solomon Caviness | NJTPA |
| 12. | Lou Cortelazzi | PA Turnpike Commission |
| 13. | Amber Reimnitz | PA Turnpike Commission |
| 14. | Manny Anastasiadis | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 15. | Lou Belmonte | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 16. | Elaine Elbich | PennDOT District - 6.0 |
| 17. | Sgt. Nicholas Delromano | Pennsylvania State Police |
| 18. | Sgt. Bill Stermel | Philadelphia Police Department |
| 19. | Kristin Del Rossi | Philadelphia Streets Department |
| 20. | John M. Power | SEPTA |
| 21. | Laurie Matkowski | DVRPC |
| 22. | Matt West | DVRPC |
| 23. | John Ward | DVRPC |
| 24. | Jesse Buerke | DVRPC |
| 25. | Paul Carafides | DVRPC |
| 26. | Erin McCann | DVRPC |

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