



DATE: Wednesday, January 25, 2006

TIME: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

PLACE: Florida Department of Transportation District 4 / Broward County Traffic Engineering
SMART SunGuide Transportation Management Center (TMC)
2300 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

MEMBERS PRESENT: See Attached List

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Mr. Jesus Martinez of the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) District 6 ITS office called the meeting to order. Self introductions for all attendees followed. Mr. Girish Kumar of HNTB Corporation distributed the handouts that included the agenda, the November 2005 Meeting Minutes and sign-in sheet, the current Coalition Goals and Objectives, the Regional ITS inventory maps, and the proposed Goal for Security.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Kumar asked the attendees if there were any comments on the meeting minutes from the November 30 meeting. Mr. Martinez advised Mr. Kumar to wait until Friday, January 27, 2006 for any comments from the members. No comments were received at or after the meeting, and the minutes were deemed final.

EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Martinez began the Executive Sub-committee report stating that the sub-committee met on January 11, 2006. He reported that the new 511 IVR service recognizes voice as well as the touch-tone. The collocation of SmartRoute Systems (SRS) at the FDOT District 6 TMC will depend on the completion of the Spanish IVR component. The 3-year contract renewal with SRS includes performance measurement to monitor the quality of service. Mr. Martinez briefly discussed the Intelligent Transportation Infrastructure Program (ITIP) Part I submittal (part of the SAFETEA-LU Transportation Technology Innovation Demonstration (TTID) Program) and mentioned that the South Florida regional partners are planning to participate in Part II of this program. He provided a copy of the H. R. 3 SAFETEA-LU and other relevant documents to be posted on the Coalition website. These are now available on the website and can be accessed via a link from www.sunguide.org.

OPERATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Steve Corbin, chair of this sub-committee, began the report by stating that the sub-committee meeting was held on January 4, 2006. He then requested Mr. Bob Murphy from PB Farradyne to continue the report. Mr. Murphy mentioned that to comply with FDOT Central Office's (CO) directive to post safety messages in conjunction with FHP campaign on I-95 during the holidays, the group needs to provide its DMS inventory to the CO. He also mentioned that the TMCs are involved in the QA/QC of the new 511 system.

Regarding the C2C Coordination, Mr. Murphy mentioned that the sub-committee agreed to continue the practice of requesting messaging verbally rather than relying on text messages. The sub-committee will be collecting statistics on the regional communication between the centers. In addition, the sub-committee will be developing the schedule for cross training the TMC operators (sending to each other's centers). He added that the sub-committee decided to have representation at the local TIM meetings and perhaps have a standing agenda item for Southeast Florida Regional TMC Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) reports. He informed the group that the next SEFRTOC meeting will be held on February 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM, at the Palm Beach ITMS. Mr. Corbin mentioned that he will be stepping down as the chair of this sub-committee and the new chair will be announced at the next Executive sub-committee meeting.



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Mr. Kumar informed the attendees that the South Florida Regional ITS Coalition (Coalition) website has the schedule for the SEFRTOC meetings and requested that he be updated about any changes to the scheduled dates. He mentioned that the Miami-Dade TIM team is planning to have automatically triggered emergency TIM meetings if a hurricane watch is issued for Miami-Dade County. He added that the Miami-Dade TIM has formed a Hurricane Task Force and Mr. Manuel Fontan of the FDOT District 6 SunGuide will be leading this effort.

Mr. Martinez mentioned that FDOT District 6 SunGuide had a meeting with Ms. Jeannie Cann from the FDOT District 6 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to discuss the need to augment the emergency contracts for hurricane recovery efforts. The EOC is relying on the Road Rangers to provide additional support for pre-hurricane and post-hurricane recovery efforts on state and federal-aid roadways. He mentioned that the emergency contracts can be mobilized as soon as a hurricane watch is issued. He suggested that the Coalition should invite Ms. Cann to talk about EOC's expectations from ITS, specifically the Road Rangers, at one of the future meetings. Mr. John Easterling of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) mentioned that the FTE is also reviewing options for the involvement of Road Rangers in hurricane recovery efforts. FTE is going for FEMA reimbursement for their Road Rangers for the 2005 season. In addition, FTE is planning to have their RISC teams on duty rather than on call. Mr. Corbin mentioned that District 4 SMART SunGuide TMC had four emergency contracts for the post-storm ITS recovery efforts.

PUBLIC OUTREACH SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. John Easterling, chair of this sub-committee, began by mentioning that the sub-committee had not met since the last Coalition meeting. The press release regarding the new 511 IVR service was sent on January 24. He added that due to conflicts in schedule of the sub-committee members, the second Friday of every other month needed to be revisited. The sub-committee is planning to have a meeting in the second or third week of February.

TECHNICAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Ivan del Campo of MDX, chair of this sub-committee, began the report by stating that the sub-committee meets quarterly. He mentioned that there has been a low participation in the sub-committee meetings in the recent past and urged the members to be pro-active. Mr. Chen suggested that the sub-committee can meet in conjunction with the ITS Working Group. All the attendees agreed with Mr. Chen's suggestion. Mr. del Campo volunteered to coordinate with Ms. Karen England to see if the Technical Sub-committee meeting could be included in the next ITS Working Group meeting agenda in March.

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS

ITS AMERICA 2006 BOOTH PREPARATION

Mr. Murphy made a brief PowerPoint presentation about the booth preparation at the ITS America (ITSA) 2006. The ITSA 2006 will be held from May 7 to May 9, 2006 at Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. The main goals of Florida's booth are to demonstrate Center-to-Center communication, TMC demonstrations and to show live feeds from CCTV. The partnering agencies in this booth preparation are FDOT District 4, FDOT District 6, FTE, MDX, ITS Florida and TEAMFL. The booth will be 30'X40' at the show entrance. There will be space assigned for the Center-to-Center demonstrations, FTE, FDOT CO, ITS Florida and TEAM Florida. Within the space assigned to the Center-to-Center demonstrations, there will be a pentagon shaped structure with a desk for each TMC. There will be 10 overhead monitors, and an operator from each TMC. Regional messaging and Road Ranger coordination will also be displayed. The booth assembly consists of a pentagon truss, operations desk, 10 MB internet communication line, 10 monitors, work stations with LCD monitors and telephone/radio, TMC information signs and the sponsors. The booth sponsors are FDOT, MDX, ITS Florida, TEAM Florida, TransCore, PB Farradyne, DMJM+Harris, Sunshine Towing, BARCO, Southwest Research Institute, Cisco and HNTB. It is estimated that 12% of the ITSA attendees will be senior level managers. This presentation is posted on the Coalition website and can be accessed via a link from www.sunguide.org.



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TMC OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

Mr. Easterling made a brief PowerPoint presentation (posted on the Coalition website, visit via link from www.sunguide.org) about the TMC Operational Enhancements. He discussed the FTE's existing ITS programs and initiatives throughout Florida. He also focused on other TMC and ITS aspects.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES UPDATE

Mr. Kumar mentioned that Mr. Mario Aispuro of Broward County MPO submitted a new goal for Security and noted that a copy has been included in the handouts. He requested the attendees to provide comments after review. This would be included in the Coalition Goals and Objectives after approval. Mr. Martinez commended the efforts of Mr. Aispuro in submitting the goal to the Coalition and said that the new Security Sub-committee will discuss and refine the goal further. This goal has been posted on the Coalition website for review and comment and can be accessed via a link from www.sunguide.org.

REGIONAL ITS INVENTORY UPDATE

Mr. Kumar noted that the maps were included in the handouts and offered that the members could take multiple copies for distribution within their agencies to facilitate review. Mr. Martinez requested the attendees to provide any comments regarding the maps by the next meeting. Mr. Kumar requested the attendees to provide any information about the ITS projects of Broward County since Mr. Murali Pasumarthi the primary contact from Broward County Traffic Engineering has resigned. All the attendees agreed that it will be valuable to show the Broward County's deployment on the maps.

Regarding the MOUs, Mr. Kumar mentioned that Palm Beach County made a move towards executing the MOU. He added that most of the core members have already executed the MOUs and sent them to FDOT District 6 and they are posted on the Coalition website.

ATIS PROJECT STATUS

Mr. Mike Millard from SRS noted that many calls were being transferred to the operators because of the users' unfamiliarity with the new IVR system. Mr. Millard mentioned that they are projecting over 250,000 calls in the month of January when inquired by Mr. Martinez. He added that the duration of the calls were generally 2 minutes with some calls ranging up to 20 minutes. Mr. del Campo asked if the call will be terminated if there is no response after some time or the phone is not hung up properly. Mr. Martinez responded that such calls need to be terminated if there is no response after some time. Mr. Kumar emphasized that users need to be educated in using the new 511 IVR system.

OTHER AGENCY UPDATES/TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENTS - OPEN FORUM

Mr. Jesus Martinez of FDOT District 6, Mr. Ivan del Campo of MDX, Mr. John Easterling of FTE and Mr. Steve Corbin of FDOT District 4 provided brief updates of their ongoing and upcoming ITS projects.

NEXT MEETING/OTHER BUSINESS

The next meeting will be held on March 29, 2006 at the FDOT District 4 / Broward County TMC, at 1:30 PM.

South Florida Regional ITS Coalition Meeting

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Sign-In Sheet



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