



**I-95 CORRIDOR
COALITION**

MINUTES

Electronic Payment Services (EPS) Program Track

Wednesday, January 17 2001

11:00AM – 3:00PM

**Amtrak, 30th Street Station
Philadelphia**

1) Self- Introductions (Attendance Sheet attached)

2) Chair (Andy Edwards)

- Andy announced that he was taking a position in a non-transportation agency. Therefore, the Committee needs to find a new Chair.
- The Committee decided that it would try to find co-chairs, preferably one from a toll agency and one from a transit or parking agency.
- If anyone one like to volunteer or knows someone who might be interested they should contact Al Karoly at:

Phone: 518-457-7438

E-mail:

Fax: 240-248-2194

The Committee thanked Andy for his participation.

3) ITS America Update (Pete Costello)

- Pete told the Committee that he hired someone to take over his EPS duties and he was going to concentrate on other technologies. The new person is Rich Taylor, who also ran the last ITSA EPS Task Force meeting.

The Committee thanked Pete for the support and help has given since the beginning of the Program Track.

- Pete announced that the FTA would shortly make an award for the EPS Op Test.
- There was then a discussion about our Committee's plan to hold a workshop in the Northeast. Pete mentioned that we should use the workshop in Orlando as an example. Al Karoly mentioned using our EPS Framework project as basis for discussion and even piggyback one of those workshops scheduled in Phase II with this workshop. At present we are looking at holding this Workshop near the end of April. Al is working with the ITSA staff to select a suitable location and date.
- Minutes of the last EPS Task Force meeting are on the ITSA website.

4) EPS Framework Update (Janeen Hansen)

- Janeen gave an update on the project. They are presently in the last task for Phase I, which is the interview with the Agency Heads. They have experienced greater success in getting input from personnel one level down. The Committee agreed that it would not be a productive use of resources to try and secure interviews with all of the Agency Heads.

Janeen's presentation is attached.

- Janeen said that Phase I should be completed by the end of the month and she should be ready to start Phase II by the beginning of February. Therefore, we need to get the Year 8 money in place. Phil and Janeen will work on a detailed scope and submit it to Al Karoly for review and recommendation for approval.

5) Year 9 Submissions (Al Karoly)

- The only submission for Year was for the third phase of the EPS Framework Project. It was distributed at the meeting but members did not have a real chance to review it. It was decided that Phil Leshinsky should distribute a copy to all Committee members and incorporate all comments. All comments have to be received by Phil by February 9.

6) ETC/CVO Project (Year 7) (Phil Leshinsky)

Phil reported on the status of Year 7 projects.

- Ron Char of the JHU has done some laboratory testing and believes that there will be a great deal of interference once both antennas are placed within a lane. The only way to reduce the interference is to either separate the antennas or to synchronize them. The first solution would defeat the purpose of the test. We do not have the personnel who are able to carry out the second solution.
- The Committee then discussed whether we should proceed with the test. It was decided that JHU should continue with Phase I and conduct a field test. If there is the predicted interference then we will not proceed to Phase 2. JHU would then write a paper detailing their experience and the reasons for failure.

A copy of the Scope of Work for this project is attached which details the effort involved.

7) Other ETC/CVO Tests (Al Karoly)

- At the encouragement of John Platt, there have been meetings of several interested parties who would like to see other ETC/CVO tests. If the Year 7 project does not continue to Phase 2, there will be funds that can be used for other projects (see the attached budget for the ETC/CVO project for the approximate estimate of funds). Marygrace is writing a proposal to present first to the IAG and then to the Committee. There were several ideas and suggestions discussed but it was agreed to wait for the scope that Mary Grace is writing.

8) Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on the afternoon April 25th at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Hartford Hotel in Hartford, Connecticut. This meeting will precede the Northeast “Building a Regional EPS” Conference that will be held at the hotel on April 26th and 27th. If you would like to reserve a hotel room in advance, the phone number for the Crowne Plaza is 860-549-2400. The ITS America has reserved a room rate of \$99 per night.

ATTACHMENTS:

Agenda
Attendance Sheet
Presentation on the EPS Framework Project
Scope of Work for the ETC/CVO Project