



I-95 CORRIDOR
COALITION

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Electronic Payment Services (EPS) Program Track Committee Meeting March 6, 2000 At ITS America 400 Virginia Avenue Washington, DC

1. Self-Introductions

A copy of the attendance sheet is attached.

2. Updates

- **EPS Framework Project**

Leisa Moniz

- Howard/Stein-Hudson (HSH) developed a contact list for Task #1. Everyone agreed that this list was too extensive but it was explained that this list represents the total universe of potential contacts not necessarily the ones that will be proactively contacted. HSH still has to develop that list from this primary list. As for the others on this primary list, if the opportunity presents itself where we can contact one of these people we will take advantage – but they will not be actively pursued.
- HSH has developed lists of questions for the personnel on the Contact List. These lists have been developed for specific types of agencies as well as specific technology. HSH is presently incorporating comments.

- **ETC/CVO Interoperability Project**

Phil Leshinsky

- This project has been divided into several phases and the Scope for this first phase has been severely reduced. The changes are:
 - It is now a test with controlled traffic, as opposed to live traffic.
 - Revenue will not be collected
 - There will not be a clearinghouse function
- The purpose of this Phase will be to demonstrate the technology. Specifically, whether a CVO tag can be used to create a toll transaction and whether the Mark IV and Hughes readers can co-exist in the same lane
- Phil Leshinsky and Kelley Gravelle of TransCore are presently developing a Scope of Work

- **Amtrak SmartCard Meeting** **Leisa Moniz/Al Karoly**
 - The meeting in Philadelphia was well attended and it promoted the idea of SmartCards by Transit Authorities within the Corridor
 - Several Agencies raised concerns that purpose of the meeting was for Amtrak to present their technical solution exclusively
 - Amtrak is first going to use their system with handheld readers, aboard the trains. Their purpose is to identify open seats

3. Year 8 Projects

Dave Moretti

The Subcommittee that was formed to evaluate the proposals for Year 8 Projects. Listed below are their recommendations:

- There was support for CDTA's proposal to use active ETC tags for commercial parking at the new Amtrak train station in Rensselaer. Rena Barta asked that the reference to E-ZPass Plus in the Project Proposal be eliminated.

Al Karoly will rewrite the proposal omitting the reference to E-ZPass.

- There was support for the proposal for a Corridor-wide Transit/parking EPS Coordination Plan but it was felt that there was a lot of redundancy with the continuation of the EPS Framework Project. Therefore, it was felt that an action plan for this proposal should be included in the continuation of that Year 6 project

Phil Leshinsky will insure that the EPS Framework Phase 2 proposal contains an action plan for this proposal

- It was believed that most if not all of the objectives of the proposal for a SmartCard Pilot Program Feasibility Study were already being addressed by the continuation of the EPS Framework Project.

Phil Leshinsky will insure that the EPS Framework Phase 2 proposal contains the objectives of this proposal.

- It was believed that the proposal for a Financial Clearinghouse Feasibility Study must be coordinated with the national effort. It was recommended that a study to determine the institutional obstacles inhibiting the implementation of a Regional Financial Clearinghouse should be incorporated into the EPS Framework Phase 2 proposal.

Phil Leshinsky will insure that the EPS Framework Phase 2 proposal contains a study to determine the institutional obstacles inhibiting the implementation of a Regional Financial Clearinghouse

- The subcommittee felt very strongly that the second phase of the EPS Framework Project should be supported.

Phil Leshinsky will rewrite the second phase of the EPS Framework Project incorporating all of the relevant tasks previously stated, as well as the changes necessitated due to the modifications made to Phase 1

4. Request by New Hampshire DOT

Al Karoly

The New Hampshire DOT made a request of John Baniak to arrange a tour of an ETC Customer Service Center and to arrange a meeting with personnel from a toll agency that has implemented ETC. Arrangements will be made to tour the New York Consortium's Staten Island Customer Service Center and to speak to personnel of MTA Bridges & Tunnels.

5. Membership in the SmartCard Forum

Leisa Moniz

- There was a general consensus that the Coalition should join the SmartCard Forum.
- There was concern that the dues are not prorated so we should join at the beginning of their year.

Leisa Moniz will identify when SmartCard Forum's fiscal year begins

- You are allowed to attend one session for free. The next meeting of the Transportation subcommittee is in June in Chicago. Al Karoly will attend that meeting.

6. Update on FTA SmartCard Solicitation

Sean Ricketson

- There were 5 proposals
- The present goal is to announce the award by the end of May
- The delay is due to discussions with FHWA about merging additional money that they have for value pricing projects into this RFP. That might enable awards to more than one proposer.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in May. It is tentatively scheduled for Portland/

Phil Leshinsky will solicit the members for acceptable dates

Sue Moreau will arrange for a meeting site.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attendance List
- Agenda

Please notify Phil Leshinsky with any problems or questions on this document:

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