

MINUTES
Electronic Payment Services (EPS) Program Track Committee
July 21, 1998

1. Self Introductions (Attendance Sheet and Agenda Attached)

2. Reason for the EPS Program Track – Dennis Keck

There was a discussion of whether there is a role for this Committee.

- Everyone agreed that there must be some added value for the Committee to be worth while.
- We should not “reinvent the wheel” but rather build on the work that has already been done throughout the Corridor.
- There was a general agreement that we should support the agencies in ETC and EPS.

3. Overview of the I-95 Corridor Coalition and Program Tracks – Al Karoly

Al gave a presentation on the history, organization and structure of the Coalition and the role of the Program Track Committees. His presentation is attached

4. Overview of the EPS Program Track – Dennis Keck

Dennis discussed the history of EPS in the Coalition

- The Coalition had a previous ETTM Project which led to an ETTM Forum in Framingham, Massachusetts
- At that Forum it was determined that the Coalition should help the agencies with problems, aid in their implementation decisions and expand the technology to multi-modal uses
- It was this last function that led to the migration from ETC to EPS

Dennis then led a discussion on the purpose of this Program Track

- It was agreed that this Program Track must add value and not just duplicate what has already been done in the Corridor. The Coalition should use this other work as a starting point and build on it
- There was unanimous agreement that this Program Track cannot be limited to ETC but has to address expanded utilities. Of particular concern is expanding the technology to use on Transit and the need to increase transit’s membership on the Committee. Phil Leshinsky pointed out that both the MTA and SEPTA are members but could not make this meeting.
- There was a general concern that this Committee must keep up and coordinate with the National effort. The members were particularly concerned about the DSRC Task Force and the ITS America EPS Working Group. It was suggested that Phil Leshinsky would represent this Program Track on those two groups and coordinate with this Committee.
- The decision to invite private companies and vendors to join the Committee was put off until this Program Track becomes more defined.

5. SmartCards – Deborah Jubelirer

Deborah gave a presentation on the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s SmartCard Project. Her presentation is attached.

6. Tear 5 & 6 Project Development – Dennis Keck, Al Karoly, Phil Leshinsky

There was a “Brainstorming Session” on potential projects. The projects that were discussed were:

- Transmit – “Piggyback” on the expanded utilization of Transmit similar to what NJ Transit is doing at the Port Authority Bus Terminal
- CVO – Help coordinate the development of a single tag used for CVO applications. Expand the use for other CVO applications, e.g. credentialing. Act as a coordinator with other entities, i.e. I-75, other states, etc. Develop a test to demonstrate the multiple CVO applications.
- Clearinghouse – Help the agencies develop a single clearinghouse for all EPS activity
- SmartCards – Expand, fund and coordinate the activities of SmartCard Projects, specifically the Delaware Valley SmartCard project
- DMV – Assist in getting the DMVs within the corridor to support the agencies’ violation enforcement efforts. Work with AMDVA to coordinate this effort.
- Expanded Utilities – Conduct a study to determine expanded utilities for this technology. This should include new business opportunities (e.g. parking), mass transit applications (with an emphasis on intermodal activities) and CVO applications
- EPS Framework – Develop an EPS architecture and development model for EPS deployment within the Corridor.

The Committee felt that, for the present, two projects needed to be addressed and were selected. They are:

- DMV – Assist in getting the DMVs within the corridor to support the agencies’ violation enforcement efforts. Work with AAMVA to coordinate this effort.

It is felt that this effort would take less than \$100,000 and would be better managed by the Program Management Committee, under the Agency Support PTC. Dennis will refer this issue to that Committee.

- EPS Framework – Develop an EPS architecture and development model for EPS deployment within the Corridor.

It was felt that this project would begin to address the different EPS media (e.g. ETC tags and readers, proximity cards, SmartCards, etc.) and the different modes of transportation using them. The purpose is to produce a framework that will accommodate all of the payment mechanisms within the corridor and allow them

to be interoperable. *It was felt that this project would require \$750,000 over two years.* Phil Leshinsky will write up the project proposal.

7. Future Meetings

It was decided that Dennis should chair at least one more meeting until a permanent Chair is elected.

The tentative place and date for the next meeting is September 24th

AT:

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