



Regional Transportation Operations Coalition / Advanced Technology Task Force

DRAFT Minutes

Thursday September 7th, 1:00 p.m.

Cook County Conference Room

233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800

Chicago, Illinois

In Attendance: Claire Bozic – CMAP, Peter Stresino – IDOT ITS Program Office, Terry Heffron – IDOT ITS Program Office, Tom Szabo – CBBEL, Brian Plum – TCS, Bill Eidson – DuPage DOT, Paul Leddy – Mobotrex, Jon Nelson – Lake County DOT, Jeff Hochmuth – CDM Smith, Scott Lee – Parsons, Austin Provost – TranSmart, Chad Hammerl – Jacobs, David Smith – CDOT Traffic Safety, Kevin Price – IDOT Operations, Mandy Burrell – CMAP, Mark Pitstick – RTA, Sis Killen – Cook County DOT, Matt Letourneau – AECOM, Carl Schoedel – Kane County DOT, Tom Murtha – CMAP, Parry Frank – CMAP, Alex Beata - CMAP

1.0 Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, and apologized for the confusion about meeting times.

2.0 Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2017

No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved.

3.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

No agenda changes were made

4.0 Agency Updates

RTA (Mark Pitstick) -The regional transit signal priority program continues to progress. The city is implementing TSP on Western Avenue. Communications infrastructure is in place and testing of signal control software is underway. North Ashland Avenue TSP agreements are being negotiated. This corridor requires signal modernization. South Ashland Avenue system is already in place.

Pace (Tahqi Mohammed) - Pace expects two TSP systems to be completed later this year. They have invited vendors in to provide hardware and software. In some locations, hardware is needed and in other locations the problem is new software.

Lake County (Jon Nelson) - Lake County has hired a new county engineer Shane Schneider. The county has started discussions about information sharing with WAZE crowdsourced traffic information company. Lake County is still exploring the potential to

provide traffic management services on a regional scale. The County Board Chairs of northeastern Illinois support the concept. A letter was transmitted from the Chairs to Illinois DOT Secretary Blankenhorn requesting support and cooperation for the effort. IDOT is trying figure out their own direction in the area of arterial traffic management, and the County Chairs and County Engineers are awaiting a response.

DuPage County (Bill Eidson) – DuPage County is close to signing off on the acceptance of their initial central signal system. They are now focusing their attention on expanding the system, and have developed conceptual plans to accomplish this.

IDOT Operations (Kevin Price) – IDOT is still working on the statewide ITS architecture update, and will be meeting with agencies in northeastern Illinois in December. The fiber optic communication system inventory system has been procured.

Cook DOT (Phoebe Wu) – An inventory of available fiber network is underway.

CDOT Division of Traffic Safety (David Smith) – The CDOT traffic management center has expanded connections to 90 additional cameras. The center now has access to real time 911 dispatch information data. All crash reporting is now electronic and fed directly to CDOT.

Parsons (Scott Lee) – The Illinois Tollway turned on the I-90 Smart Corridor system this week. The system has been operational for some time, however it was necessary to expand and train staff to use the system. The system includes automatic congestion detection to control opening lane 0 (shoulder) lane.

5.0 Regional Expressway Vision (Thomas Murtha)

Mr. Murtha discussed progress on the Regional Expressway Vision Study, a joint effort of CMAP, the Illinois Tollway, and the Illinois Department of Transportation. The plan addresses both policy and capital improvements, and is intended to be used for future capital program development. (view [presentation](#)). Mr. Hochmuth suggested that it is important to keep in mind technological advances in the area of vehicle automation when considering roadside technology and capacity needs. It will be important that all investments preserve flexibility because the direction of the technology is unknown at this time.

6.0 O'Hare Subregional Truck Routing Study (Alex Beata)

Mr. Beata described the O'Hare Subregional Truck Routing Study. This multi-jurisdictional effort comprising eleven municipalities was undertaken through the CMAP Local Technical Assistance Program to identify and prioritize truck corridors and recommend actions needed to enable this network (view presentation).

7.0 Regional Traffic Signal Inventory (Tom Murtha)

Mr. Murtha thanked the agencies for providing their traffic signal information. The data has been added to a GIS geodatabase. The data is under review and signal locations are being corrected as needed.

8.0 Other Business

CMAP staff distributed IDOT 2018 Safety Performance targets. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

9.0 Next Meetings

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 9:30 am.