



MINUTES

**Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2004
MITS Center
Detroit, MI**

Present

Board Members

Brent Bair	RCOC
Jim Barbaresso	Iteris
Tom Borton	TBAI
Frank Cardimen	ITS MI
Steve Fern	SMART
Michael McKale	Delphi Automotive
Carmine Palombo	SEMCOG
Ralph Robinson	FORD
Jim Schultz	MDOT
Dan Smedley	Eaton
Ed Tatem	RCMC
Barbara Wendling	DaimlerChrysler

Others

Greg Krueger	MDOT
Ahmad Jawad	RCOC
Chuck Moore	URS
Carl Seimer	GD
Prasay Nannapaneni	HRC
Main Kruns	RCOC
Jeff Manring	Sterling ITS Consulting
Steve Underwood	CAR
Miyoko Honma	Denso
Ivy Renga	
Neal Belitsky	DWT

CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Borton called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tom Borton waives approval of minutes until the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Tom Borton reported that the web page has been down but is reaching a point to be put back on line. Chuck Moore reported that all pages are up and running and we are filling in the details on the front page and that it will be up by January 1st. Tome stated that he hoped it would become an active interchange of information. Tom reported on the proposed project for the MSU Industrial Math Students which will be "Development of a Database and Economic Impact Model for the Emerging Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Component of the Michigan Economy". Tom reported that the project will be initiated January 1st and run through May 2005. He urged the board to act as a resource for the students and help them envision what will be done. Tom asked any interested parties to volunteer to help.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barb Wendling reported that there is just over \$4,000 in the checking account, and that ITS Michigan will be receiving a substantial check from MDOT shortly which will bring the balance back up. She reported that she changed the interest rate on the CD's.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Frank Cardimen gave an update on the two year funding from MDOT. He reported that ITS Michigan has been very active with other chapters of ITS America. He stated that he is the Chairperson for the State Chapters of ITSA this year.

VII TASK FORCE UPDATE

Greg Krueger gave a presentation on the status of MDOT's activities in ITS that included:

- 1) The VII Task Force meeting has been postponed. They are looking at the communication aspect of ITS projects. They will be changing the proposal and soliciting comments from participating agencies. Tom Borton asked if there is anything the board can do to help. Greg stated that MDOT and the OEM's are going to be the key players with the testbed. He asked for input and comments from the board on the proposal. Discussion ensued about how ITS MI can help and support.
- 2) MDOT ITS Projects
 - a. In-pavement Infrastructure
 - b. CCTV Camera Upgrades
 - c. VMS Upgrades
 - d. Legacy Restoration
- 3) Other ITS Projects
 - a. I-275 at 9 mile speed advisory system
 - b. Video sharing, Ethernet video via internet
 - c. Ramp meter restoration
 - d. AMBER alert communications sub-system
 - e. MITS control room equipment upgrades
 - f. ITS Communications plan
 - g. MDOT ITS software redesign
 - h. VMS replacement strategy
 - i. Woodward transit signal priority study

- j. Blue water bridge queue detection
- k. 2005 CMAQ projects
- l. Enhanced reference marker on I-696
- m. Altarum Restricted Use Study
- n. VII

Greg reported that on January 11 and 12, MDOT is hosting a National Institute Systems Engineering Course. Tom thanked Greg for his update.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Ahmad Jamad reminded the Board of the Annual Meeting Date: May 24th, 2005, and FORD Headquarters, and ITS America meeting on May 2-5, 2005. He reported that he's still waiting on a response from On-Star about which location would be best for the next quarterly meeting. Tom Borton reiterated the importance of board members attending the meeting in Grand Rapids.

MEMBERSHIP

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Prasany Nannapaneni gave a report for Dick Beaubien. The report was as follows:

The Metropolitan Detroit Incident Management Committee has been adopted as a committee of ITS Michigan. The Committee meets six to eight times per year to share information, coordinate, and collaborate for improved traffic incident management in Metro Detroit. ITS Michigan is an appropriate home for this committee because it is a collection of users of the computer and communication technologies at the heart of intelligent transportation systems. Committee members include transportation officials and public safety officials from state and local governments. Private sector members include towing companies, broadcast media, auto insurance companies and consultants.

One of the major accomplishments of the Committee has been the co-location of the Michigan State Police Dispatch operation for the Detroit areas with the Michigan Intelligent Transportation Systems Center operated by the Michigan Department of Transportation. The Michigan State Police dispatch center receives approximately 100,000 cellular 911 calls per year. Both state and local public safety agencies make a major contribution to the safe and efficient operation of the Metro Detroit roadway system. A second major accomplishment has been the establishment of the Freeway Courtesy Patrol. This 35 vehicle fleet of vans and tow trucks provides approximately 27,000 assists per year to motorists stranded on Metro Detroit freeways.

The Committee is exploring the possibility of expanding its scope of operations to form a regional transportation operations organization. This would add coordination with public transit operations and border crossings. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has applied for some federal funding to develop the concept of a regional transportation operations organization for Metro Detroit. This funding would accelerate the process of developing a concept for regional transportation operations coordination.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Frank Cardimen announced that the ITS Chapter meetings will take place at the ITS America Annual meeting in May.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: January 24th quarterly meeting at On-Star from 9:00 – 12:00.