



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS**  
**COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Date: January 11, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Held: Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center (SEMTOC), Detroit, Michigan

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### Committee Update

Aaron Raymond explained that the Regional Operations Coordinating Committee of the Intelligent Transportation Society of Michigan has been focused on traffic incident management, but it has a broader responsibility to promote better arterial street operations, improve traffic signal timing, and provide traveler information. The committee will try to identify champions in the areas of arterial operations and information dissemination to achieve broader goals.

### Role of Public Works

Charles Hart, President of the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association, outlined the role of public works in traffic incident and emergency management. Flooding in Berkeley closed many roads during a recent storm event. Emergency management can require waste hauling, and public works officials have contracts in place to handle waste hauling. Public works services can be the first to arrive and the last to leave a site. Forestry and snow removal services can be important in responding to weather events. Interagency agreements and communication agreements can get heavy equipment on site quickly. Public Works services can also provide the portable traffic control devices that may be needed for an incident or an emergency.

### Regional Concept of Transportation Operations

Chris Williams from SEMCOG has outlined the process to update the Regional Concept of Transportation Operations. In 2007 SEMCOG, in collaboration and coordination with transportation service providers, public safety agencies and stakeholders in southeast Michigan developed a regional concept for transportation operations (RCTO). The effort set a vision and mission for guiding coordination and collaboration among transportation agencies, emergency services, and the media to improve regional operations. The concept of operations was updated in 2018 to continue initiatives and efforts outlined in the previous RCTO and identify any shifted regional priorities or needs.

For **Identifying priority corridors for future investments**, the objective is within the next three to five years, update and maintain list of priority corridors to introduce operational improvements including upgraded communications, retiming plans, and standardization of equipment to facilitate seamless movement across jurisdictions for passenger travel including connected vehicles.

For **Retime traffic signals regularly**, the objective is within the next three to five years, the Arterial Traffic Management Committee will facilitate a regional traffic signal retiming program. The priority corridors identified would be the top candidates for signal retiming. Signals along corridors that cross multiple jurisdictions will be coordinated to make commuting across boundaries smoother. The result of these efforts will provide users with a more efficient, reliable, and safe commute.

For **Clearing Incidents Quickly and Safely**, the objective is within three to five years continue to reduce incident clearance times by supporting the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission Traffic Incident Management Action Team initiatives local to Southeast Michigan to increase first responder training, utilization of high-visibility equipment, and public education.

For **Disseminate Operations Information**, the objective is within the next three to five years, continue to promote freeway camera sharing among agencies and traffic operations centers, standardize, expand and improve communications between agencies; establish a centralized clearinghouse for information to include construction, incident, and congestion information.

The updated plan for regional transportation operations is likely to include references to multimodal travel, freight movements, and automated vehicles. The updated regional transportation operations plan will be included in the Long-Range Plan scheduled for adoption by SEMCOG in March 2019.

#### Traffic Planning for Detroit Auto Show

Carl Berry reported on the planning for the Detroit Auto Show. This is press day. Atwater will be used for bus service. The planning is intended to assure that attendees enter and exit the event safely and efficiently. Security for these events is very important. Planning for the Charity Preview at the Auto Show assumes that it is its own separate event because the requirements are different than those for the week-long event that follows. Street closures for this event begin in the area at 4 pm on Monday. The event will draw 700 buses, and 1500 limousines dropping off at Cobo Hall. The people mover is used by 40,000 people per day.

The Auto Show will move to June in 2020. It will occur between the Grand Prix event and the fireworks.

#### FirstNet Presentation on Public Safety Broadband Network

Doug Clark from AVP FirstNet explained that FirstNet is the nationwide public safety broadband network that provides services and solutions that are dedicated to First Responders and those who support them. The community to be served primarily includes fire service, law enforcement, emergency medical service, and public safety answering points. It also serves healthcare, utilities, transportation, and critical infrastructure. FirstNet subscribers receive access to resources first, ahead of others, without throttling of text or data. In times of crisis, first responders within the network get first access to necessary resources through the automatic preemption capabilities of the network. The incident management portal is accessed through the Local Control home page, the portal allows local agency personnel to uplift and First Priority user to the highest priority on the network.

#### Fire Service Report

The First Net cell service for first responders is now available from both AT&T and Verizon. This system gives priority to calls to and from first responders. Developing a communication system is important for first responders.

Wayne County Public Health is sponsoring training on the basics of working at a point of dispensing site during a local public health emergency. The training covers dispensing site functions and roles; greeting and triage; screening and dispensing; and responder wellness. February 2 training will be conducted at the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education, Wayne County Community College District – Downriver, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, Michigan.

Statewide Traffic Incident Management Report

Dawn Miller reported that a statewide action plan for traffic incident management has been developed. The goal is to have 50% of responders trained with the TIM training. Training materials will be upgraded.

The goals of the action plan are:

Increase compliance with high-visibility apparel requirements through education for all ‘workers’ at a traffic incident from 73.8% to 90% by December 31, 2022.

Through a targeted public education campaign, increase public awareness of the Steer It, Clear - It Law from 47% to 80% and the Move Over Law from 88% to 95% by December 31, 2022

Continue MITIME Training to train 50% (16,250) of the first responder community by December 31, 2022.

Public education is needed on the Move Over Law. It should be clear that you should slow down if you cannot move over. Roadway clearance times are an important measure of incident management effectiveness, and MDOT is looking for ways to automate the collection of data on this metric. Sarah Gill has been designated as the coordinator for traffic incident management training in southern Michigan. Some TIM training will be available online.

Next Meeting

The next meeting for the Southeast Michigan Regional Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee is will be April 12, 2019 at the Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Center. These Minutes are to be a summary of those items discussed. Any corrections and/or comments should be noted to the writer as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, SE Michigan Regional Transportation Operations Coordinating Committee

pc: All present



# Save the Date!

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeast Michigan Transportation Operations Partnering Workshop

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(Registration/Continental breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.)

### **Location**

Oakland County Executive Office Building Conference Center  
2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West  
Waterford, MI 48328

**Cost: FREE!** (*Lunch will be provided*)

### **Topics:**

- Oakland County Connected Vehicle Program
- Responder roles in a metro Detroit traffic incident
- Advantages of shared information for 911, Emergency Management, and Traffic Operations
- Safe, quick clearance using traffic operations center data
- Network and share best practices with southeast Michigan peers from state, county and local agencies

### **Who Should Attend**

First responders, Traffic Engineers and Planners, Emergency Management, Tow and Recovery

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