

BALTIMORE REGIONAL OPERATIONS COORDINATION COMMITTEE
SHA State Highway Administration SOC Training Room
7491 Connelley Drive, Hanover, Maryland
April 1, 2009
10:00 A.M.

ATTENDEES

David Dabkowski – Maryland Transportation Authority Engineering
Mammen Daniel – Daniel Consultants, Inc.
John Dulina – Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Janet Harrison – Maryland State Police
Tanya King – Daniel Consultants, Inc.
Wayne LeRoux, Anne Arundel Co Office of Emergency Management
Chris Letnaunchyn – Carroll County DPW, Bureau of Engineering
Larry Mabe – Harford County EOC
Roxane Mukai – Maryland Transportation Authority
Patty Murawski - State Highway Administration / CHART
Donna Nelson – Daniel Consultants, Inc.
Eileen Singleton – Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Michael Pack – UMD CATT Lab

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Chris Letnaunchyn called the meeting to order at 10 A.M.

TODAY'S MEETING OBJECTIVES: The primary objectives of the meeting were to provide information on the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS), provide updates on meetings with local jurisdictions to discuss their needs with respect to regional TIM coordination, and the first meeting of the Funeral Processions Task Force.

[Handouts: B-ROC Agenda and B-ROC Meeting Presentation]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2008 MEETING: The meeting minutes were approved.

RITIS PRESENTATION: Michael Pack from the University of Maryland Center for Advanced Transportation Technology (CATT) Lab delivered a presentation on Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS).

RITIS receives traffic data from different systems, fuses the data, and redistributes the data to all the systems for their use. Some of the current systems that interface with RITIS include CHART and VDOT.

RITIS users can view a map or a list of traffic incidents based on information obtained from different systems. Information available for specific incidents may include how many lanes are closed, who is on the scene, how many vehicles are involved in the incident, and the severity of the incident.

CapWIN currently receives data from RITIS. In the summer, CapWIN data is expected to be sent to RITIS. RITIS also currently accepts INRIX traffic data.

There is currently no coordination between WebEOC and RITIS; however, funding for this has been requested. The WebEOC developer, ESi, received a real-time RITIS feed but the data is not incorporated into WebEOC yet.

RITIS is on a secured website and requires a user name and password. Government agencies involved with incident management may obtain access to RITIS by contacting Michael Pack at 301-403-4628 or PackML@umd.edu.

Michael Pack also demonstrated a Virtual Incident Management Training Program which CATT Lab is working on with the I-95 Corridor Coalition and Forterra Systems, Inc. The program uses three-dimensional, multi-player computer simulation technology and distance-based learning technologies to provide realistic training experiences for first responders; and to test, validate, certify, and reinforce the dissemination of best incident management practices. There will be a test deployment of the training program in the summer. For more information on the training program contact Michael Pack.

MEETINGS WITH LOCAL JURISDICTIONS: Eileen Singleton noted that there have been meetings with two local jurisdictions and another meeting has been scheduled. Scheduling conflicts have made it difficult to meet with all the jurisdictions; however, it is important to obtain feedback from all jurisdictions. Meeting notes are being compiled. The goal of the meetings is to look at the themes that are consistent within all jurisdictions to understand where B-ROC should focus its attention.

FUNERAL PROCESSION TASK FORCE: Eileen Singleton informed the group that the Funeral Procession Task Force met for the first time in February to discuss traffic safety concerns associated with funeral processions. Information gathered from the Funeral Procession Task Force meeting is being incorporated into a White Paper to provide a summary of the issue and why funeral processions should be addressed from a traffic safety perspective. The goal is to bring awareness of the traffic safety issues involved in funeral processions.

OTHER BUSINESS:

MEMA noted that there are several training opportunities being planned which may be of interest to agencies. The list of training opportunities can be found on the web at www.mema.state.md.us.

In previous meetings, we have provided agencies the opportunity to discuss incidents that would be of interest to others. If you would like to discuss a particular incident, please contact Eileen Singleton (esingleton@baltometro.org) or Tanya King (tking@danielconsultants.com).

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE: The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 22, 2009**, at the SHA **SOC Training Room** in Hanover, Maryland [Note: this is a different date than that announced at the meeting]. Future meetings dates are:

- August 26, 2009
- October 7, 2009
- December 2, 2009