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MEETING MINUTES
METRO DETROIT TRAFFIC INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: June 10, 2008
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting Held: HRC Bloomfield Hills Office

HRC Job No. 20060304.22

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Review of Traffic Incident Self Assessment:

Committee members reviewed the traffic incident assessment from the last Planning Committee Meeting and were deciding which areas might be improved. There continues to be an interest in expanding the freeway courtesy control operation. The question of how much to expand and what location to expand is not yet resolved. Generally, the 2008 scores for the Metro Detroit area Traffic Incident Management Program are above the 2007 mean scores from all other areas of the country. Once the most fruitful areas for improvement are identified, the tasks can be assigned to sub-committees of the Traffic Incident Management Coordinating Committee.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has established an operation group to put more emphasis on transportation operations activity. The title for this group is the Integrated Transportation Systems Operations and Management. This group merges traffic safety and maintenance activities and includes Intelligent Transportation Systems, Vehicle Infrastructure Integration and Work Zone Safety. The Michigan Department of Transportation vision of the Advanced Traffic Management System is to collect, store and use information. This will include information from V.I.I and the Data Use Analysis Project. The DUAP Project will determine what can be done and what data can be used for. The future phase will use the data, develop performance measures and archive data.

The Planning Committee concluded that it will be useful to have presentation on the Traffic Management System Integrated Transportation Systems Operation and Management Programs. These presentations will allow the Incident Management Coordinating Committee to understand how they fit into the program and to understand the intent of these initiatives. Tony Kratofil from the Bay region of the Michigan Department of Transportation was identified as a potential resource for the discussion of the Integrated

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Transportation System Operation and Management. Matt Smith from the MDOT regional office was identified as possible resource for information about the Advance Traffic Management System.

Performance Measures

Planning Committee identified a need to develop performance measures for Traffic Incident Management Operations. Performance measures should include the time to clear incidents and it is likely that Courtesy Patrol and the Michigan State Police have different definitions of clearance time. It would be helpful to identify the clearance definition for each particular group responding and to document changes in that clearance time over the period of years.

Another potential performance measure would be average speed, and the third performance measure would be duration and severity of incidents.

Jim Schultz of the MDOT Regional Office in Southfield was assigned the task of recommending priority actions to improve traffic incident management in Metro Detroit.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at the HRC Bloomfield Hills office at 9:00 a.m., August 5, 2008.

These minutes are intended 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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