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**MEETING MINUTES
 METRO DETROIT TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT
 COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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National Unified Goal for Traffic Incident Management

The summary of ITE Listening Session outcomes was distributed to committee members and was discussed briefly. Mia Silver reported that she would be attending the Planned Special Events Conference in California in late November. That conference will discuss the National Unified Goal as well as planned special events. The conference will include a table top exercise incorporating techniques used in planned special events and traffic incident management.



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Emergency Responders Safety Program

Deputy Chief Jim Mynsberge from the Auburn Hills Police Department reported on the program held for Public Safety Officials at Auburn Hills on October 26, 2006. The program was modeled on a program prepared for freeway workers. Supervisory personnel were invited to the presentation. 85% of those attending wanted another session covering the same topic. The session included a video entitled "Your Vest Can't Stop This Bullet" to emphasize the importance of traffic safety for police officers in the road. One of the messages of the conference was that it was important to wear reflective gear for nighttime visibility. The workshop also stimulated interest in police and other public safety officials gaining access to the freeway camera system operated by the MITSC. The workshop emphasized positioning vehicles for traffic stops and the general outline of the workshop included the topics of nighttime visibility, traffic control, video clips of the freeway operations, and safe parking. As a result of this workshop, public safety officials may be requesting more traffic control devices from the Michigan Department of Transportation and local agencies for use in work when they are exposed to traffic.

Regional Concept of Transportation Operations

Tom Bruff from SEMCOG reported that a draft of the Regional Concept of Transportation Operations has been prepared and a white paper on that process for the Regional Transportation Operation has also been prepared. He expects that comments will be received from FHWA in January 2007 and the project will be completed in March 2007.

SEMCOG will be updating the website section which discusses regional transportation operations to reflect the latest content. Maps showing priority corridors which are identified by stakeholder will be sent out for comments.

A SEMCOG University presentation covered transportation operations in late September featured speakers from the Washington State Transportation Center, and the program was well received. The question posed to the audience was "What would you do differently if you were paid to improve transportation system performance?"

Tom Bruff expects that funding for operations will result as an outcome of the Regional Transportation Operations process.

Incident Management Planning Subcommittee

Richard Beaubien reported that the Incident Management Planning Subcommittee met on October 24, 2006 and spent most of the time discussing Freeway Courtesy Patrol Operations and how its operations might be improved. The listing of suggested improvements developed by Chade Saghir of



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SEMCOG was reviewed and commented upon. An incident response vehicle pilot project is expected to be launched by MDOT in 2007.

Freeway Courtesy Patrol Operations

Chade Saghir from SEMCOG reported that the Freeway Courtesy Patrol discussed a new call card and adopted it as of October 1, 2006. The new call card reduced the number of data fields. In the future, data may be collected with PDAs in the field instead of having data coded by upwriters after the forms are returned to MDOT.

During the Freeway Courtesy Patrol subcommittee meeting there was a demonstration of the Incident Management website developed by MDOT. Access to this Traffic Incident Management website will be available to Incident Management Committee members at a future date.

Freeway Operations

Mia Silver from MDOT reported that the last meeting of this committee was held in Macomb County and involved the Richmond Post of the Michigan State Police. This meeting focused on planning for freeway reconstruction of I-94 in 2007. The committee is taking advantage of experience developed as a result of reconstruction of M-14, the mixing bowl, and the Downriver project. This group expects to meet again in Macomb County after the contractor has been selected for the reconstruction project. The discussion included the Road Commission of Macomb County projects as well as the I-94 reconstruction. Harper will be reconstructed at some time during 2007 and this will affect operations in this part of Macomb County.

First Lt. Wynonia Sturdivant from Michigan State Police reported that the planning for special events such as Superbowl developed relationships and freeway operations has moved onto other things. There was a wrong way fatal accident on the freeway system during the previous 24-hours and First Lt. Sturdivant will be exploring with MDOT whether additional signing could help prevent wrong way movements on the freeway system.

Arterial Operations

Matt Smith from MDOT suggested that the Arterial Traffic Management Committee look at the Integrated Corridor Management Program developed by MDOT. This program will be available for review during the next few weeks. He also suggested that the committee review a regional signal retiming and continue discussions in that area. It may be appropriate for university researchers to review the traffic signal inventory for metropolitan Detroit and offer suggestions for improvements.



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Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Metro Detroit Traffic Incident Management Coordinating Committee is scheduled for January 12, 2007 at 9:00 AM at the MITS Center in Detroit. This meeting will focus on a discussion of European experience in traffic incident management and how to improve nighttime visibility.

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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