



COORDINATION WITH LETTERKENNY PROJECT-MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 15, 2000

Location: PennDOT/BHSTE – Forum Place, Conference Room 9-B

Attendees:

Bert Kisner	PennDOT 2-0
George Khoury	PennDOT 2-0
Denny Prestash	PennDOT 2-0
Yvonne Buck	PennDOT 2-0
Glenn Rowe	PennDOT 8-0
Steve Koser	PennDOT BHSTE
Ken Meier	PennDOT BHSTE
Dan Leonard	PennDOT BHSTE
James K. Garling	PennDOT BHSTE
Matthew Weaver	PennDOT BHSTE
Tom Bryer	PennDOT BHSTE
Bill Pogash	PennDOT Research
Steve Bergman	FHWA
Paul P. Jovanis	Penn State University
Mike Harris	PB Farradyne
Dale Witmer	Delta Development Group
Ron Moore	Pennoni
Steve Bolt	OR&A
Kivanc Caglar	OR&A

Purpose:

To exchange information and to coordinate efforts of Letterkenny ITS Initiative and District 2-0 Regional ITS Architecture teams, with facilitating efforts from PennDOT Central District Personnel.

The following are key points made during the meeting:

George Khoury opened the meeting and welcomed everybody. He characterized the meeting as an informational meeting between the two ITS activities and withdrew attention of the participants to areas of overlap in order to avoid duplication and redundancies.

- Tom Bryer and Dan Leonard briefed the attendees about the Statewide Operation Center (SOC)/Advanced Traveler Information Resource Center (ATIRC). The center will be co-located with PEMA at PEMA's Harrisburg facilities. It will be an informational clearing house rather than an operational center. The Center will be connected to other urban ITS Traffic Operation Centers in the Commonwealth.
- Ron Moore distributed a handout to inform attendees about the Letterkenny Program. There are three (3) initiatives at preliminary planning/concept phase :
 - Rural Operations Center Initiatives
 - Testing and Training Facility Initiative
 - Transportation Data Warehouse Initiative
- Dale Witmer explained several ITS concepts developed by Letterkenny Program subdivided into three (3) distinct functions:
 - implementation
 - coordination
 - monitoring
- Mike Harris explained the ITS concepts framework of Letterkenny Program. He emphasized that the program is focused on agency coordination and information exchange. The coordination of incident management energy management and traveler information efforts go beyond the PA state border and includes neighboring states such as Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.
- Paul Jovanis showed a slide presentation explaining different aspects of Penn State's efforts to utilize I-99 as a test bed facility. He emphasized the continued support of PennDOT District 2-0 on their research efforts. A copy of the Dr. Jovanis' presentation is attached.
- Kivanc Caglar presented a slide presentation that shows the study area limits and a list of potential stakeholders who will participate in the study. The extension of Study Area to include portions of Route 22 in Perry County. George Khoury corrected by saying that the study will incorporate Route 22 up to Harrisburg. Glen Rowe pointed out that there will be an overlap between District 2-0 study and recently completed Harrisburg Metro EDP.
- Steve Koser suggested that local police and coroner be added to stakeholders list for their direct involvement in incident management practice. _____ of District 9-0 said that the District has provided a report to Steve Koser about the ITS activities in Altoona area in Blair County. He suggested that a copy of the Altoona report be given to District 2-0 team.
- Steve Bergman updated the attendees about ITS activities in PA, from FHWA's perspective. He mentioned that PA Turnpike Commission has just started its own effort to develop an ITS architecture for the whole PA turnpike system. With all the ITS activities going on in the

Commonwealth and with extra efforts to integrate existing and anticipated system, PA is moving closer to developing a statewide ITS architecture, he said.

- During discussion session, George Khoury suggested that the two ITS activities be kept informed of each other's activities, that a representative of each team be present at the other team's committee meeting and to share relative information (such as meeting minutes) between the two teams. The suggestion has been accepted by the attendees. Mike Harris mentioned that the Letterkenny efforts up to now focused on ITS activities in the region that their team has been aware of. Should new efforts come to daylight such as the District 2-0's Regional Architecture they would tie their ITS concepts to those efforts trying to avoid duplication and redundancy.

There being no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

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Enclosure: Handout by Pennoni Associates
Handout by Dr. Jovanis
Minutes of April 18, 2000 District 2-0 Regional Architecture Kick-Off Meeting