



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**March 3, 2004**

FHWA Midwest Resource Center – Olympia Fields, Illinois

Board Members in Attendance:

Jeff Hochmuth, President (Iteris)  
David Zavattono, Vice President (Illinois DOT)  
Mark Newland, Vice President (Indiana DOT)  
Gary Rylander, Secretary (Edwards and Kelcey)  
Ken Glassman, Treasurer (Illinois State Toll Highway Authority)  
W.D. Baldwin (HDR)  
*John Benda (Illinois State Toll Highway Authority)*  
John DeLaurentiis (RTA)  
*Cindy Paulauskas (NavTech)*  
*Jim Powell (Parsons)*  
Austin Provost (MasTec North America)  
Dan Shamo (URS)  
*Jacek Tyszkiewicz (Illinois DOT)*  
*Rick Weiland (Weiland Consulting)*

Others in Attendance:

*Chuck Sikaras (Illinois DOT)*

*Note: Attendance by teleconference  
is shown by italics*

(Secretary's Note: Whenever committee reports and handouts are available, they are appended to these minutes, and the body of the minutes will include only major points of discussion, updates and corrections to the attachments, and actions taken by the Board)

1. Introductions. President Hochmuth called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. A quorum of the ITS Midwest (ITSMW) Board of Directors (Board) was present, either in person or by teleconference. Those in attendance introduced themselves.
2. Approval of the Agenda. There were no changes to the previously distributed agenda.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the December 10, 2003 meeting were not available, so their approval was deferred to the next Board meeting.
4. Review Action Items. President Hochmuth reviewed the second list of bulleted items in the "New Action Review" from the minutes of the previous Board meeting. For ease of reference, items are numbered to match the September 17, 2003 meeting minutes:
  - 13.1 The Adler Planetarium reportedly has cashed the check, but it has not yet cleared the bank.
  - 13.2 The Bylaws amendment was approved at the 2004 Annual Meeting.
  - 13.3 The membership application on the website was updated.
  - 13.4 Treasurer Glassman has provided the list of URLs to webmaster W.D. Baldwin.
  - 13.5 The 2004 ITSMW budget has been updated to reflect its adoption by the Board.
  - 13.6 Nominations for election to the Board have been finalized.

- 13.7 It has been confirmed that ITSA will procure Directors & Officers (D&O) liability insurance for ITSMW and invoice the Chapter for the premium, which will be approx. \$1,200 per year. Secretary Rylander will investigate the cost of obtaining this coverage locally.
- 13.8 The process was a little different than expected, but the invitation letter was sent.
- 13.9 The annual meeting agenda was finalized.
- 13.10 An email was sent soliciting vendors to display at the annual meeting.
- 13.11 Dan Shamo has agreed to chair the Long-Term Strategy Committee.
- 13.12 The contacts have been made; refer to the President's Report for more information.

5. President's Report. President Hochmuth verbally presented his report.

- 5.1 The ITSA State Chapters Council will meet and also conduct a workshop at the ITSA annual meeting next month in San Antonio. The workshop will be held on the Sunday preceding the meeting. President Hochmuth may or may not be able to attend the annual meeting in San Antonio. *It was moved by David Zavattero and seconded by Ken Glassman to pay the workshop registration fee for another Board member if President Hochmuth doesn't attend. The motion passed.*
- 5.2 Smartways Wisconsin Update. There is no news about whether or not Wisconsin is now officially a new state chapter. Smartways Wisconsin Chairman Ken Voigt was invited to attend today's Board meeting, but it is unknown whether or not he plans to attend. See agenda item 10.
- 5.3 Internship Update. President Hochmuth reported that he had contacted UIUC, UIC and Purdue about possible interest in an ITSMW internship program. There was some interest, but no one submitted anything in writing. Ken Glassman noted the Illinois Tollway still is interested, but it appears there is insufficient interest for an ITSMW internship program.
- 5.4 Possible Training and Workshops. A two-day GCM Security Workshop will be held at Argonne in May and sponsorships are being sought. The first day will be open to the public with exhibitors and a presentation focus, and the second day will be by invitation only. *It was moved by Gary Rylander and seconded by Dan Shamo to be a workshop sponsor for \$2,000 and to authorize the Treasurer to serve as the "banker" for the workshop. The motion passed.*

*It was moved by Gary Rylander and seconded by Mark Newland to accept the President's Report. The motion passed.*

6. Web Site Committee Report. Webmaster W.D. Baldwin distributed and reviewed two handouts, a committee report (appended to these minutes) and a tracking sheet of web site maintenance that has been performed since late 2003.

The training link has been made easier to understand. At previous meetings some interest was expressed in having an electronic means of facilitating discussion for the Long Range Planning Committee, and one possible program was identified in the committee report. It was noted that the GCM Communicator site has a feature for a discussion forum that it isn't used very much, but might be another means instead of this software. Baldwin will follow up with Paul Lamb at URS to learn more about the capabilities on the GCM Communicator site.

*It was moved by Gary Rylander and seconded by David Zavattero to accept the Web Site Committee Report. The motion passed.*

7. Finance Committee Report. Treasurer Ken Glassman handed out and reviewed the 2004 annual budget (adopted at the December 10, 2003 Board meeting) and a financial statement for fiscal year 2003, both of which are appended to these minutes. He noted that net revenue for last month's annual meeting was about \$5,200 compared to the \$7,000 that was budgeted. There were 119 registrants, with a lot of "no shows" but that was largely offset by walk-ins. President Hochmuth noted that there were many favorable comments about the annual meeting, and the Board expressed its appreciation to Chairman John Benda, Ken Glassman and the Committee for their hard work. John Benda indicated that the vendors were satisfied. David Zattero noted that the technical tours were well attended, with about 35 people at the IDOT ComCenter and 25 at the ITS Program Office.

There was discussion about the zero cost shown in the budget for printing the GCM newsletter. It was agreed that no change should be made to budget until this cost can be estimated. It was also noted that the funds set aside for the ITSMW internship program will likely not be used this year.

*It was moved by Mark Newland and seconded by Dan Shamo to accept the Finance Committee Report. The motion passed.*

8. Long-Term Strategy Committee Report. Dan Shamo has agreed to chair this committee. He asked the Board to participate in a brainstorming session during this meeting, which took about a half hour. There were many comments and suggestions offered for the committee's consideration. Many were high-level and related to the mission, goals and objectives of the chapter. Others dealt with administrative matters, increasing membership (especially with local government agencies), facilitating training, enhancing public and legislative outreach activities, and working more closely with other professional societies. Chairman Shamo and the Committee will meet within the next few weeks to review the comments and refine the high-level comments into specific actions. A report and preliminary recommendations will be presented at the next Board meeting.

*It was moved by Gary Rylander and seconded by Mark Newland to accept the Long-Term Strategy Committee Report. The motion passed*

9. 2005 Annual Meeting. The Board had previously decided that the meeting will be held in Indianapolis, and Mark Newland will chair the planning committee with support from Jay Wasson. Mark Newland reported that he is looking at the Marriott Hotel at I-65 and I-74, a short distance from the new INDOT TMC which will be a technical tour. Target date will be during the week of February 14<sup>th</sup> and since many of the members will be traveling from the Chicago area, a two-day or one and one-half day meeting will be considered. Since it's the 10<sup>th</sup> annual meeting for ITSMW, President Hochmuth will contact ITSA President Neil Schuster and ask him to speak. The likely theme will be statewide ITS and CVO applications. Based on his experience with this year's annual meeting, Ken Glassman suggested having two planning committees, one for the facility and one for the program. David Zattero suggested a "best of" awards dinner the evening before, and possibly sponsoring a training course on the day (or morning) before the meeting. One possibility is a new course about regional operations coordination.

10. Smartways Wisconsin. Smartways Wisconsin (Wisconsin ITS Alliance) Chairman Ken Voigt had been invited to this (and prior Board) meeting, but neither he nor anyone from the elected leadership was present. It was noted that their annual meeting will be held in Madison on March 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Executive Committee of the Alliance will meet after the annual meeting (Note: ITSMW Secretary Rylander also serves on the Alliance Executive Committee and has since its inception). There was discussion about the value of having the ITSMW President attend, since the two state chapters both seek to cooperate with each other. *It was moved by David Zattero and seconded by Mark Newland*

*to pay the registration fee and travel expenses for President Hochmuth to attend the annual meeting. The motion passed.*

11. ITS Midwest / GCM Newsletter Future. Chuck Sikaras, Chair of the GCM Awareness and Communications Work Group (ACWG), summarized the situation. The newsletter has been published three times per year, and mailing costs were originally paid by Argonne National Laboratory. Several years ago, the three GCM states agreed to equally fund the mailing expenses. Each state has been responsible for mailing one newsletter annually. Tom Ewing of Argonne has been the editor from the beginning and uses an outside printer; printing expenses are reimbursed by ITSMW. In 2002 and 2003, the Wisconsin DOT encountered funding difficulties in mailing its one GCM newsletter, and has indicated that they will no longer be able to fund the mailing costs for future newsletters. The ACWG is suggesting that ITSMW pick up the expense. The ACWG is also looking at an electronic distribution of the GCM newsletters but little interest has been expressed to-date by recipients.

If the newsletter is to be distributed electronically, there would still need to be some copies printed (though fewer than the 1,000 plus printed in the past). The ACWG suggests that all of the 2004 newsletters be printed as usual, with recipients being encouraged to consider electronic distribution. Notices will be included in upcoming newsletters and followed up with an email contact. However, the current database includes a significant percentage of entries without email addresses. President Hochmuth suggested contacting the Illinois Section of ITE for "lessons learned" because they just made a similar switch in distribution of their newsletter. John DeLaurentiis asked if the ACWG would consider a mix of printing/ mailing and electronic distribution, if that would serve their needs. David Zavattero noted that the newsletter provides key outreach and timely information, and that current outreach methods need to be reevaluated. Gary Rylander likened the newsletter to a magazine rather than a newspaper, and that the website or some other electronic distribution would be better for urgent or timely information. One possibility is to use a list serve and link it to the ITSMW website, similar to what is done by the ITS Cooperative Deployment Network (ICDN) and ITS America.

President Hochmuth summarized the discussion by stating that ITSMW is happy to work with the GCM ACWG to implement a solution for the newsletter. David Zavattero suggested taking snippets (100 words or less) from newsletter articles and emailing them with a link to the website for additional information (and the complete article). For example, he suggested taking the Congressman Petri article from the newsletter and sending it to legislators as a standalone via a URL link. Chuck Sikaras indicated that he liked the idea of keeping the newsletter in its current format but with more frequent electronic updates (perhaps monthly) and links for time-critical and further information. It was agreed that Webmaster W.D. Baldwin will join the ACWG, and the ITSMW Long-Term Strategy Committee will include this matter in its discussions.

12. Update on GCM / I-95 Corridor Video Conference. Dan Shamo reported that a video conference call was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> as a follow-up to a meeting a year ago, during which it was agreed that four plans will be collaboratively developed. The first plan to be addressed during the first year is an education plan. Materials for five topics (511, work zone management, incident management, security and CVO) are being developed and will be widely shared by both groups, and will include an information exchange forum for each topic. David Zavattero commented that there might be a role in this effort for ITSMW, possibly to jointly pursue funding or cosponsor research. Mark Newland concurred, noting that the conference call went very well and was positive. President Hochmuth indicated he will have Dan Shamo, as Executive Director of the GCM Corridor, include updates to this topic on future Board meeting agendas.

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13. Other Business. Jim Powell reported that work is just getting underway on the update to the Northeast Illinois ITS Early Deployment Plan. Parsons and ConSysTech are the consultant team conducting this work and they will be asking for project list updates and input at the March 17<sup>th</sup> CATS ATTF meeting.
  14. New Action Item Review. Secretary Rylander reviewed the action items resulting from this meeting, and items carried over from previous meetings that have not been completed, as follows:
    - 14.1 W. D. Baldwin will contact Paul Lamb at URS about the discussion forum and capabilities of the GCM Communicator
    - 14.2 President Hochmuth and W.D. Baldwin will review the Voila! contract to determine how funds are available during the two-year contract
    - 14.3 Treasurer Glassman will update the format of the adopted 2004 budget and email it to the entire Board
    - 14.4 VP Newland will investigate the Marriott Hotel as site of the 2005 annual meeting
    - 14.5 President Hochmuth will invite ITSA President Neil Schuster to speak at the 2005 annual meeting
    - 14.6 Dan Shamo will summarize today's brainstorming session and schedule a meeting of the Long-Term Strategy Committee, and will present a first "scope down" at the next Board meeting
    - 14.7 W.D. Baldwin will join the GCM Awareness and Communications Work Group, and the Long-Term Strategy Committee will work with the ACWG regarding the future of the GCM newsletter and its content and method of distribution
    - 14.8 VPs Zavattero, DeCabooter and Newland will follow up to post newsletter articles by Congressmen Petri and Visclosky on the website
  15. Overview of USDOT ITS Activities. No report.
  16. Public Sector Announcements. Illinois VP Zavattero handed out a Public Sector Report, which is appended to these minutes. He noted that the GCM website received seven million hits in January 2004, and that Gateway Guide (St. Louis metro area) camera video are now available on the web. Images from seven IDOT cameras will soon be available on the [www.gcmtravel.com](http://www.gcmtravel.com) website, as will traveler information on the Chicago Skyway.

Indiana VP Newland reported that construction on the Borman Expressway got underway on March 1, and video from the cameras can be found at [www.trafficwise.org](http://www.trafficwise.org).
  17. Other Member Announcements. None.
  18. Set Future Meeting Dates. The following meeting dates were established:

- Board of Directors: Wednesday, June 9, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at Edwards and Kelcey, One N. Franklin, Suite 500, Chicago

Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. at RTA offices in downtown Chicago (tentative)

- Executive Committee: Wednesday, May 5, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the IDOT ITS Program Office in Schaumburg

19. Executive Session (Closed Door). Minutes are not kept of matters discussed in Executive Session.

The Board reconvened in open session.

20. Adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary F. Rylander  
Secretary

Attachments

**Note: Action Items can be found in Agenda Item No. 14**

# **AGENDA FOR THE ITS MIDWEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**9:00 - 12:00 p.m., March 3, 2004**

**FHWA Midwest Resource Center, Olympia Fields, Illinois**

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| 9:00 – 9:05   | 1. Introductions                                   |              |
| 9:05 – 9:10   | 2. Approval of the Agenda*                         | J. Hochmuth  |
| 9:10 – 9:15   | 3. Approval of last BOD Meeting Minutes            | J. Hochmuth  |
| 9:15 – 9:20   | 4. Review action items (at the end of the minutes) | J. Hochmuth  |
| 9:20 – 9:30   | 5. President’s Report                              | J. Hochmuth  |
|               | ◇ State Chapters Council                           |              |
|               | • Meeting in San Antonio                           |              |
|               | ◇ Update on Smartways Wisconsin.                   |              |
|               | • No word yet                                      |              |
|               | ◇ Internships – no interest yet                    |              |
|               | ◇ Possible training and workshops                  |              |
|               | • Vote on GCM CVO Security Workshop                |              |
| 9:30 – 9:35   | 6. Web Site Committee Report                       | W.D. Baldwin |
| 9:35 – 9:50   | 7. Finance Committee Report                        | K. Glassman  |
|               | ◇ Review report                                    |              |
|               | ◇ Update budget                                    |              |
|               | • GCM newsletter costs                             |              |
| 9:50 – 10:10  | 8. Long-term Strategy Committee Report             | D. Shamo     |
| 10:10 – 10:15 | 9. Next Annual Meeting (10 <sup>th</sup> )         | M. Newland   |
|               | ◇ Location - Indianapolis                          |              |
|               | ◇ Date – ???, 2005 – probably 2 days               |              |
|               | ◇ Theme – ?????                                    |              |
|               | ◇ !0 year review the night before?                 |              |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | Break  |              |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | 10. Smartways Wisconsin                            | K. Voigt     |

10:45 10:55	–	11. ITSMW/GCM Newsletter future	J. Hochmuth
10:55 11:00	–	12. Update on GCM/I-95 video conference	D. Shamo
11:00 11:10	–	13. Other Business	
11:10 11:15	–	14. New Action Item Review	G. Rylander
11:15 11:20	–	15. Overview of US DOT ITS activities	M. Lister
11:20 11:30	–	16. Public Sector Announcements%%	D. Zavattero, M. Newland
11:30 11:40	–	17. Other Member Announcements	
11:40 11:45	–	18. Set Future Meeting Dates	
11:45 Noon	–	19. Closed door Board Meeting	
Noon		20. Adjourn	

\*Report distributed with announcement    %Report distributed later

ITS Midwest Website Committee Report  
For March 3, 2004 Quarterly Meeting  
W. D. Baldwin – HDR – WD.Baldwin@hdrinc.com

Attached is an update of the costs incurred to date on the contract with Viola

We re-arranged the Events and Training page organization to simplify the location of information.

Contacted ITS Heartland and posted their annual meeting on our site.

Still need to add content to the Events and Training page. Please e-mail your information to me so we can get it posted.

Visited with Viola about creating a web page that could facilitate discussions for the Long Range Planning Group. One of the links they suggested to look at for a possible program is:

<http://www.craftysyntax.com/CSLH>

Will see if there are examples of other systems we could use. First need to decide what we will use it for.

This program could be put on our system in about 8 hours and could be modified to match our formatting better for an additional charge.

What other types of information should we be posting to promote the Long Range Planning activities?

**ITS Midwest**  
**Financial Statement for the Period January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003**

Revenues

Membership Fees		
ITS Midwest	\$	6,322.50
ITS America	\$	2,500.00
Interest From Money Market	\$	440.49
ITS Midwest Annual Meeting	\$	<u>17,010.00</u>
Total		\$ 26,272.99

Expenses

Association Fees	\$	95.00
Chapter Affiliation Fees	\$	500.00
Bank Charges		
Checks	\$	82.78
Telephone - Conference Calls	\$	98.99
Board Travel	\$	1,620.70
Board Meetings		
Incidentals	\$	245.99
Office Supplies	\$	109.10
Other Expenses	\$	130.59
Postage & Mailing	\$	360.15
Printing	\$	2,377.42
Sponsorships		
Wisc. ITS Alliance	\$	500.00
ITS Minnesota	\$	500.00
Conferences		
ITS Midwest Annual Meeting - 2003	\$	7,657.74
Rural ITS Workshop	\$	1,243.75
Outreach - Illinois DOT	\$	426.28
Trans. Security Conf.	\$	1,950.00
Architecture Workshop	\$	3,508.43
Contract Labor		
Website Maintenance	\$	2,256.88
Conference Coordination	\$	2,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$	<u>5.00</u>
Total		\$ 25,668.80

Balances

Checking Account	\$	9,571.20
Money Market	\$	<u>89,229.48</u>
Total Assets as of December 31, 2003	\$	\$ 98,800.68

- NOTE: 1. Checking Account balance reflects the addition of \$6,250.00 from Adler Planetarium check never cashed.
2. Accounts Receivables include reimbursements of \$1,000.00 from FHWA Indiana for the Transportation Security Conference and up to \$5,000.00 from FHWA Illinois for the recently held Architecture Workshop.
3. Some Expense Categories have been adjusted from last report in an effort to provide greater detail of costs.

# ITS MIDWEST 2004 ANNUAL BUDGET

Adopted by the Board of Directors  
December 10, 2003

<u>Revenues</u>	Actual 2002	To Date 2003	Adopted 2004
Membership Dues	\$11,420.00	\$8,082.50	\$5,300.00
Interest Earned	\$2,242.30	\$257.73	\$500.00
Annual Meeting Revenues	<u>\$9,620.00</u>	<u>\$17,010.00</u>	<u>\$16,000.00</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$ 23,282.30	 \$ 25,350.23	 \$ 21,800.00
 <b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
Annual Meeting	\$7,025.16	\$7,533.54	\$9,000.00
Board Meeting and Meeting Support	\$664.13	\$304.06	\$1,200.00
Officer Travel	-	\$1,620.70	\$2,000.00
Newsletters			
Printing	\$3,483.75	\$1,506.00	-
Assoc. Expenss	-	\$37.75	-
Website Maintenance	-	\$2,025.00	\$2,500.00
Membership Mailings	-	-	\$800.00
Outreach			
State Outreach	\$1,990.66		
Illinois DOT		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Indiana DOT		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Wisconsin DOT		\$1,000.00	-
Promotions	-	-	\$1,500.00
Chapter Recognition Awards	\$2,950.00	-	-
Legislative Outreach	-	-	\$1,500.00
Sponsorships	-	\$500.00	
Conference and Training Support	-	\$5,143.07	\$6,000.00
Student Outreach			
Scholarships	-	-	\$2,000.00
Special Projects			
Internship	-	-	\$3,000.00
Business Cards	-	-	\$750.00
Insurance and Fees	-	\$1,550.00	\$1,700.00
Affiliation Fees	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Misc.	-	-	\$500.00
 Total Expenses	 \$ 16,363.70	 \$ 23,470.12	 \$ 34,700.00
 Net Asset Gain/(Loss)	 \$ 6,918.60	 \$ 1,880.11	 \$ (12,900.00)
 5 year Projected Asset Gain/(Loss)			 \$ (64,500.00)

To: ITS Midwest BOD  
From: David Zavatiero  
Subject: Illinois Public Sector Report  
Date: 3/3/04

Items to report include:

- 1) Traveler use of the [www.gcmtravel.com](http://www.gcmtravel.com) real-time travel information website of the GCM Gateway Traveler Information System continues to grow, reaching 6.9 million hits in the month of January. ISP's and others continue to utilize the new XML method to access the Gateway data reports in real-time with TTI expected to begin using XML to access GCM data to produce monthly performance reports for FHWA very soon. The TSC and TIMS CORBA feeds continue to operate. IDOT's upgrade of web servers supporting the [www.gcmtravel.com](http://www.gcmtravel.com) is nearly completed. Additional Gateway workstations are being located at the TSC, ComCenter, and CDOT to allow for remote input of data including expressway incidents and Skyway conditions. Parsons, UIC, and TranSmart are the technical consultants for the Gateway system.
- 2) Representatives of the GCM Coalition met with USDOT executives including Jeff Paniati of the JPO during TRB week in Washington for a briefing on GCM activities.
- 3) A GCM Coalition videoconference was held 3/2/04 with the I-95 Coalition to share experiences and information. A series of Information Exchange Forums were discussed with 511, work zone management, incident management as suggested topics.
- 4) GCM continues to seek dedicated resources for the GCM Corridor in the federal surface transportation reauthorization bill and to promote and support the transfer of ITS technologies from the core GCM corridor throughout the three states.
- 5) The GCM Corridor Action Team (CAT) has met regularly to identify and implement priority actions where ITS can support the upcoming Borman, I-80/I-94/I-294/Skyway construction projects.
- 6) Work continues on the Illinois' 511 Strategy and Concept technical study. Analysis and draft technical reports on data resources and telecommunication services in Illinois that would support 511 as well as stakeholder and user needs and preferences are currently under review. Illinois continues to coordinate its 511 study with Indiana and Wisconsin through the GCM Coalition.
- 7) The Illinois Statewide ITS Strategic Plan and Architecture and regional architecture technical assistance project will kick-off soon. Edwards & Kelcey is the technical consultant for the Illinois Statewide ITS Strategic Plan and Architecture.
- 8) Work continues on the CORBA interface between the Gateway and the Borman ATMS which will be implemented as a VPN for the interim period during Borman reconstruction.
- 9) IDOT and the Gateway team continue to participate actively on the NTCIP Center-to-Center (C2C) Standards Committee as well as the TMD, ATIS, ADUS, and 1512 Standards Committees (to greater or lesser degrees as resources permit).
- 10) Lake County is beginning to implement the Lake County TMC. DuPage County DOT is undertaking a multi-jurisdictional, multi-modal Transportation Coordination Initiative (TCI) and expects to issue an RFQ for technical services to identify, evaluate, and recommend various ITS technologies and service in the County in January. Will County Dept. of Highways and Emergency Management Agency are jointly initiating a feasibility study of a Will County TMC in coordination with the County 911 system/facility upgrade.
- 11) The I-74 Mississippi River Bridge incident management study in the Quad Cities is nearing completion. This is a joint effort of IDOT and Iowa DOT. Iteris is the technical consultant on this project.
- 12) The IDOT TSC is installing and upgrading equipment and software to support Amber Alert and to enhance operation of DMS in District 1. IDOT TSC has begun to provide travel time

information on DMS in addition to the current congestion, incident, and general messages provided on the signs. NET is the technical consultant for the TSC ATMS.

- 13) IDOT expects to issue an RFP shortly for the ETP AVL, status reporting, and video systems project. This project will enhance the operation of the Minuteman patrols and to automate the real-time sharing of incident information. A pilot test of AVL and status systems on a small number of ETP and IDOT maintenance vehicles being started.
- 14) CDOT continues to develop a screening methodology to identify Smart Corridors and applicable technologies. HDR is the technical consultant for this study.
- 15) RTA continues its BusInfo project to develop and test a prototype real-time bus arrival system. SAIC and NextBus is the technical and design team for this project.
- 16) Pace continues deployment of the Intelligent Bus System. Siemens is the contractor for the Pace IBS.
- 17) Metra is deploying a prototype Parking Management Guidance System at parking lots serving the Hickory Creek and 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue rail stations on the Metra Rock Island line.
- 18) Fiber has been installed by WisDOT from just north of the Wisconsin-Illinois state line to connect with the Tollway fiber in Illinois. IDOT and WisDOT are working to procure and install equipment to light the fiber. This communication infrastructure will connect MONITOR and the Lake County TMC to the Gateway. GB Ethernet will be the communications technology.
- 19) Equipment and telecom services to transmit video from the I-290, Dan Ryan, and I-80 construction projects to the IDOT ComCenter and TSC and the GCM Gateway has been installed. Testing of the snapshot video images on the Gateway website is nearly completed and expected to go public shortly.
- 20) IDOT District 4 continues work to deploy ITS to support the reconstruction of I-74 through the Peoria area. Edwards and Kelcey is the technical consultant for ITS on this project.
- 21) IDOT District 8 continues the development of the regional ITS. Release of an RFP for the software integration design and implementation project is pending. Video snapshots for the Metro East region are now available on the Gateway Guide website.
- 22) Stakeholder comments have been incorporated into the final report on the feasibility of Cooperative Vehicle Highway Automation Systems (CVHAS) for bus rapid transit in the Chicago Loop and for intermodal freight in the Chicago Terminal District. IDOT supported this project which was undertaken by a team including University of California Berkeley PATH, University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Dept. of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, and Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS) through the CVHAS pooled funds study.
- 23) IDOT, RTA, and CATS have initiated the update of the ITS Strategic Deployment Plan for northeastern Illinois. Parsons and ConSystem are the contractors for this project. The ATTF is overseeing the project.
- 24) The ITS Program Office continues to work with local project sponsors to initiate projects funded through the federal ITS Deployment Program including: Cicero Avenue Smart Corridor, SouthCom ACN, Lake County TMC, One-stop Shopping/CVISN, Virtual Weigh Station/CVISN, Gateway Phase 2, Tollway Supplemental Detection, D-2 TMC, D-4, TMC, D-6 CCTV/DMS, D-8 TMC, and Southern Illinois University Bridge Monitoring projects. A total of \$3M in federal ITS Deployment funds are included in the federal FY04 Appropriation Bill, earmarked for specific projects including: \$750K (Kankakee) for improvements near Riverside Hospital, \$400K (Bourbonnais) for improvements to the Career Center Road corridor, \$750K (Carbondale) for SIU Material Technology Center, \$500K (Franklin Park) for Grand Avenue project, \$300K for Whiteside County improvements, and \$300K (DeKalb) for improvements near Northern Illinois University.
- 25) IDOT and our ITS partners including ITS Midwest continue outreach to inform and educate about ITS activities throughout Illinois including the recent presentation on the Security and the Gateway System at the ITS Midwest Annual Meeting on February 6.