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## GCM Transportation Security Workshop

*Workshop brings together federal, state, and local strategists and leaders in transportation, security, and technology to find ways to enhance security in one of the nation's busiest transportation corridors.*

The Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) ITS Priority Corridor held a Surface Transportation Security Workshop on Thursday, September 18. This inaugural event was hosted by Argonne National Laboratory (ANL). The workshop, sponsored by ITS Midwest, ANL, Illinois DOT, Indiana DOT, and Wisconsin DOT, drew 57 participants from 36 federal, state and local agencies and associations. The workshop focused on the future use of technology and the role of the GCM Corridor Coalition in developing and delivering ITS to enhance surface transportation security. The workshop provided invited participants an overview of current issues and practices from the federal, state, and local perspective and suggested ways to improve security in a regional corridor.

In his keynote speech, Chet Lunner, Assistant Administrator for the Maritime and Land Security Office of the Transportation Security Administration, outlined ways the TSA is addressing surface transportation security issues, such as creating seamless, consistent security standards between modes.



Chet Lunner delivers keynote.

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## ITSMW unveils new initiatives



**BY JEFF HOCHMUTH**  
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ITS Midwest is about to begin a new phase: one paved with services. The Board of Directors has been considering several options as part of an examination into long-term strategies. Three main ideas have been discussed and may be finalized as early as the December board meeting. The first area concerns interns and scholarships. ITS Midwest is considering the possibility of paying for internships related to projects with significant benefits to the entire chapter. We are looking for ideas from the membership on activities that can be beneficial to the entire chapter. Any idea from an ITS Midwest member would be considered, but please note that cost would be a major factor in determining which ideas would

be selected. A separate review committee within the board would rank the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Other chapters have used a variation on this idea very successfully.

Scholarships are closely related to the internships. Again, other societies (ITE in particular) have been very successful in administering a local scholarship program. The ITS Midwest Board is very supportive of the idea, and is desirous of doing other smaller activities to generate enthusiasm in the industry at the collegiate level. Some form of competition could be created in the application process, possibly short papers or a special project idea, that would help create some enthusiasm and possibly generate some new ideas or projects that may benefit the region.

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## Workshop

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Dr. Starnes Walker, Associate Lab Director and National Security Director for ANL, described the laboratory's role as a Homeland Security National Laboratory (see related Argonne article below) and highlighted several projects ANL is working on that can be applied to enhance surface transportation security.

Jim Opoka, FEMA Region 5 Terrorism Team Leader, discussed current and proposed funding policies for programs dealing with security issues. He encouraged agencies to provide input into their state's strategic plan to enhance inter-agency communication and coordination.

An executive roundtable of member states homeland security agencies discussed security initiatives and future concerns for Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Roundtable members were Clifford Ong, Director of the Indiana Counter-Terrorism and Security Council, Ed Gleason, Administrator of the Wisconsin Emergency Management Department, and Tom Korty, member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force.

An expert panel provided insights into freight security, funding strategies for

security initiatives, and the critical role of real-time information to improve emergency operations and provide traveler information. In addition to earlier speakers, Dr. Robert Gallamore, Director of The Transportation Center at Northwestern University and Chair of the TRB Committee on Freight Transportation Information Systems Security, FBI Special Agent Joe Chaney, Weapons of Mass Destruction Coordinator, and Dr. Thomas Ewing, Associate Division Director for ANL, offered lessons from their experiences and answered questions from participants.

GCM Coalition partners took advantage of the opportunities to ask the speakers and panelists questions as well as to share their experiences and concerns. Members of the audience also participated in a discussion circle that addressed varied surface transportation topics.

The workshop culminated with participants identifying, defining, and prioritizing technology and security project ideas to be pursued in the GCM Corridor in the next year. Projects deemed to have the



Argonne photo

Executive roundtable of state homeland security leaders discuss state initiatives and issues.

highest priority were cross-jurisdictional training exercises, physical infrastructure security hardening and countermeasures, creating audio/visual links between regional centers, and enhancing the real-time information sharing network being developed to serve the GCM Corridor. The GCM Corridor will now explore ways to implement the highest priority projects. □

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## Argonne takes on additional role as Department of Homeland Security Lab

Argonne National Laboratory, the first national lab and one of the Department of Energy's largest research centers, has recently been designated as a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) lab. Argonne retains its role as an Office of Science laboratory for the Department of Energy. Rather than develop its own lab network, DHS has elected to leverage a number of the nation's existing labs. In its DHS lab role, Argonne will both serve as a resource to respond to terrorist incidents or other major catastrophic events, and to develop new technologies and systems to enhance homeland security.

"We're fortunate to be located in one of the nation's busiest transportation corridors. The fact that Argonne has historically played a major role in the activities of both the GCM corridor and

ITS Midwest is icing on the cake," according to Tom Ewing, who coordinates the transportation security area for Argonne. "The Laboratory fully expects to leverage these close relationships to enhance the region's security."

To accommodate the DHS mission, Argonne appointed Starnes Walker, Acting Associate Lab Director, to head the national security/DHS program. The new director will have the authority to draw from the various disciplines and program areas throughout the Laboratory to meet this critical mission. Dr. Walker was a featured speaker at the GCM Transportation Security Workshop held at Argonne on September 18.

Argonne will be actively involved with various first responders within the region, work with the area's universities, and

provide training of the military and first responders in regard to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Other elements of Argonne's role include a growing program in passive detection for radiation sources, assisting with the strategy for the portfolio dealing with Borders and Transportation within DHS, developing numerous sensors in the chemical and biological sciences, and a history of work on systems-targeted projects such as PROTECT for subways. In addition, the Argonne site is home to the Joint Operations Command developed to respond to terrorist incidents or other major catastrophic events, and the University of Chicago will build a new \$30M biosafety laboratory at Argonne.

Argonne is operated by the University of Chicago for the Department of Energy, Office of Science. □

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The next program is the continuation of ITS Midwest's sponsorship of workshops and training classes. In August, ITS Midwest and ITE Illinois co-sponsored the Rural ITS Toolbox class in Peoria. The class was overbooked within days of the notice of the class and was very positively received by the participants. Teaming with ITE worked extremely well for this class, and both ITS Midwest and ITE have expressed a desire to repeat this success. Along these lines, if you are involved in a related organization that would also like to work with ITS Midwest, please let me know.

ITS Midwest was also heavily involved in a Security and Funding workshop co-sponsored with the GCM Corridor and Argonne National Laboratory in September. The conference was well attended and proceedings will be made available. Again, the teaming approach worked very well for this event. A detailed article on the workshop is included in this newsletter.

ITS Midwest is also co-sponsoring a workshop on December 4 tentatively titled "Building from the Architecture." This workshop will bring in experts from around the country to discuss how the region can evolve from several existing architectures to creating projects from those architectures. We hope to make the workshop very interactive, so agency representatives can leave with actual project descriptions in their possession.

The final new idea is in special projects. The chapter plans on looking at focusing on one special project each year. The project proposed for next year is the electronic business card.

## Calendar of Events

10th World Congress and Exhibition on Intelligent Transport Systems and Services, November 18-20, 2003, Madrid, Spain. For info: [http://www.madrid2003.itscongress.org/its\\_pres.cfm](http://www.madrid2003.itscongress.org/its_pres.cfm).

Building from the ITS Architecture Workshop (*Now that we have an Architecture, what next?*), December 4, 2003 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Location TBD but near O'Hare. Workshop is free and open to everyone. For info: Jeff Hochmuth at [jjh@iteris.com](mailto:jjh@iteris.com).

ITS Midwest Annual Meeting, February 6, 2004, Schaumburg area. Further details to be announced. For info: [www.itsmidwest.org](http://www.itsmidwest.org).

ITS America 14th Annual Meeting and Exposition, April 26-29, 2004, San Antonio, Texas. For info: [www.itsa.org/annualmeeting.html](http://www.itsa.org/annualmeeting.html).

This is a CD with all of the chapter members having an opportunity to place their information on the CD. This will then be distributed at ITS Midwest functions to foster teaming and increase awareness.

We have set the date for the 2004 ITS Midwest annual meeting! The event will be Friday, February 6, 2004 in the Schaumburg area. Tours of ITS systems with IDOT will occur after the meeting and we hope to significantly increase our vendor area over last year's successful effort. New for this year, we are planning on beginning an annual awards program. There are many activities occurring in our states that warrant special recognition. We hope this will help highlight some of the major accomplishments our members have made for the industry.

Concerning membership, the board has voted for a reduction in membership dues. The new structure reduces corporate/agency membership dues from \$255 to \$150 per year and allows for up to twelve (12) contacts within each entity. With the large number of eligible contacts, the membership category of "associate" will be dropped.

Dues for individuals will be reduced from \$100 to \$50 per year. This reduction follows a review of the current goals of the chapter and the state of the treasury. The dues structure had remained essentially constant since the chapter was created. The reduction reflects two trends. First, the current financial state of the chapter is very healthy. We do not depend on dues to meet our entire budget. Second, we intend to bring in many new members over the next few years – a smaller dues amount will hopefully encourage additional membership.

Finally, we are offering the option to receive an electronic copy of this newsletter. We have included an announcement requesting your preference to receive either a paper, electronic, or both versions. We have been examining the membership list to ensure an electronic distribution will meet the needs of the majority of our membership. Note that online versions of past issues already are available at our website, [www.itsmidwest.org](http://www.itsmidwest.org).

We fully expect these steps will lead to further growth and success for our organization and our industry. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please email me at [jjh@iteris.com](mailto:jjh@iteris.com). Also, please continue to note the new address for ITSMW located on the front page of this newsletter. I'm looking forward to 2004 and our new endeavors! □



## I-PASS expansion plans announced on Illinois Tollway

*The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority is expanding the availability of I-PASS Only lanes to reduce congestion and improve customer service on the four tollways in the Illinois Tollway System.*

The enhancements will introduce dedicated I-PASS lanes at select ramp toll plaza locations for the first time and will provide I-PASS Only lanes at all mainline toll plazas. This project will give I-PASS electronic toll collection users the opportunity to travel the entire Illinois Tollway System without stopping at toll plazas.

Expansion plans call for adding as many as 37 new I-PASS Only lanes at 22 locations by the spring of 2004. Construction is already underway at the DeKalb and Dixon toll plazas on the East-West Tollway (I-88) and at the Belvidere and Marengo toll plazas on the Northwest Tollway (I-90). The improvements are in addition to second I-PASS Only lanes already added this year at the York Road Toll Plaza on the East-West Tollway, the Touhy Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294), and the Devon Toll Plazas on the Northwest Tollway. The key benefit of the improvements will be continuity. Every mainline toll plaza on the Illinois Tollway System will have at least one I-PASS Only lane when the project is complete.

In addition, to increase the flow of traffic through unattended ramp toll plazas, plans call for converting one lane at ramp plazas with three or more lanes to an I-PASS Only lane. This will allow I-PASS users to drive through a specified lane at ramp plazas at the posted speed without stopping.

"This project demonstrates the new way of doing business in

Illinois government," said Gov. Rod Blagojevich. "I-PASS improves customer service by making trips on the Illinois Tollway shorter and more predictable. I-PASS also reduces congestion, which saves time not only for the I-PASS user, but also for all Illinois Tollway drivers."

"Increasing I-PASS usage is a key component in transforming the Illinois Tollway into *the Premier Tollway for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*," said Executive Director Jack Hartman. "In June, we launched an online I-PASS application to make it easier to get I-PASS, and orders have surged. This project will also spur demand for I-PASS by increasing the advantages of having an I-PASS. Our experience has shown that an I-PASS customer is a happy Tollway customer – and that is our goal."

The I-PASS Expansion Project will be funded by re-allocating unspent construction funds that are available as a result of recent cost-saving measures. The Illinois Tollway's engineering staff and consultants have been very creative in coming up with design solutions that can be achieved quickly and cost-effectively.

The new improvements are part of the Illinois Tollway's ongoing efforts to improve customer service and benefits for I-PASS electronic toll collection users. In June, the Illinois Tollway launched [www.getipass.com](http://www.getipass.com) to increase I-PASS usage by making it as easy as possible to sign up. Drivers can order I-PASS transponders at their

convenience, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by going directly to [www.getipass.com](http://www.getipass.com) or linking to the application through the general Illinois Tollway site at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). In addition, in September, the Illinois Tollway began a pilot program offering transponder sales at six toll plazas throughout the Illinois Tollway weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weekend hours are also available at two locations near the Wisconsin border: the Waukegan Toll Plaza on Fridays from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m., and the South Beloit Plaza on Sundays from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Illinois Tollway's Web site will be further enhanced to allow I-PASS customers to manage their accounts online – providing the ability to check account balances and update account information. In addition, the Illinois Tollway worked with state legislators and the Governor on legislation that will allow the expansion of I-PASS use to other facilities, such as parking garages at the airports and the Chicago Skyway, to make the service even more convenient for drivers.

There are now more than 1 million transponders issued to I-PASS users. The Illinois Tollway offers dedicated I-PASS lanes including 17 I-PASS Express lanes, which allow cars and trucks to travel through at the posted speed limit; and 31 I-PASS Only lanes that allow cars and trucks to travel through at speeds reduced for safety. I-PASS also can be used at all manual or automatic toll collection lanes at all 65 toll plazas on the Illinois Tollway System. □

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## GCM Corridor Congressional Tour

On Monday, August 25th, more than 50 people, including Congressional staff and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives, attended a tour sponsored by the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Corridor Coalition. This tour demonstrated features of the local ITS facilities to the region's members of Congress, and was intended to update the Congressional delegates about the many regional ITS initiatives.

The tour activities were divided into two parts. In the morning, each of the three state Departments of Transportation (Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin) hosted visits to their state-specific facilities. In Indiana, this included the Borman Traffic Management Center and an update

from the Indiana Toll Road. In Wisconsin, the morning session consisted of a visit to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Communication Center and the Monitor Traffic Management Center. The Illinois contingent visited the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) Control Center and the Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Systems Center.

In the afternoon, all three state groups convened at the IDOT District One Headquarters in Schaumburg where they were greeted by IDOT's Secretary, Timothy Martin. Several presentations were made about the regional aspects of the GCM Corridor. These presentations were followed by a display of the Motorist Assistance Vehicles from all three states along with a state-of-the-art Pace bus.

Because our transportation network plays such a pivotal role in our economy, the GCM Corridor Coalition promoted and sponsored this tour to insure that the decision makers in Congress were

well acquainted with how the GCM Corridor Program benefits transportation in the Midwest. ITS is a relatively new phenomenon with far reaching benefits for safety, efficiency and now, homeland security. The tour provided an opportunity for the members of Congress to observe these systems in action and to show them how the GCM Corridor supports national transportation goals by reducing congestion, improving recovery time when incidents occur, and providing motorists with useful information as they travel in the Corridor.

The tour demonstrated that the GCM Corridor is a model of regional cooperation. The tour also underscored a fundamental benefit of the GCM Corridor Coalition – the remarkable set of working relationships that have evolved among the Coalition member agencies. These relationships have enabled numerous practical solutions to the many institutional problems associated with cross-border issues. The GCM Coalition readily addresses these problems, including how to fund regional programs, build local systems that are compatible across agency borders, and provide low-cost training to agency personnel. □

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Congressional Tour meets at the IDOT Traffic Systems Center.

## WisDOT Goes Hog Wild!

*Hundreds of thousands of Harley Davidson motorcyclists and enthusiasts descended on Milwaukee and Southeast Wisconsin during the last weekend of August for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Harley Davidson Celebration.*

Increased traffic volumes generated by these large crowds were managed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in order to minimize traffic congestion and maximize the overall experience for the hundreds of thousands of "Hog" aficionados.

During the four-day event, numerous activities that included concerts, rallies, and a parade took place at venues throughout Southeastern Wisconsin. This event showcased the city of Milwaukee and provided an estimated \$132 million to the city's economy and an additional \$37 million to the Greater Milwaukee economy. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation partnered with local communities and businesses to make traveling in the greater Milwaukee efficient and safe during the Celebration events. Harley Davidson advertised WisDOT's website for attendees to access real-time traffic information during the festivities and WisDOT provided more resources for traffic management.

In addition to its standard management practices, WisDOT deployed additional hardware and extended the operation

hours of its traffic operations center. Harley Davidson and local municipalities provided additional trailblazing signs and traffic control barricades for the event. Thirty-two variable message boards and additional portable message signs were deployed around the city to advise travelers of incidents or delays. The exact locations of these signs varied from day-to-day as venue locations changed throughout the weekend. Highway Advisory Radio and permanent overhead message boards were other tools providing up-to-date information to travelers in the region.

A mobile traffic center was deployed at the Milwaukee Police Department to enable operators to respond quickly to congestion and incidents, according to Doug Dembowski, a traffic engineer for WisDOT. Officials at the Milwaukee Police Department were impressed with the technology of the mobile operations center along with the system's effectiveness in aiding the movement of traffic. Also, advanced construction scheduling by WisDOT left

the Milwaukee freeway system free of all roadwork during the Labor Day holiday weekend, eliminating any avoidable congestion due to maintenance work.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration was a success and WisDOT reported no negative feedback about traffic management from the general public during the event. In fact, a few local Harley Davidson dealerships contacted WisDOT and expressed their gratitude for WisDOT's assistance in helping manage the traffic demand. By utilizing current traffic management practices, WisDOT minimized

Photo by WisDOT



Harley Davidson traffic on the Lincoln Memorial ramp.

traffic congestion and maximized safety during one of the state's biggest summertime events. □

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## GCM Executive Committee Meeting

The GCM Corridor's Executive Committee met on Thursday, July 17, 2003. The Committee includes the chief executives from the three state departments of transportation who set policy and give direction to the GCM Corridor. The purpose of the meeting was to update the members of the Executive Committee on the status of the Corridor and to give some specific directions to the Coordination Work Group (GCM's steering committee).

The Executive Committee was informed about the new working relationship that is emerging with the I-95 Corridor. These two priority

corridors are the premier examples of regional ITS integration. The two corridors will explore areas where they can work together for their mutual benefit.

Members of the Coordination Work Group also gave updates on the priority projects that have been started. These include the following:

- Gateway Operations and Enhancements
- Continued Program Management Support
- Provide Communications Links at State Borders

- Virtual Weigh Stations
- Integrated Corridor-wide 511 Traveler Information Hotline Strategy
- Multi-state Agreements for Coordinated VMS Message Posting
- Endorsement of Coordinated Incident Management Practices Outreach, and Training

Jeff McSpaden, FHWA, gave a short presentation on security initiatives that are being addressed by the GCM Corridor. The first Security Work Group

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# News



## Gateway Traveler Information System Wins Again

The Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) [www.gcmtravel.com](http://www.gcmtravel.com) traveler information web site has won a US DOT award as Best Traffic Web Site for 2003. This award is the second for the GCM, as the web site also received an award in 2002. The award also comes on the heels of the ITS America Best of ITS award in the Consumer Product Launch category presented in early 2003.

FHWA makes the award annually based on a technical and service evaluation of over 200 websites by the Volpe National Transportation System Center. In addition to GCM's award, this year's other top websites are Washington Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Transportation (Navigator), and Kentucky Department of Transportation (Trimarc).

This year the GCM website added integrated information from the Illinois Tollway and is continually making enhancements to improve reliability and content. The web site is a traveler information source for the region and provides links to real time traffic data, links to other regional partners, and connections to the GCM Corridor public information web pages.

## GCM Communicator Redesign

URS recently updated the design of the GCM Communicator. The GCM Communicator is a password protected web site that allows GCM

work group and committee members the opportunity to share documents and find information about upcoming events. Features of the redesigned site include a calendar of events, directory of members, committee document posting area, discussion board, and list of related links. The GCM Public Information Center (PIC) will be moved to the new site in the near future. The Communicator is located at [www.gcmcommunicator.com](http://www.gcmcommunicator.com).

## Incident Command System Training

GCM organized an introductory Incident Command Training Session for its members on August 15. Joe Gasparich of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency discussed the basic principles and procedures of the Incident Command System and presented participants with several scenarios to respond to. The event was attended by 27 representatives from fourteen agencies.

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## 9th Annual ITS Forum held at Marquette University

The 9th annual ITS Forum was held at Marquette University on September 23, 2003. The theme of this year's ITS Forum was "Integrating Services," which covers a broad range of topics. Attendees of the Forum participated in panel sessions about transportation security and direction, traffic management centers and emergency response, transportation security applications, and traffic signal management and transit integration. The introduction and welcome was given by Ken Voigt of the ITS Alliance, and was followed

by a keynote address by George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The ITS Forum 2003 had a record attendance, with over 130 participants registered. There was representation this year in the vendor area from the University of Wisconsin - Madison's new traffic lab as well as from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee's Center for Urban Transportation Studies. Nearly fifteen vendors participated in the Forum, showcasing new applications of ITS technologies.

*For more information contact: Lisa Kane, (414) 225-3721.*

## 511 Update

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) are working cooperatively to plan for the deployment of a 511 traveler information system in the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee (GCM) Corridor. All three states have made significant investments in the systems needed to feed and support 511 traveler information systems.

Each GCM state developed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for ITS 511 planning in their state. Wisconsin had previously awarded a contract to the Castle Rock/URS team. Illinois recently awarded a contract to PBS&J. It is expected that Indiana will select a contractor in the near future. Work will begin on a combined planning effort for a 511 system in the GCM Corridor after contracts are awarded in all three states.

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## Meeting

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meeting was held in December of 2002, and they are currently working on updating a select group of projects to incorporate security concerns. They also organized a Surface Transportation Security Workshop that took place in September.

A key topic of discussion was the Coordination Work Group's recommendation that the GCM Corridor "pursue the incremental expansion of the GCM Corridor to include additional

areas in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, possibly expanding to statewide coverage in the future." This would occur on a project-by-project basis and would include metropolitan and rural applications where appropriate. The Coordination Work Group was directed to lay out a detailed scope, budget, and schedule for this expansion effort and this work needs to be delivered before the December Executive Committee meeting.

Secretary Martin of IDOT became the new chair for the Executive Committee, and Bruce Matzke of FHWA in Wisconsin is the new FHWA representative to the Executive Committee. □

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## ITS Midwest Membership

Membership in ITS Midwest is open to corporations, companies, government agencies, universities, and other organizations and individuals with an interest in ITS development and deployment. Paid members of ITS America are entitled to up to three free chapter memberships and may select ITS Midwest as one of their free chapters.

A qualifying organization which is not a member of ITS America may join the ITS Midwest chapter for \$150 per year. Organizations belonging to ITS America which have used up their complimentary chapter memberships may also join for \$150. Individuals not affiliated with an organization willing to join ITS Midwest may become a member for \$50 per year.

Chapters like ITS Midwest play a key role of outreach, education, and support for ITS technical and planning activities. ITS Midwest also provides a forum for planning and support of the GCM Priority Corridor. **Join ITS Midwest today and play a role in shaping our future transportation systems!**

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