SCOH Operations Council Meeting Notes
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Subcommittee Updates
- Subcommittee on Maintenance
  - Mark Wikilius, Vice Chair has changed positions at MnDOT. Russel Urrick of Maryland DOT will be new Vice Chair.
  - AASHTO maintenance manual expected for circulation in summer
  - FHWA Secretary, Jim Sorrenson started maintenance manager, quarterly newsletter.
  - Also do quarterly conference calls with leadership team.
  - Information pamphlet for new members
  - Combined meeting with TRB this year in Charleston. Pre-screen research work
  - Next year will be meeting jointly with operations in Wisconsin
  - 2008 meeting jointly with Environmental committee
  - Performance based contracting for maintenance research project – contract to be issued soon
  - NCI course on Maintance management
AASHTO guide for pavement preservation research and practices
Resolution for technical services program passed with 26 states participating

Subcommittee on Systems Operations and Management
- Meeting in September with Special Committee on Transportation Security in Orlando
- 2008 meeting with Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering in Mobile, AL
- Mainstreaming Operations Business plan
  - How do you integrate operations into the planning process included. Working with FHWA and Standing Committee on Planning.
- Participate in the National Transportation Operations Coalition
- National Traffic Incident Management Coalition
  - Developing National Unified Goal on Traffic Incident Management
  - Conference in Irvine in late November to develop goal
- Steve Varnedoe new chair of work zones working group – working with FHWA
- Technology Initiatives task force – working on Vehicle Infrastructure Integration initiative, National 511 Coalition, respond to SAFETEA-Lu Incident Reporting Systems, communications backbone for incident response
- Balloting Guide to Emergency Transportation Operations

Put National Unified Goal on TIM on Fall Ops Council Agenda

Subcommittee on Traffic Engineering
- Met with January with National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control devices. SAFETEA-LU did not fund update to manual.
- Want to meet with other committees in the future
- Doing strategic planning on where want to go in the future and how to connect with other committees
- Work zone committee working on implementation guide
- Signings and markings – good and bad signing practices
- Access management – looking at developing a user friendly guide. NCHRP report also coming out.
- Roundabout design
- Bicycle guidelines
- Speed limits
- Need to coordinate safety and security
  - Looking at incident management and safety plans for the states
- Traffic signal and roadway lighting

Need to determine where access management belongs – Traffic Engineering, Design… - Victor Mendez will discuss with Carol

No funding for MUTCD – two potential fixes – fix on Hill or state pooled fund. Ken Kobetsky and Tony will keep a close watch and report

Highway Transport Committee
Washington briefing – task force chairs meet in Washington, briefed by Federal Agencies
AASHTO hurricane response survey being presented at AASHTO Board Meeting
Developed procedures for future emergency responses – communications, conference calls, developed webpage during Katrina response
Working on Bottom line report including water, rail, trucking
Freight transportation leadership group
Package of meeting proceedings notes, etc. on CD

- Future of the Interstate Policy Team Process
  - 3 teams –
    - Forecasts – Neil Pederson
    - 4R Needs – Dave Spyrzntyc
    - Operational needs and smart systems – John Conrad
  - Have consulting support through NCHRP
  - Working from Template to make recommendations
  - Operations Team
    - Optimizing system performance and safety
    - Emergency response and evac
    - Efficient freight movement
    - Full deployment of ITS
    - Several overlapping area
      - Pricing and demand management
      - Bottlenecks – physical improvements that impact operations, ex. bridge constraints, crossovers for evacs
      - Organizational capacity
        - First recommendations completed by end of July – recommendations to go to board at Fall meeting

- SCOH Cross Coordination matrix
  - Convene Vice Chairs
  - Add access management
  - Add details about what each item means
  - Add contacts
  - Chairs flesh out during summer meetings
  - Add research items

- Research and International Scan proposals due in September

- Joint meetings and events
  - Traffic Engineering inviting members from other committees to speak at their meeting about activities

- SCOH authorized 20-7 project to look at AASHTO publication titles – to be used as guidance

- Section 1110 of SAFETEA-LU – opens up work zone issues again – worker protection, unit prices, protective clothing