

OPERATIONS TASK FORCE – July 6, 2016

PRESENT:

Kai Zhao, METRO; Paulette Shelton, Fort Bend Transit; Terence Fontaine, METRO; Paul Weisser, Harris County; Jeff Weatherford, City of Houston; Chris Debaillon, Fort Bend County; Michael Leech, City of Pearland; David Tickell, City of League City; Jack Whaley, TranStar; Ted Clay, TxDOT-Beaumont; Tony Voigt, TTI; Charles Stevens, TTI; Roma Stevens, TTI; David Fink, TxDOT-Houston; Brannon Hicks, Harris County; Jason Vaughn, City of Sugar Land.

CHAIRMAN ELECTION:

Scott Elmer was unanimously chosen as chair for the Task Force. The Task Force greatly appreciates his dedication.

MINUTES REVIEW:

The minutes for both November 4, 2015 and March 2, 2016 were approved.

TSMO CLEARINGHOUSE DEVELOPMENT

Tony Voigt, Charlie Stevens, and Roma Stevens from TTI kicked off the development of the TSMO Clearinghouse, including the revamping of the ITS Architecture, development of Systems Engineering Templates, a regional implementation clearinghouse, a communications inventory and a Regional Capability Maturity Roadmap

- Roma will be developing the ITS Architecture, revamping the current set up from scratch. It is suggested that a workshop be set up for this process outside of the Operations Task Force meeting.
- Charlie will be requesting input for no-risk/low-risk systems engineering template ideas for the October meeting.
- The various implementers will be requested to provide their implementations to be listed in the database

Systems Engineering Template ideas

- Signal coordination
- CCTV
- DMS
- Communications/Wireless/Fiber
- The group will be queried about its preferences.

The questionnaire should have information about maintenance of the system Lifecycle also needs to be addressed in the Systems Engineering analysis

In regards to Transit, the goal is to promote regional coordination to allow for better connectivity.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING FACILITY

Charlie Stevens discussed a concept for an incident management training facility based on what he saw at a conference in Tennessee. Charlie was wondering if this is a possibility in Houston. A concern is that

if law enforcement/fire doesn't want it, then it may not happen. Probably would be best to address with the TranStar Incident Management Workgroup.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT DRONES

Charlie received a grant to look at drones for incident management. He asked if there are any possible test beds. METRO has offered for monitoring the HOV lanes. There is some question about whether or not it can be flown over a TxDOT facility.

Adjourned at 10:45am