

NCR RESF-1 (Transportation) October Meeting

Tuesday October 24, 2006

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments – Rooms 4/5

Next Meeting: RESF-1 Tabletop Exercise – Tuesday, November 28th – 10am to 2pm
– Boardroom (3rd Floor) at COG

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1. Action Items

Action	Owner	Due Date
Distribute invitations to potential exercise participants and observers	RESF-1 Committee Members	November 7 th
Provide feedback about RESF-1 Scope/Purpose/Mission and Goals to Robert Young (ryoung@mwcog.org)	RESF-1 Committee Members	ASAP
Provide additional feedback about Urban Area Evacuation Report Card to Robert Young (ryoung@mwcog.org)	RESF-1 Committee Members	ASAP
Distribute info on Transit Security WG conference call	Pete Buckley (Montgomery Co.) & Robert Young (COG)	ASAP
Have conversation about how MOITS, RESF-1, and RTCP should be coordinating	RESF-1 Chairs & Andrew Meese (COG)	Next Chairs Meeting
Distribute copies of the NCR 800 MHz radio cache SOP/MOU to RESF-1 Committee Members	Robert Young (COG)	ASAP
Send out Capital Shield information to RESF-1 committee	Robert Young (COG)	ASAP

2. RESF-1 Project Updates

Key:

- **UASI:** Urban Area Security Initiative
- **HSGP:** Homeland Security Grant Program

FY05 Projects:

1. Walkout Plan	
Owner: DDOT	Funding Source: FY05 HSGP
<u>Status:</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractors have met with stakeholders from DC, MD, and VA regarding operations aspects<ul style="list-style-type: none">– waiting to hear back on who participated and what the outcomes were<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will be fed into operations plan• Contractors have met with DDOT to discuss how many people would be walking, and where they would be walking to<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Have identified the preferred crossings: East Capitol across Anacostia, and Memorial & Northbound on 14th Street Bridge across Potomac• Next Meeting: November 6th

2. Evacuation Scenarios

Owner: DDOT

Funding Source: FY05 HSGP

Status:

- Extended the project to all 19 evacuation routes within DC
- Looking at evacuation signal timing patterns during an emergency: What is the optimal timing pattern?
- Coordinating with VDOT for lessons learned

3. Freight Security Study

Owner: DDOT

Funding Source: FY05 HSGP

Status:

- Met with Security Task Force at National Capital Planning Council (a think tank of security experts)
- Met with local and state officials – looking at 7 possible routes for re-routing
 - 4 were identified as feasible (this is where they are currently focusing efforts and developing cost/benefit analysis)
 - A Shenandoah Valley option is opposed by the railroads
 - One option is constructing a tunnel from Potomac Yard to Benning Yard
 - Two other options cross on the eastern side of region, and would include a southern Potomac crossing
- Cost/Benefit analysis will include all engineering aspects including looking at grade crossings, topography, right-of-way, historical impact, bridges, and tunnels
- Criteria: Stay clear of military bases
- Will conduct a one day symposium for environmental groups, citizens, and other concerned stakeholders to show results of study and discuss next steps
- This is not a comprehensive study for all freight – only considers rail (not trucks)

4. Signal Backup Generators

Owner: DDOT

Funding Source: FY05 HSGP

Status:

- Procurement for 200 generators
- Was approved by city council (as required for \$1M+ procurements) and have issued a notice to proceed
- A bit behind original schedule, but should make deadlines

5. Connecting DCNET to DDOT and WMATA

Owner: DDOT

Funding Source: FY05 HSGP

Status:

- Ongoing Work: finishing MOU
- Funding will quickly follow – interagency transfer in October
- Will provide more info at next meeting

6. Public Safety Radio Project with Fire Departments

Owner: WMATA

Funding Source: FY05 UASI

Status:

- No Update

7. Additional WMATA Communications Projects

Owner: WMATA

Funding Source: FY05 UASI

Status:

- No Update

- **FY05 Reprogramming Request**
 - The below initiatives were submitted to the State Administrative Agency (SAA)
 - Money will only be available if it is impossible to expend it on the original projects the money was allocated to
 1. Real-Time Evacuation Traffic Monitoring & Simulation System (addition to FY06 request to include B-W Parkway within beltway and New York Avenue) (SHA)
 2. Additional 800 MHz Radios for Transportation Agencies (Regional)
 3. WMATA MTPD PPE/First Response Equipment (WMATA)
 4. WMATA-wide Security Initiatives (PPE, Camera surveillance and Fiber Optic enhancements) (WMATA)
 5. Portable light towers to support night time emergency operations or evacuations in the National Capital Region (Regional)
 6. Portable Temporary Traffic Barriers (Regional)
 7. Emergency Traffic Evacuation Support Trailer (Outfitted) (SHA)
 8. Box trucks with tailgate lifts and Stake body trucks with tailgate lifts (DDOT)
 9. Go-Kits for Walk Out population (DDOT)

FY06 Projects:

FY06 UASI RESF-1 Projects		
Project	Submitting Agency	Final Allocation
1. WMATA Alternate Command Center <i>Note: This project is also being funded with FY06 Transit Security Grant Program funds</i>	WMATA	\$4M
2. Critical Infrastructure Monitoring and Protection	DDOT	\$1.5M
3. Regional Evacuation Traffic Monitoring and Management Tool(s) and Evacuation Time Estimates Study	MDOT / DDOT	\$750K
4. Identify and coordinate transportation requirements for the special needs population (part of larger special needs bundle)	DDOT	\$500K

FY06 DHS Transit/Infrastructure Grant Program		
Agency	Project(s) Description	Request
FY06 Transit Intra-City Bus Sub-Allocation Funding – Preliminary Decisions: (\$1.3M Total)		
PRTC	Cameras on buses cameras	\$87K
WMATA	Secure bus garage in DC and Landover – cameras and surveillance	\$531K
Alexandria	Cameras in bus garage	\$100K
Fairfax Connector	Cameras in garages; cameras on high priority buses	\$100K
PG County	Expanding existing camera projects and/or security system demo	\$110K
MTA	CCTV at Park and Ride & Bus Parking and Maintenance Facility	\$225K
RideOn	Additional video cameras on buses; WiFi connection	\$144K
FY06 Transit Rail Sub-Allocation Funding – Preliminary Decisions: (\$13M Total)		
VRE	Canine (2); Infrastructure Cameras; Emergency Responder Training	\$1.45M
MTA	CCTV; Coordination of Operations	\$3.55M
WMATA	Alternate Operations Control Centers (Equipment NOT Construction) <i>Note: This project is also being funded with FY06 UASI funds</i>	\$8M

3. RESF-1 Related Programs and Committees Updates

Roles and Responsibilities of the RESF-1 Liaison:

- **Provide a two-way transfer of information.**
- **Provide monthly updates at RESF-1 Meetings.**
- **Facilitate conversations between RESF-1 members and members of other committees.**

Committee:	<i>FY06 DHS Transit/Infrastructure Grant Program</i>
Liaison:	Joe Kammerman (DDOT)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One meeting since the end of September –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion was around transit funding grants – all project plans sent to SAA (Steve Kral's Office), then sent to DHS. Will hear back from DHS to move forward in November○ Money has been allocated to region, but the process requires approval from DHS before proceeding○ Time clock for grants started in end of September	

Committee:	<i>Critical Infrastructure Protection RPWG</i>
Liaison:	Matt Greenwald (WMATA)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Providing assistance to the contractor (SRA) on the NCR's Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment "HIRA" plan, which also includes a critical infrastructure benchmarking section• Put together a list of projects for consideration for FY05 UASI reprogramming, which included WMATA Transit Police equipment, water monitoring, and an analysis of NCR inventory of backup power resources• In November, the CIP RPWG intends to invite various private sector reps from VA, DC, and MD in an effort to expand outreach to private sector CI in the NCR	

Committee:	<i>Interoperability RPWG</i>
Liaison:	John Contestabile (MDOT)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new news	

Committee:	<i>RESF-5 (Emergency Managers Committee)</i>
Liaisons:	Natalie Jones Best (DDOT) & Robert Young (COG)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No new news – Next meeting is Monday, November 20th	

Committee:	<i>Regional Transit Operators Emergency Preparedness Working Group</i>
Liaison:	Pete Buckley (Montgomery County Ride-On)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted conference call on November 1st (had not met for three months) and discussed RESF-1 TTX	

Committee:	Regional Transportation Coordination Program (RTCP)
Liaisons:	Mark Miller (WMATA) & Andrew Meese (COG)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steering Committee met Oct. 13, next meeting Nov. 14 • Funding agreement near finalization • Draft RTCP Steering Committee bylaws have been developed • Program description, MOU, agreement, and bylaws to be circulated among transportation agency heads for signatures • Maryland SHA sponsoring initial involvement of program manager Doug Ham COG contact finalization • Coordination with RITIS, University of Maryland • Review of existing documentation • Initial meetings with transportation operations staffs • Continuing work on identifying actions that could be taken near-term • RTCP includes protocols and procedures, that must consider RESF-1 	

Committee:	Management, Operations and Intelligent Transportation Systems (MOITS)
Liaisons:	Mark Miller (WMATA) & Andrew Meese (COG)
Update:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Oct. meeting, next meeting Nov. 14 • Continuing interest in inter-group coordination, making sure mutual roles are clear among RESF-1, MOITS, RTCP, RITIS • Traffic Signals Working Group – finalizing annual report of signals and operations • Regional ITS Architecture Working Group – ramping up work on annual update of the architecture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ITS Architecture must have a sequencing of projects – must be multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional in nature (conceptional/30,000 foot level) • Staff continuing work on ways to better address federal metropolitan transportation planning regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Congestion Management Process (CMP) ◦ Transportation safety ◦ Freight movement • QUESTION: How do the UASI projects (such as collecting sensor data) fit into the regional transportation ITS architecture? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ANSWER: They do not 	

4. RESF-1 Tabletop Exercise Discussion

Logistical Information:

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2006

Time: 9:30am to 3pm

Location: Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Boardroom

- **Observers Requested**

- DHS-ONCR
- Emergency Managers
- WMATA EMA Coordinator
- Law Enforcement Personnel
- Fire Service Personnel
- Communications Specialists (fire or police)
- Federal Highway Administration
- Line Directors
- Decision Makers and Policy Makers

Agency	Participant Roles Requested				Total
DDOT	Road Operators	TMC Staff	Maintenance	Public Information Officer	4
SHA	Operations Center	CHART	Maintenance		3
MTA	Bus Operations	Rail Operations			2
VDOT	Road Operators	TMC Staff	Maintenance	Public Information Officer	4
WMATA	Rail Operations Center	Bus Operations Center	Street Level Bus or Rail Supervisor	Bus or Rail Operator or Station Manager	4
Local Transit Agencies (examples)	Communications Supervisor	Road Coordinators	TMC Technician	Emergency Services Coordinator	3 per agency = 24
					Total: 41

Note: There are a total of 8 local transit agencies involved in this exercise (Ride-On, Fairfax Connector, Prince George's County Transit, ART, Loudoun County Transit, DASH, PRTC, and the City of Fairfax

- **Next Steps**

- Invitation Development
- Need final list of participants before final planning meeting (~November 16)

5. Urban Area Evacuation Report Card Discussion

- FHWA provides talking points for responding to this report
- Reaction:
 - Process did not go into the weeds about special needs and interagency coordination, etc.
 - Infrastructure improvements take a long time – excess infrastructure is not an option
 - Need demand management

6. Other Issues

- Vigilant Shield / Capital Shield
 - JFHQ-NCR would like to extend an invitation to RESF-1 members to plan or participant for a multiple day consequence management exercise in December

7. List of Participants

Note: **Bold** indicates a RESF-1 Committee Chair or Vice-Chair

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