MEETING NOTES

Participating

- GTC – Joe Bovenzi (Chair)
- BMTS – John Sterbentz
- CDTC – Chris O’Neill
- CS – Rich Denbow
- CS – Kier Opie
- ECTC – Sara Butler
- ECTC – Nicolette Wagoner
- FHWA – Tim Crothers
- GBNRTC – Matt Grabau
- Metroplan Orlando – Eric Hill
- NYSDOT – Jim Davis
- SMTC – Mario Colone

1. Introductions

Joe Bovenzi opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

2. ITS Planning in Orlando

Eric Hill works at Metroplan Orlando, which is the MPO for the Orlando, Florida region. He delivered a presentation on Metroplan’s ITS Master Plan and overall TSMO program. The Orlando region is growing rapidly, and experiences millions of visitors. The MPO’s TSMO program focuses on things agencies can control in the region. The ITS Master Plan sets out an ITS vision, goals and objectives for the region. The vision statement is “Maximize the performance of our transportation system by continually improving safety, efficiency, and reliability for all systems users through the application of technology.” The plan documents existing conditions, needs and strategies, a concept of operations, and a prioritized project list.

Metroplan developed ITS project and strategy benefits and costs using FHWA’s Tools for Operations Benefit/Cost (TOPS-BC). Metroplan determined that benefit/cost ratio is 5.1 to 1. This helped significantly to make the business case for ITS projects. Eric discussed the amounts of ITS funding in the TIP and the types of projects funded, and the project ranking criteria used to establish priorities. The total cost for the projects proposed in the ITS Master Plan is $48.4 million.
Eric also briefed the WG on Connected and Autonomous Vehicle (CAV) activities in the Orlando region. Florida has numerous CAV initiatives underway. The MPO is doing its due diligence on the subject by determining how to approach CAV in the UPWP and the LRTP and by being actively engaged in national, state, and local CAV discussions and testing.

During Q&A, Eric was asked how the Board and citizens have reacted to the MPOs CAV activities. Eric said the reaction has been positive. The MPO’s main message is that technological changes are coming and will impact how we travel. Stakeholders are interested in the topic and are vocal in expressing their questions and support for staying on top of things.

3. Roundtable

MPO Updates: Joe reported that GTC is working on an ITS strategic plan and will circulate a draft to their committee soon. He can provide the draft to anyone that would like to see it.

NYSDOT Updates: NYSDOT reported that they are looking at TSMO planning and mobility strategies. One challenge is maintaining some consistency across the state, as many plans are being done on a regional basis.

FHWA Updates: FHWA reported that they received PM3 targets from NYSDOT on May 18. This starts the 180 day clock for MPOs to set targets or support the state targets.

4. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2018.