

**STREAMLINING TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR PLANNING PROCESSES AND
VALIDATING THE APPLICATION OF REMOTE SENSING & SPATIAL INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS**

New Research Project Sponsor: The US Department of Transportation Research and Innovative
Technology Administration (RITA)

Project Kick-Off Meeting: September 27 – 28, 2007
Location: MSU HPCC Room 30

AGENDA

Attire: Business Casual

Early Arrivals: Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Get Together Icebreaker – Dinner with early arrivals at Harvey's at 6:30

Thursday - September 27, 2007 (Full Day)

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductions (Chuck Hill)
- 8:45 Present and Discuss the Agenda (Chuck O'Hara)
- 9:00 US DOT RITA Presentation of RSSI Technologies Program (Caesar Singh)
- 9:20 US DOT FHWA Presentation of Environmental Research Directions (Shari Schafflein)
- 9:40 MS Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment: Opportunities to Address Common Obstacles and Barriers to Projects (MS DOT and FHWA/ Barnwell and Vick)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:20 State DOT Peer Exchange of Opportunities in Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Streamlining: State DOTs Present Emerging Trends and Areas of Focus
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 Summary of Morning Discussions and Opportunities Identified (Shari and Chuck)
- 12:45 MSU Project Background and Main Project Directions (Chuck)
- 1:20 MSU Directions in Planning and Policy (Jeremiah Dumas)
- 1:40 ORNL Transportation Corridor Planning Research Directions (Demin Xiong)
- 2:00 MTRI Transportation Corridor Planning Research Directions (Colin Brooks)
- 2:20 Break
- 2:30 Begin Tour of HPC and CAVS
- 3:45 Initial Advisory Group Discussions: Present the Background and Lay Out Organization, Meetings, and Functional Roles and Responsibilities (Shari)
- 4:15 Brainstorming: Employing the Advisory Structure and DOT Enabling Mechanisms for Effectively Linking, Leveraging, Transferring, and Deploying Research Results into Local, Coastal, and National Opportunities – Projects, Workshops, NCHRP, etc. (Chuck, Caesar, and Shari)
- 4:45 Discussion/Brainstorming: Refining Directions and Addressing Gaps (Caesar, Shari, Chuck)
- 5:15 Wrap Up (Dinner – TBD – Possible group to Veranda at 6:30)

Friday - September 28, 2007 (Morning Only)

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30 Brainstorming and SWOT Discussions (Jeremiah - facilitator)

9:20 Discuss, Summarize, and Synthesize Meeting Results, Decisions, Key Factors, Critical Success Factors, Barriers, Gaps, Opportunities, and Best Approach for Moving Forward (Shari, Chuck, and Jeremiah)

10:20 Break

10:40 Telecon and Discussion: Overview of Meeting Activities, Discussion Topics, Common Themes, and Results. Include Participation of Full Advisory Group to Summarize and Discuss the Advisory Group's Organization, Status, and Approach for Meetings, Opportunity for TRB Meeting, and Functional Roles and Responsibilities (Shari, Chuck, and Jeremiah)

Conference Call Date: Friday, September 28, 2007

Time: 10:40 AM CST (Duration: planned for 1 hour)

Meet Me Conference Phone Number: (662) 325 – 5334

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11:40 Finalize Next Steps, Action Items, and Next Meeting(s) (Chuck and Shari)

12:00 Meeting Close