

Memorandum of Regional Cooperation

Southeast Michigan Regional Concept for Transportation Operations

Purpose

This Memorandum for Regional Cooperation serves as a framework for coordinated decision making in implementing and monitoring Southeast Michigan's Regional Concept for Transportation Operations (RCTO). The undersigned — SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, who will facilitate this effort, along with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan State Police (MSP) — affirm their commitment to working together to provide the following regional operations vision:

“Southeast Michigan will have reliable and managed transportation operations across jurisdictional, geographic, and modal boundaries for both routine and abnormal traffic operations in order to save lives, time, and money for the region's travelers.”

Effective transportation systems management and operations are crucial to the safety, security, and reliability of our transportation system, especially as travel demand rises. Achieving effective management and operations of the transportation system on a regional level means that agencies and jurisdictions must collaborate in a deliberate and sustained fashion.

Concept

The Southeast Michigan Regional Concept of Transportation Operations satisfies three overarching goals in support of the regional operations vision. They are:

- presenting a vision for future operations and management of the transportation system, from a regional perspective;
- demonstrating that Southeast Michigan transportation operations agencies are formally united in planning for and conducting operations for the transportation system from a regional perspective; and
- providing an opportunity to collectively plan for operations by providing specific strategies for consideration in the planning and funding processes.

Implementation of this RCTO will demonstrate today's best practices and innovative approaches and activities for the regional management and operations of the surface transportation system.

Objectives

Four initial RCTO objectives have been developed through broad-based collaboration and coordination among Metropolitan Detroit transportation service providers, public safety agencies, and other regional operations partners. They are:

- identifying priority corridors, making them candidates for investments;
- disseminating operations information to stakeholders, the media, and individual travelers;

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- retiming traffic signals regularly; and
- clearing incidents quickly and safely.

These RCTOs represent a shared vision of transportation operations and provide a roadmap of what is needed in the next three to five years to safely, reliably, and efficiently manage the surface transportation system, especially those systems that cross multiple jurisdictional boundaries. The needs include physical improvements, relationships and procedures that must be established, and resources that are required to achieve the vision.

Responsibilities

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, as the RCTO facilitator, will coordinate all future partnership activities, such as monitoring and updating of the region's RCTOs.

MDOT, MSP, and other partnering agencies, which have indicated their commitment to this effort through letters of support towards this MOU, will contribute and provide input to the implementation of the initial RCTOs and development of additional Regional Concept of Transportation Operations as needed. Each participating agency will support these ongoing activities by making information sources and other resources available. Each partner will also be responsible for working through the barriers that may arise while planning for and conducting regional transportation operations.

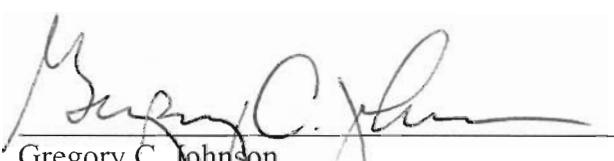
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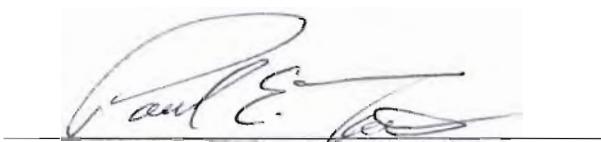
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