

**Commercial Vehicle Information Systems  
and Networks (CVISN) Team Meeting Notes  
May 27, 2015 – Wednesday, 10:30 am**



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**Attendees:**

David Binder, Drivewyze  
Stacie Blizzard, FHWA  
Paul Clark, FDOT  
Tisha Keller, FTA  
Lynn McElroy, DOR  
Jeff Pouliotte, FDOT Permits  
Predeep Rao, HNTB  
Marie Tucker, FDOT  
Craig Wilson, FDOT MCSAW

Jerry Bullard, FDOT MCSAW  
Paul Claunch, HELP, Inc.  
David Helton, DHMSV  
Ronnie Martin, FDOT Permits  
Richard Mechlin, FHP CVE  
Rudy Powell, FDOT Maintenance  
Tim Rutherford, DACS  
Clayton Tyson, Clayton Tyson Consulting  
Keith Westphal, Brandt

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Welcome and Introductions**

Paul Clark welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone went around the room/phone and introduced themselves.

**Current Project updates and/or discussion**

**Pre-Clearance at Motor Carrier Compliance Weigh Stations**

Jerry Bullard started by stating that Florida has two pre-clearance companies that we work with. He then reviewed the bypass and pull-in data that was provided in the handouts for both companies. He went on to say that we are continually seeing an increase in the numbers for Drivewyze as more companies are using them in Florida. David Binder stated that other states are seeing an 80-100% increase monthly for Drivewyze users.

Ronnie Martin asked if the Department was going to look at this for permitted loads. J. Bullard responded that there has been some discussion on pulling the number of permitted loads who were with PrePass and Drivewyze. He continued to state that the carriers do have to pull in if they are carrying a permitted load. D. Binder said that he has had some discussions regarding some of the permitted loads coming out of the ports and Intelligent Imaging Systems (IIS) thinks they have a good solution. R. Martin stated that it does not have to be all permitted loads but for the smaller permitted loads we could probably bypass. P. Clark stated that his office just kicked off a study for bypassing permitted loads. The study will determine how we can verify a permitted load at one weigh station and bypass at the other weigh stations along the approved route. J. Bullard stated that if it was a load that required escorts he would see how this would work. P. Clark stated that there will be criteria for the permitted loads so not all would be able to be bypassed. D. Binder stated that he thought IIS could bypass all the containerized loads and will send the information to R. Martin.

## **Pre-Clearance at Agriculture Sites**

Tim Rutherford reviewed the data from the handouts. He stated that the AgPass numbers are continuing to grow. He continued to state that Drivewyze is operational and continues to grow as well, there was a 196% increase in bypassed vehicles from February to March. The pre-clearance is working well and reducing traffic.

T. Rutherford stated that Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS) has assigned someone to work on stolen cargo. The officer is currently working on three cases with one arrest already made and others are anticipated. There will be more information available at the next meeting. P. Clark suggested the container number database as a resource.

## **Automated Permitting System Utilization**

R. Martin reported that there have been an increase of 2,000 users since the last quarter reports, there are now over 200 accounts profiles in the system. Applications submitted by industry has risen to over 2,000 and the applications processed by the permits office has dropped by over 1,600 and the total number of permits issued since the deployment of the system has increased by over 22,000 permits since the last quarter. R. Martin stated that the routing engine in the system has been disabled as of 5/4/15. The effect to the industry is that they cannot auto issue permits up to 112,000lbs, so now it make take two or more hours to get the permit since the permit office is now having to review those applications. Jeff Pouliotte stated that this was due to data that needs to be updated and it was unsafe to continue using that data to issue permits. This problem is actively being worked on. R. Martin stated that they are preparing a request for qualifications to have the data cleansing done and at that time they expect to have full automation where the system can auto issue a permit up to 199,000lbs.

## **BOL Program**

Lynn McElroy stated that she did not get her stats in on time but did want to report that they are having a stellar year and are going to surpass last years collections. She stated that they are currently at \$16 million and just received a \$3 million check so they expect to surpass \$20 million in collections.

## **E-Credentialing System Usage Stats**

David Helton reviewed the stats in the handouts. He stated that they continue to see an increase each quarter. They anticipate that these numbers will continue to grow year after year. The system has been in place since about 2006 and don't anticipate replacing the system until at least fiscal year 17/18. P. Clark stated that while he was at the CVISN workshop earlier in the month it was stated the Florida is sending some records that are needed and believes it was trailer registrations and intrastate carrier information. D. Helton stated that they are sending intrastate information and that is due to a request from PrePass since they have a lot of customers who are intrastate. So it was requested that we send that information to Safer so they could use that information for free instead of paying the state for those records. D. Helton stated that it will very difficult to stop those records from being sent. There has been discussion with Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) regarding those records and it is being monitored and researched on whether they still should be sent. P. Clark summarized the issue to Paul Claunch with Help Inc. P. Clark stated that he needed to get a resolution on this issue because Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) does not want these records. P. Claunch asked that P. Clark contact him offline to discuss.

## **MCSAW Grant Projects**

Craig Wilson stated that the first mainline weigh-in-motion (WIM) will be installed this week at White Springs. Yulee is completed on the engineering side and will still need to be installed. C. Wilson stated that it has been a work in progress and is finally coming together. Tisha Keller asked what mainline WIMs are as she thought all of our stations had WIMs. C. Wilson stated that these are located on the travel lane and can weigh them at highway speeds. She then asked how this would affect the bypass systems. P. Clark stated that eventually they will merry up and be used as a screening criteria. T. Keller asked how this would affect the thermal brake system. P. Clark stated that the thermal brake system is going to be installed at the Yulee weigh station. The specification has been put out to bid and once we go through that process we will start the installation process. This will be used as a test case scenario as we want to make sure the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) is utilizing the technology to get the unsafe carriers off the road. P. Clark stated that once the system is in place he will work with Motor Carrier Size and Weight (MCSAW) to have a site visit and invite Florida Trucking Association (FTA) and some of their carriers. T. Keller asked in respect to CVISN how far away is Florida from virtual roadside inspections. P. Clark stated that he spoke with Jeff Loftus while attending the CVISN workshop and asked him how they were approaching this and there is a five state that are going to be test beds and we have asked for Florida to be involved in that testing if possible. He stated that it is coming sooner rather than later but there is no specific time frame at this point. We will use the CVISN grant to move forward with this once it is out there. FMCSA is trying to modify the grant which will help since they are trying to change the match from 50/50 to 85/15.

## **Container Number Database**

P. Clark stated that we are continuing to get request to have officers signed up for this system and getting a lot of good feedback. We have been asked to make some modifications to the system and are looking into that. T. Keller asked if this was integrated with Electronic Freight Theft Management System (EFTMS) and P. Clark stated that at this time it is not but we are looking into that possibility.

## **DACS Grant Projects**

Jeff Jordan was not able to attend the meeting and did not provide any updates.

## **Trucking Industry Update**

T. Keller stated that FTA has had a really busy spring. Starting with the session, FTA put a lot of work into several bills only to have them go home early. We do expect them to be back on June 1<sup>st</sup> but to only work on the budget. She stated that most everything that was shared with the group died with the session but there were a few things that passed. There was discussion regarding House Bill 145 which includes adding additional board members to the Commercial Motor Vehicle Review Board as well as carriers protesting weight citations that were given due to being weighed on portable scales. T. Keller continued to state that other things that fell through the cracks were the port of entry but are gearing up for 2016 for that. She then reviewed some other bills that did not pass.

T. Keller stated that the big issue they are dealing with now is truck parking and are currently dealing with Ryan Marks in District 4 regarding the issues on I-4. P. Clark stated that he is involved on this project and funding has been requested but now have to provide some additional information. He stated that there is currently a

Federal Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) grant submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to get \$1 million to install a truck parking system on I-4 and I-95. We are looking at going statewide with the system and this grant will get things started.

T. Keller stated that FTA has the Cargo Theft Summit coming up June 29-30, here in Tallahassee and will send the announcement out to the group. The annual meeting July 23-24 in Palm Beach. Ken Armstrong is putting together the agenda so he will know about speaking opportunities.

### **Other Items**

D. Helton stated that he attended the International Registration Plan (IRP) Annual Meeting the prior week and wanted to give the group an updated. There were 54 jurisdictions represented, there were also industry and law enforcement attendees. Charter bus exemption will go away as of January 2016 and enforcement will begin. FMCSA was in attendance and gave an update to Performance and Registration Information Systems Management (PRISM) and the funding for that program. Kentucky made a very interesting presentation on their weigh station software and it is very good technology. Nevada issued the first license plate to an automated commercial vehicle. There is video on the web of the truck in action. One topic that is discussed a lot at this meeting and the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) annual meeting is going to all electronic credentialing, getting rid of paper and of decals on the side of the trucks. So as things move forward with that topic it may be a potential opportunity for using grant funds.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

### **Next CVISN Meeting**

August 27, 2015, 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Conference Room 308, 3rd Floor in the Rhyne Building, 2740 Centerview Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301. Call in Number: 850-410-5666; Toll Free: 866-374-3368 ext 5666