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International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

Board of Directors Meeting

May 13, 2014

(By Conference call)

Board members present: Gerry Carrigan, Buddy Croft, Andy Fremier, Mike Heiligenstein (President), Rob Horr (Immediate Past President), Samuel Johnson, John McCuskey, Chris Tomlinson, Cyndi Ward, Chris Waszczuk. **IBTTA Staff:** Neil Gray, Pat Jones. **Guest:** Dave Kristick, Chair, Interoperability Committee

The purpose of the call was to have a high level discussion on the progress of the work of the IBTTA Interoperability Committee efforts to achieve nationwide ETC interoperability.

Introduction

IBTTA President Mike Heiligenstein called the meeting to order at 11:04 am (EDT) and introduced Dave Kristick, Chair of the IBTTA Interoperability Committee.

Tracking the committee's work with IBTTA's March 9, 2013 Report to Congress.

- Continued commitment to a coordinated plan of action by October 2016
- Commitment to *open* technical and design standards – avoidance of *propriety protocols*
- Reliance on a *requirements-based* determination of a national toll protocol (NTP)
- Encourage *freedom of choice for:*
 - Customers
 - Toll Operators

Assessment of the Current North American Toll Situation (SWOT)

Strengths:

- Strong ETC Use Nationwide – can be leveraged, vast majority of toll operators have ETC
- Availability of possible regional back office hubs

Weaknesses:

- Protocol disparity, reader and key back office limitations
- Large-scale projects under development (FL, IL, CA)

Opportunities:

- Fast-growing managed lane developments nationwide (we need to reach out to congestion management (managed lane) operators who may not consider themselves “tolling facilities”)
- “Warmth” to tolling at the federal level – Administration proposal for Interstate tolling
- Real transportation funding limitations (federal highway program issues & cutbacks)

Threats:

- USDOT Connected Vehicle Program (potential of mandated 5.9 GHz tech in vehicles)
- Allowing our subcommittee work to “get into the weeds” (e.g. security issues on tag)
- Not encouraging third party providers access to our process (overlooking new tech or developments with existing tech and processes)

Focus of Future Meeting Calls - Subcommittee Progress Reports

The subcommittee chairs will participate in these future board briefings to give an update of their progress to date and needed future efforts.

- Thursday, June 19, 11 a.m. EDT: Roadside Operations
- Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m. EDT: Back Office
- Friday, August 22, 11 a.m. EDT: Communications, Policy and Governance

Questions & Answers and Comments

Question: What is the difference between the Policy and Governance Committees?

Answer: They are similar – the Governance Subcommittee is newly formed and is still sorting out their mission and plans.

Question: Are we on schedule compared to the timeline shared with the Board in April in Jersey City?

Answer: Yes

Question: On the role of multi-protocol readers? Is that what you meant by taking advantage of what the vendors (industry) can do?

Answer: Layers of the onion, (1) open technical and design standards, and (2) Back office requirements.

Comment: Managed lanes are moving fast in California – struggling with operators to fill funding gaps.

Comment: On the topic of MUTCD (Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices), Rosa Rountree has a good plan to solicit feedback from the Board. This topic should be discussed more fully at a later date. Identify for the Board key steps that need to be acted on before the September Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at about 12 noon (EDT).

Respectfully submitted,

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