

UDG Specifications and Standards Group Notes of a Meeting

Meeting particulars

Meeting held: 10:00 on 28 September 2007 by telephone conference

The following were present:

- Derek Renaud, TfL *Chair*
- Mark Cartwright, Centaur Consulting *Secretary*
- Brent Collier, Sheffield CC
- Laurie Egan, Norfolk CC
- Hamilton Purdie, Glasgow CC

The following tendered their apologies:

- Martin Porter, Lancashire CC
- Gary Umpleby, Mott Macdonald (on behalf of USF)

1 Welcome and introductions

Action

- 1.1 With the move to a telephone conference approach, it had been possible for LA representatives avoid excessive travel. Hopefully this will resolve the participation problems of the past.

2 Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

- 2.1 The minutes of the last meeting (25 July 2007) were accepted as an accurate record.

3 Technical Secretary's report

- 3.1 The provision of a written report was welcomed.

- 3.2 The issue of an ANPR standard was discussed. The work being led by Halcrow was acknowledged but the potential inputs of the public sector should not be forgotten. S&SG should now take the lead and call for a "working group" to meet, aiming sometime in the second half of November.

MC

- 3.3 It was noted that the rising bollard MIB would be the subject of a Manchester-led proposal which the S&SG should expect to receive in a week or two. We should probably aim to resolve this by correspondence.

MC

- 3.4 Atkins' work on a Traffic Counter MIB (noted in the report) is related to work being undertaken by Traffic Scotland. Atkins, who are TS's consultants, had been instructed to deliver their solution on a UTMC basis. S&SG welcomed this proactive approach and thanked HP.

- 3.5 Regarding unique identifiers, LE suggested that this should be linked with the National Streetworks Register, which is an established national database. The "LA Code" part could come from this. MC noted that the geographical information in the Electronic Transfer Of Notices (ETON) framework had been reported as being inconsistent with UTMC. LE will raise in the National Traffic Managers' Forum (which next meets end-October), and MC will raise once again with DfT. **LE/MC**
- 3.6 The framework on Journey Time standards was noted. It was agreed to use this as an input paper to the ANPR Workshop, specifically in order to facilitate cross-border JT measurement (which would require interoperable ANPR information from different authorities). **MC**
- 3.7 Incident management is a hot topic at present. LE will take this issue, and the technical "position paper" presented, to the National Traffic Managers' Forum. **LE**
- 3.8 MC reported that the review on Security advice had been presented to the UDG MG. Having been accepted and welcomed, the task was now to use the conclusions to update the UTMC guidance report originally published under UTMC23. **MC**
- 3.9 It was felt, after discussion, that it would be simpler and more flexible if UDG had its own framework contracts for technical support. DR/MC will begin to draft the relevant paperwork. **MC/DR**

4 Compliance

- 4.1 There had been no submissions for compliant products during the period.

5 Product catalogue

- 5.1 The planned competitive call for the development of a web-based product catalogue had been undertaken and completed, and a preferred supplier identified. MC observed that funds available through the COYC contract would not cover the task so this was dependent on the new DfT contract. DR noted that as the task was structured in stages with breakpoints, it should be possible to get the first stage underway. MC would investigate and activate the contract if at all possible. **MC**

[Note: this has now been done.]

- 5.2 In the meantime, the old Word-document Catalogue was being maintained. There have, however, been no submissions in the past period, so no update had been issued.

6 Technical Specification update

- 6.1 There have been no proposed updates to the Tech Spec, but we are aware of a number of activities in train:
- Halcrow are developing an ANPR MIB;
 - Atkins are developing a traffic counter MIB;
 - Manchester/AGD are intending to develop a rising bollard MIB.
- 6.2 After some negotiation, we have received a revised tender for UML-ising the Data Objects Registry. MC had reviewed it and felt comfortable; DR would be doing so shortly. **DR**
- 6.3 This UML-ising task was dependent on funding from the new DfT contract. Once this is in place, MC will activate the contract. **MC**

7 Technical work for 2007-08 – discussion

- 7.1 MC noted that, as we are about to submit a bid to DfT for UDG support, there is an opportunity to capture current ideas for technical work. Any thoughts, in addition to those already under discussion, should be sent through to MC ASAP. The relevant parts of the bid will be circulated for S&SG comment prior to submission to DfT – expected around mid-October. **MC**

8 AOB

- 8.1 The issue of migration from demonstration-phase UTMC systems to full compliance with TS003/TS004 was discussed. Large costs were being quoted which was, in many cases, dissuading people from taking this step.
- 8.2 Suppliers had noted previously that they had a natural role and expertise in marketing. It was agreed that S&SG would, via GU, ask USF whether it could support the production of a “Why you should be TS004 compliant” flyer, probably focussing on the value of future integration. **GU**
- 8.3 The state of the unified UTC MIB post-UG405 was reviewed. The considerable technical progress from the suppliers was welcomed. Everyone would continue to offer encouragement and support to those involved, so that we can meet the target date of November (for the Conference). **All**

9 Next meetings

- 9.1 The approach of holding S&SG meetings by teleconference was considered to have been very successful and would be continued. The next meeting will be at 11:30 on 13 November 2007. **MC**