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International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association

Board of Directors Meeting

July 16, 2014, 11:00 AM EDT

(By Conference call)

IBTTA Board members present: Buddy Croft, Cedrick Fulton, Samuel Johnson, Kristi Lafleur, John McCuskey, Peter Merfeld, Diane Scacetti, Tim Stewart, Chris Tomlinson, Joe Waggoner, Cyndi Ward, Chris Waszczuk. **IBTTA Staff:** Neil Gray, Pat Jones. **Guests:** Dave Kristick, Chair, Interoperability Committee; Tim Reilly, Chair, Back Office Subcommittee; Michael Catolico, Peter Mills, Mark Muriello, Rick Sommerville, Conrad Welzel.

The purpose of the call was to have a high level discussion on the progress of the work of the IBTTA Back Office Subcommittee to achieve nationwide ETC interoperability.

Introduction

Pat Jones called the meeting to order at 11:01 am (EDT) and introduced Dave Kristick, Chair of the IBTTA Interoperability Committee. In turn, Dave introduced Tim Reilly, chairman of the Back Office Subcommittee who provided a review of the group's work and actions to date and planned activities going forward. Here's a summary of the discussion:

The main task of the subcommittee has been the collection and comparison of the Interface Control Documents (ICD's) used by the various member agencies. Many agencies based their ICD on the IAG (EZ-Pass) ICD.

Before finishing compilation of the ICD's the group needs a better understanding of how the data is being transmitted back and forth, i.e. via Peer to Peer or Hub networks. The group needs to decide on the predominant or preferred model to pursue since there are different options associated with each.

The subcommittee has collected business rules from all over:

- IOP business rules
- Operate with a guaranteed toll model (draft includes such guarantees)
- Anonymous account would not be allowed for NIOP
- Use of video for tolling (in the draft rules the decision to make use of video is left up to the respective agency)
- Applications other than tolling

Documents are close to being complete. The IAG and its members have been helpful in submitting comments and Tim is running a table at the ATI forum on this issue which will hopefully he hopes will generate additional comments.

Other documents: IOP Agreement – is missing the “governance” portion, still being worked on – issues with confidentiality, definition/explanation differs from agency to agency.

The issue of confidentiality of data from state to state and agency to agency is a thorny issue. One statement on the matter: “If you gain access to information, you should keep it as confidential as you can under your own agency rules.” Greater issue is that many agencies operate under “open records” requirements that make it more difficult to secure information (i.e. they have to give out any information that is requested.).

Q: Will there be fees associated with IOP and transfer funds? Also, how frequently would one transfer?

A: I don’t want to send a different invoice for money individually to different agencies – should be part of an integrated transfer and reconciliation process. The user agreement for NIOP can be different from the respective agency’s customer agreement.

Q: Guaranteed tolls?

A: This is an issue of financial exposure and how much exposure the agencies are comfortable with – this is a topic that needs more work.

Q: Confidentiality: specific agencies may have difficulty releasing data to places where confidentiality requirements are less stringent; similarly some states are unable to share personal information unless a warrant is available.

A: Tim Reilly would welcome everyone’s help in trying to come to some clarification/resolution of this.

Q: License plate information – isn’t this a problem with anonymous accounts insofar as you link a plate with an account you can longer be anonymous?

A: As mentioned earlier, a base premise of the NIOP is that anonymous accounts would not be allowed. General premise of the NIOP process is that this is a service being offered by (participating) agencies to their customers who are seeking the nationally interoperable tag - this would be one of several value judgments a potential customer would have to make.

Future Board Conference Calls - Subcommittee Progress Reports

The fourth of four board briefing calls on interoperability will be held August 22 at 11 a.m. EDT, with reports from the chairs of the Communications and Governance Subcommittees.

Respectfully submitted,

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