

**Minutes**  
**CVISN Architecture Configuration Control Board**  
17 July 2008

**Attendees:**

Mike Pannone (AK)	Jodee Alm (MT)	Bill Goforth (WA)
Terri Ungerman (AR/OK)	Cathy Beedle (NE)	Renee Piraino (WI)
Pete Camm (CA)	John Casteel (NE)	Kris Weaver (ACS)
Judy Foster (CA)	Keith Dey (NE)	Bill Giuffre (CSI)
Punita Choxi (DE)	Beth Hartley (NE)	Chris Campbell (Iteris)
Sharon Easley (FL)	Basheer Shaik (NC)	Julie Lane (FMCSA)
Sandy Bowling (IN)	Hal Rumpca (SD)	Chris Flynn (Volpe)
Delaine Adkins (KS)	Dan Cline (TN)	Jingfei Wu (Volpe)
Kalyna Nedilsky (MD)	Tammy Duncan (TX)	Nancy Magnusson (APL)
Manoj Pansare (MD)	Jennifer Spuler (TX)	Mary Stuart (APL)

A meeting of the CVISN Architecture Configuration Control Board (ACCB) was held 17 July 2008. The list of Change Requests (CRs) that were discussed was posted to the ACCB Collaboration SharePoint site prior to the meeting. A list of all CVISN Architecture CRs may be found on the ACCB Collaboration site at: [https://partners.jhuapl.edu/BA/hp/cvisn/ACCB/CR\\_Status](https://partners.jhuapl.edu/BA/hp/cvisn/ACCB/CR_Status) in the file: "ArchitectureCRs\_all". For those CRs discussed at the meeting, the "Description" section of each CR summarizes the discussion and reflects changes to the CR.

Action items assigned appear in the relevant section of the minutes. Comments or corrections to these minutes or the CRs should be sent to Sandra Boys ([sandra.boys@jhuapl.edu](mailto:sandra.boys@jhuapl.edu)).

Items that the ACCB recommends submitting to FMCSA for approval are noted below the action item list.

The ACCB minutes and architecture CRs are posted on the Change Request page of the FMCSA CVISN Web site: <http://cvisn.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

The URL for the ACCB Collaboration site is <https://partners.jhuapl.edu/BA/hp/cvisn/ACCB>. To get a password for the CVISN Collaboration SharePoint site, contact Nancy Magnusson ([nancy.magnusson@jhuapl.edu](mailto:nancy.magnusson@jhuapl.edu)).

The next meeting will be held **21 August 2008** at 2:00 PM Eastern.

## Discussion Items

### 1. Open Architecture CRs

Discussion continued on Architecture CR 5679 Synopsis: "Request carrier name in SAFERSYS UCR query output". The change requested by this CR was previously submitted to FMCSA by the UCR Board on 5 March 2008. The correspondence between the UCR Board and FMCSA on this change request is available on the AAMVA Web site at: <http://www.aamva.org/KnowledgeCenter/Vehicle/MotorCarriers/default.htm>.

While FMCSA replied to the UCR Board that, due to other Agency priorities, they could not accommodate the request at this time, the response seemed to indicate that fulfilling the request for legal name and DBA name would require the development of an additional data field in MCMIS to send to SAFER. In fact, there are data fields already in MCMIS and SAFER for both legal name and DBA name; both are currently available in the T0031 carrier output transactions; and the request was simply to display this information on the SAFERSYS Web screen in the results for a UCR query.

The ACCB suggested that the CVISN architecture CR be clarified so that the intent of the request is absolutely clear before submitting to FMCSA for approval. In the discussion on whether both legal and DBA names should be included, some states said both are helpful because the DBA name might be the name on the truck, and some operators want to see the DBA name on all documentation. It was agreed that both will still be requested. The CR will be updated to make it clear that the request is for data that already exists in SAFER to be displayed on the SAFERSYS Web screen in response to a UCR query.

ACCB members are asked to review the updated ACCB CR and IT Systems Change Request that are posted to the 2008-08-21 telecon workspace. The clarification will be addressed with the UCR Board.

### 2. Volpe/CVISN: Report on open SAFER CRs and SAFER releases

Volpe reported on the status of states' re-baselining, SAFER releases, and new SAFER Change Requests (SCRs). The July 18 release affected UCR uploads. The September release will include some changes for CVISN and several related to inspection report uploads.

The CVISN changes for the September release include:

- SCR 1838 "CR/LF in VIN field of T0030"
- SCR 89 "Develop capability to handle errors at single record level"
- SCR 1841 "T0031 Data Timeliness Monitoring"

Deployment of SCR 147, "Enforce data integrity checking among T0020, T0021 and T0022", will be delayed a few weeks.

SCR 301, "Last Update Date in T0031 doesn't reflect correct date from MCMIS to SAFER transfer", will not be implemented in the September release. This SCR deals with the Last

Update Date from MCMIS and how it populates different transactions. Because this CR is not on the schedule for September 2008, CVISN stakeholders feel that a work-around is needed to ensure that the states apply the most current data in their CVIEWS. WA suggested that Volpe analyze the multiple dates in the T0031 and advise which dates and what logic the states should use to determine the most current record.

Bill Goforth asked about ISS scores. Jingfei Wu said that SCR 1782 “Enhance SAFER web to display ISS score” was not deployed in the March 2008 release and it was taken off the 2008 SAFER Development Plan due to resource problems. This CR would have addressed the ISS issue, in part. Bill said this SCR should be high priority for the next release. A new SAFER CR is needed to address the issue that ISS scores in SAFER are not current for some carriers with insufficient data. It is not clear whether the current problem is that 1) ISS scores for carriers with insufficient data are not recalculated on a regular basis and/or 2) that the SAFER and A&I algorithms used for ISS score calculations for these carriers are not in sync. Analysis by Volpe is needed. Jingfei will write a new SAFER CR to address this problem.

In describing the 12 new SCRs in the posted document, Jingfei noted that they are almost all for inspection report modifications. These CRs are from a new category of FMCSA change requests that deals with legislation or program policies. The policies require changes that impact one or more systems. These “major projects” do not coincide with the regular change request and release schedules.

Tammy Duncan asked whether some of these inspection changes were going to affect SAFER transactions. Jingfei replied that they only impact what is seen on the Query Central screen; the XML transaction for inspection summary does not include this level of detail.

### **3. Prioritization of newly approved CRs**

None this month.

Jingfei said the FY 2009 SAFER releases would probably be March and September 2009. Volpe requests ACCB input for the FY 2009 SAFER Development Plan. Bill Goforth suggested discussing this at the September CVISN workshop. Jingfei said the end of September would probably be okay for a meeting. An updated list of open SAFER CRs is needed.

### **4. FMCSA Technical Support: Report on trouble tickets and defects**

Chris Flynn reported that compliance with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act for the HEAT system has been achieved. Anyone can utilize the HEAT Self Serve system now with UAS password. He also mentioned that they have assigned someone on the federal side to monitor the CVISN daily checklist. Stakeholders should be seeing an improvement in FMCSA Technical Support notices about baselines.

There was discussion about whether the request for mapping ASPEN data fields into SAFER had been satisfied. Chris Flynn will review e-mails, see what is needed, and confer with

Jingfei. Jingfei will coordinate with APL on holding a telecon to discuss with interested states.

Note from Chris Flynn: New customer support person, Calvin Pires, 617-494-3352, [calvinpires@dot.gov](mailto:calvinpires@dot.gov), who can help with CVIEW/CVISN issues. Chris's phone # is 617-494-2662.

## **5. Volpe/PRISM: Report on PRISM CRs relevant to CVISN stakeholders**

Jingfei noted that the PRISM team has been discussing a proposal to delete the data element TH\_INDICATOR from the T0028 transaction. There is nothing definite yet.

## **7. Review of new and open CVISN Architecture CRs**

Architecture CRs 5678 and 5692, which propose updates to COACH Part 1, were discussed. Participants agreed with the proposed changes and deletions. Stakeholders were asked to consider the Core CVISN requirement "Proactively provide updates to carrier snapshots as needed when IFTA credentials actions are taken or tax payments are made." Stakeholders were reminded that the usefulness of IFTA data in the screening process is an unresolved issue from the 2007 CVISN Deployment Workshop. Several states said they want to see the IFTA data at the roadside. States said they would like to discuss the question with other CVISN team members and the roadside folks.

## **8. Proactive Data Quality / Operational Issues Focus Group report (Bill Goforth)**

No report this month.

## **9. Other Issues**

### **a. UCR**

There were no comments on the e-mail from FMCSA to the CVISN Program Managers regarding the UCR interface.

### **b. Potential New MCMIS fields**

At the 2 July meeting of the Information Management Authority (IMA), there was discussion of the Active/Inactive Carrier data quality issue: what does 'active' vs. 'inactive' mean exactly, how is status maintained, and why does MCMIS want to keep track of it? Carriers that go out of business are not likely to update their MCS-150 with inactive status. Chief counsel says FMCSA cannot change the status of the carrier in MCMIS to inactive without evidence from the carrier. There is a working group to develop a policy about active/inactive. Related to this, there was discussion of potential new data fields in MCMIS, "recent activity" and "recent activity date". The purpose of these fields would be to identify inactive carriers. It has been proposed that any activity within three years would cause a carrier to be considered 'active'. Buck Baley of Volpe is working on requirements.

Sandy Bowling from Indiana said this would be good. She has seen inspections where the data shows the carrier as inactive, but they are obviously active and out on the road. How do we get them to change the status to active? Mary Stuart noted that one of FMCSA's concerns is that carriers avoid getting bad inspection results loaded into ISS calculations by listing themselves as inactive on purpose.

### **Action Items from Recent ACCB Meetings\***

- **Action Item 146 (Volpe-Chris Flynn and David Acker):** Look into the request for mapping ASPEN data fields into SAFER. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-07-31.** *Open. Kris Weaver, MD, and APL have requested this information. The request has been clarified, and Volpe should complete this in a few weeks. Chris Flynn will review e-mails, see what is needed, and confer with Jingfei. Jingfei will coordinate with APL on holding a telecon to discuss with interested states.*
- **Action Item 147 (Volpe-FMCSA Technical Support):** Notify the group when re-certification of all states is complete so they can plan for the re-baseline. *Open. WI has not re-certified yet.*
- **Action Item 149 (Volpe-Chris Flynn):** Reply to Kris Weaver on HEAT test results. *Closed.*
- **Action Item 156 (JHU/APL):** Bring up the lack of coordination between the UCR Board and the CVISN ACCB as an issue to FMCSA. *Closed.*
- **Action Item 157 (JHU/APL):** Clarify CR and IT Systems Change Request. Post for comments and discuss with UCR Board. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-07-22.** *Closed.*
- **Action Item 158 (Volpe):** Provide definitive list of CRs that are going to be implemented in September release, update on schedule of SAFER releases in the September 2008 timeframe and details on what the changes will be. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-08-19.** *New.*
- **Action Item 159 (Volpe):** Provide updated list of outstanding SAFER CRs to review with ACCB for prioritization. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-08-19.** *New.*
- **Action Item 160 (Volpe):** Develop a new SCR to address the problem that ISS scores in SAFER are not current for some carriers with insufficient data due to 1) ISS scores for carriers with insufficient data are not recalculated on a regular basis and/or 2) that the SAFER and A&I algorithms used for ISS score calculations for these carriers are not in sync. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-08-19.** *New.*
- **Action Item 161 (JHU/APL):** Send e-mail to states to request input on COACH Part 1 changes and requirements for IFTA data. Due date will be August 18, 2008. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-07-22.** *New.*

- **Action Item 162 (Volpe):** Perform analysis on a work around related to the Last Update Date, since SCR 301 will not be done for the September release, and get back to ACCB with choices. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-08-19.** *New.*
- **Action Item 163 (JHU/APL & Volpe):** Clarify what Volpe is planning for new MCMIS data elements related to “last activity” and “last activity date”. Stakeholders are interested in what defines “activity” and the time frame that determines active/inactive status. **SUSPENSE DATE: 2008-08-19** *New.*

\* Action Item numbers line up with the Action Item list on the CVISN Collaboration SharePoint site.

### **Items that the ACCB Recommended for FMCSA ECCB Approval**

None.

### **Items that the ACCB Disapproved**

None.

Note: Updates to the Architecture CRs discussed at this meeting can be found in the file: “ArchitectureCRs\_all,” which is on the ACCB Collaboration CR Status page ([https://partners.jhuapl.edu/BA/hp/cvisn/ACCB/CR\\_Status](https://partners.jhuapl.edu/BA/hp/cvisn/ACCB/CR_Status)).

Also please note that the comments in the “Description” sections of recent CRs have been organized so that the most recent information will be listed first.