## SEMECE

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

# Working Together to Improve Regional Operations through Traffic Incident Management







### Metro Detroit Traffic Incident Management History

- November, 1991 Greater Detroit Incident Management Conference (NIMC sponsor)
- February, 1992 Volunteers established the Metropolitan Detroit Incident Management Coordinating Committee
- 1993 Eight Task Forces established to develop recommendations regarding detection, response, removal, alt. routes, information, jurisdiction, legislation and budget.

# Metro Detroit Incident Management Coordination Coalition

- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Michigan State Police
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- Road Commission for Oakland County
- Road Commission of Macomb County
- Wayne County Roads
- Federal Highway Administration



# Metro Detroit Incident Management Coordination Coalition (cont'd)

- City of Detroit
- City of Southfield
- City of Troy
- WWJ radio
- Emergency Road Response
- MDOT Grand Region
- Wayne State University
- Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.



## Blueprint for Action, 1994 Recommendations

- Create Incident Management Center
- Remove abandoned vehicles in 4 hours instead of 48 hours
- First agency on scene to take charge
- Prepare standard boundary maps
- Install intermediate location markers
- Notify jurisdiction's road agency



### Blueprint for Action, 1994 Recommendations (cont'd)

- Expand coverage of Detroit's Freeway Operations
- Encourage towing/courtesy patrol
- Educate police and fire departments
- Legislate/educate moving disabled vehicles from travel lanes
- Develop alternate route plans
- Formalize jurisdictional agreements



## Blueprint for Action Accomplishments

### Surveillance

- System Expansion
  - ➤ 1957 1971: John C. Lodge Freeway Traffic Management Center, 2 miles
  - ➤ 1976 1991: SCANDI, 1,300 detectors, 4 cameras, 9 advisory signs, along 32.5 miles of freeway.
  - > 1983: ramp metering
  - > 1991: expansion to 180 miles of freeway, 180 CCTVs, 59 DMSs, 2,260 loops

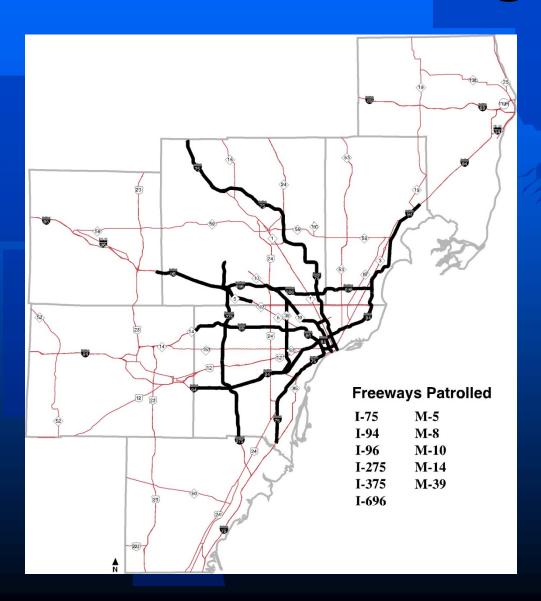


## Established Freeway Courtesy Patrol (FCP), 1994



- A service of MDOT
- 24 vehicles patrol Metro Detroit freeways
- Vehicles available 24 hours/7 days
- In 2007 there were 51,000 vehicle stops and 35,000 assists to stranded motorists

## FCP Coverage Map



### FCP Coordination Activities

- Established FCP Operations Committee
- Developed Freeway Courtesy Patrol Operations Guidelines
- Developed Incident Management Procedures
  - Incident Severity Classification
  - Responder Matrix for each Incident Level
- After-Action Review of Incident Response



### Levels of Incidents

<u>Level</u>	<u>Criteria</u>
Level I	Construction or weather-related lane restrictions
Level II	Freeway or median shoulder closure
Level III	One or more lanes closed in one or both directions
Level IV	One-direction freeway closure
Level V	Full freeway closure

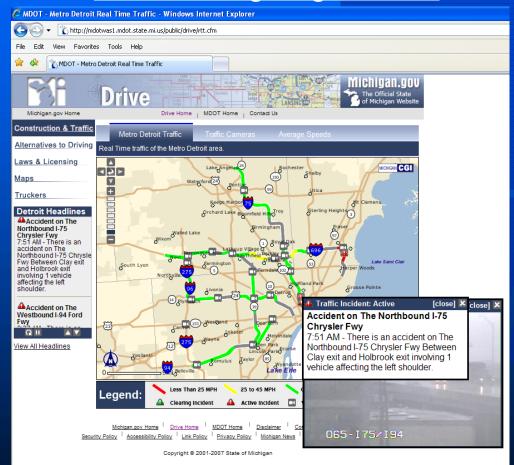


## Combined MDOT ITS TOC and MSP 911 Dispatch, 1995



### Disseminating Operations Information

#### www.michigan.gov/drive

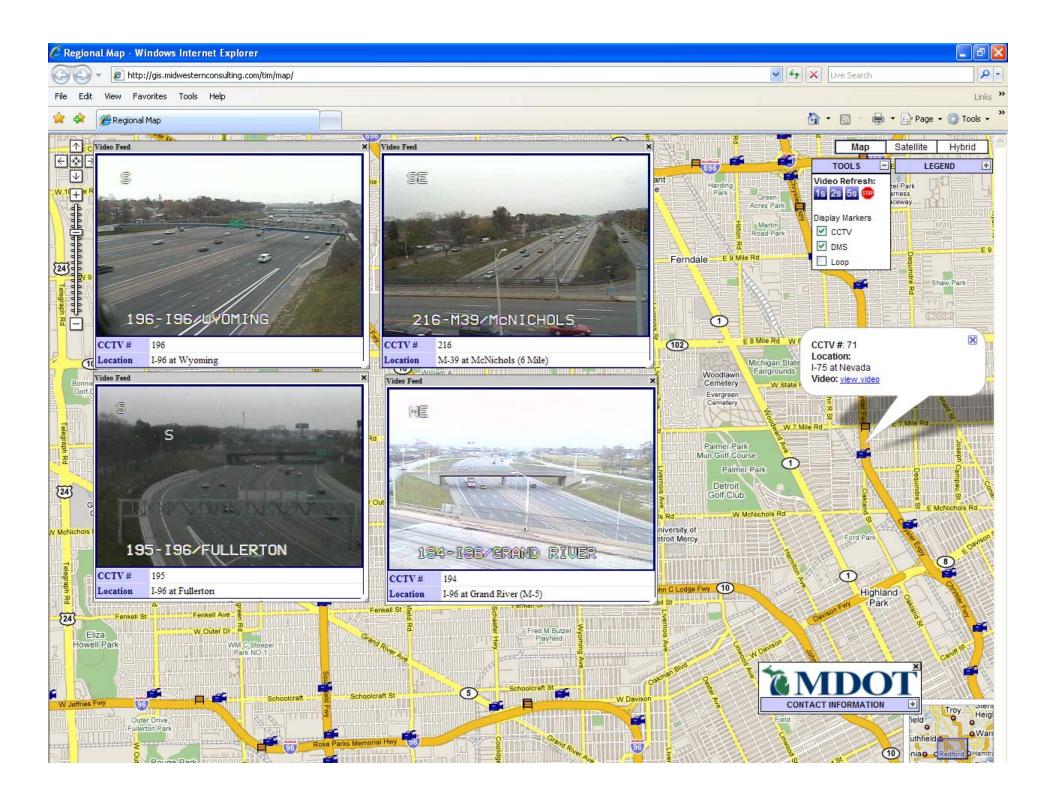




#### MDOT MITS Center Control Room







## Special Events Planning



## Intermediate Location Markers



## Construction Impact Mitigation: Ambassador Bridge Gateway Project



- Alternative Route Planning
- Crash Investigation Sites
- Redeployed Freeway Courtesy Patrol
- Transit
   Alternatives/Commuter
   Challenge
- Crash Investigation Site EXIT 206
- Communicate, Coordinate, and Cooperate

#### Legend



→ M3 (Gratiot) Detour Route

→ M97 (Groesbeck) Detour Route



Incident Responder Safety

2 Sessions 2008

Training



## High Visibility





# Regional Concept for Transportation Operations (RCTO), 2005

### Planning Group

- SEMCOG
- MDOT
- Michigan State Police
- Assistance by Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.



### RCTO Vision

"Southeast Michigan will have a reliable and managed transportation operations across geographic and modal boundaries for both routine traffic operations and traffic incident management that saves time, lives, and money for its travelers."



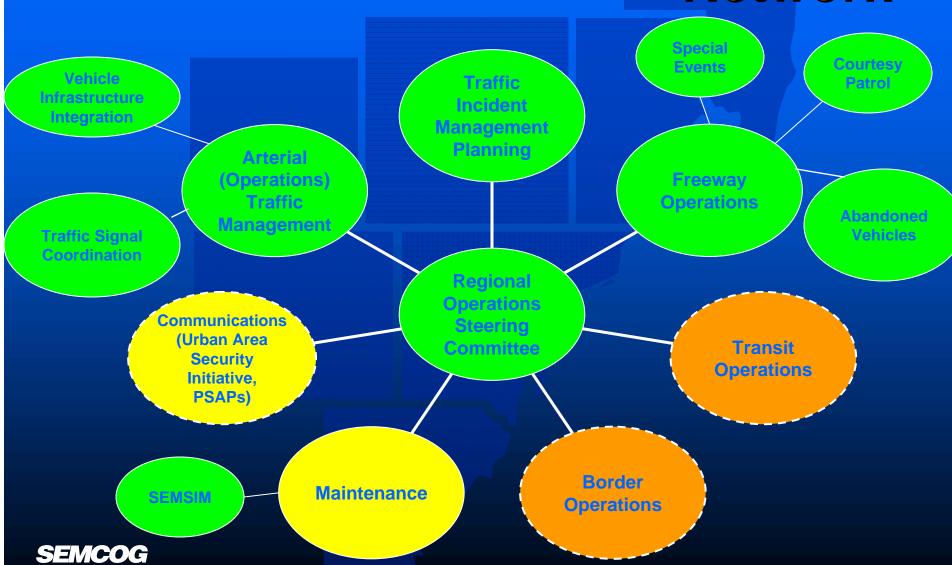
## Metro Detroit (Stakeholder) Suggestions

#### Objectives

- Identify arterial streets as priority corridors, making them candidates for investments in traffic signal optimization, communications infrastructure, and closed circuit television cameras.
- Disseminate operations information to stakeholders, the media, and individual travelers (i.e., video sharing).
- Retime traffic signals regularly.
- Reduce congestion and improve travel times by clearing incidents quickly and safely.



## Transportation Operations Network



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