

Meeting Summary
MetroGIS Technical Advisory Team
Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust Building, St. Paul, MN
2:00-4:00 PM, Room 205
November 17, 2005

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Basques called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Members Present: Bob Basques (City of St. Paul - Public Works), Eltayeb Elhassan (Washington County), Gordon Chinander (Metro Emergency Services Board), Brad Rupert (Carver County), Kent Tupper (Dakota County), Jim Bunning (Scott County), Travis Saladino for Dan Falbo (ESRI), Curt Peterson (Ramsey County), Robert Maki for Bart Richardson (MN DNR), Scott Simmer (Hennepin County).

Support Staff: Mark Kotz, Steve Fester

Visitors: John Carpenter (Excensus, LLC), Brian Fischer (Houston Engineering).

2. ACCEPT AGENDA

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

Basques was unanimously elected to a second term as Team Chair for 2006.

3. ACCEPT MEETING SUMMARY

The summary of the June 9, 2005 meeting was accepted.

4. ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

a) Trails Data

Peterson gave an overview of the Active Living Ramsey County (ALRC) program, which was developed to promote a healthier, less obese population in Ramsey County. A kickoff meeting was held on September 29 as explained in a handout provided to the group. Peterson explained how GIS is being used to develop a data layer that can be used by local government units in the County to help them identify all trails, pathways, and sidewalks, and where gaps might exist in this network. He also noted the importance of a common data file structure (standards), as has been developed by MetroGIS, given the many units of local government in the area.

5. PROJECT AND WORKGROUP REPORTS

a) Coordinating Committee and Policy Board Updates

Kotz noted that summaries of both meetings are available online at <http://www.metrogis.org/teams/cc/index.shtml> and <http://www.metrogis.org/teams/pb/index.shtml>.

b) E911 Address and Street Centerline Workgroup Update

Chinander updated the Team on the efforts of the E911 Address and Street Centerline Workgroup. Topics discussed included the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a metro-wide street centerline dataset for the entire metro area. More information on this workgroup can be found at http://www.metrogis.org/teams/workgroups/e911_streets/index.shtml.

c) Address Information Needs Workgroup Update

Kotz gave an update on this workgroup's recent activities, the most substantial of which was a presentation of the group's "vision" to the Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference the previous month (October 4, 2005.) The MetroGIS Address Information Needs Workgroup is comprised of city, county and

regional government staff from throughout the metro area. In April 2005, the MetroGIS Policy Board endorsed achieving this vision as a priority for the MetroGIS community. This vision is also supported by many county and municipal government officials. For more information on the Workgroup's efforts, see http://www.metrogis.org/data/info_needs/street_addresses/add_wkgrp.shtml.

6. TECHNICAL PRESENTATIONS & DEMONSTRATIONS

a) State GIS Enterprise Conceptual Architecture Design

Robert Maki, GIS Manager with the Dept. of Natural Resources, described for the group the conceptual design of a statewide system of data and application resource sharing within the Minnesota GIS community. As with the Address Information Needs Workgroup "Vision" (item 5c above), this was also originally presented at the statewide GIS/LIS Conference in early October. Maki explained that the emphasis at this stage is to focus on roles, relationships and capabilities rather than specifics (implementation, software, etc.)

b) Leveraging Open Source GIS Technology

Brian Fischer of Houston Engineering was invited to demonstrate to the group how different organizations have leveraged open-source GIS technology via web-based applications. Fischer's presentation slides, which include links to the applications described during the presentation, can be viewed at <http://www.metrogis.org/teams/ta/meetings/051117/osgis.pdf>.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

a) Round Table Information Sharing

John Carpenter, with Excensus, LLC, shared some information regarding daytime population trends in the metro area.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 9, 2006, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust offices, 100 Empire Drive, St. Paul.

9. ADJOURN

Basques adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

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