

Additional Notes Breakout Session #3 Group B

Question of what could the INFOstructure do that we cannot do now? Extend the reach of current applications; Consistent information aggregate; National scope perhaps like Weather Channel; Used to evaluate performance on larger scale.

Arterials are a local problem and INFOstructure Freeways, NHS concept. Discussion following indicated arterials must be part of INFOstructure.

INFOstructure is an initiative to get things done; processes, data, applications, etc.

Significant issues standing in the way;

- Don't know what it is

- Funding (who funds national or local, public or private)

- Understanding of the concept by those who might be champions

- Getting effective public/private partnerships

- Viewed by some as "solution looking for a problem" same as ITS

- In a hurry to make this too simple

- Trying to answer all the questions before we move forward

- Institutional Issues

- Lack of comprehensive data

Internet analogy; We are developing a facilitating medium. Key difference is that there are gaps in the data that would be needed in the INFOstructure.

Currently too much duplication of effort in the data gathering and processing functions. Standard data would make it more economically viable to develop applications.

Privacy issue needs to address real versus perceived issues.

Security issues in protecting the INFOstructure as well as the infrastructure. Need to build in safeguards to the INFOstructure.

INFOstructure could allow data fusion for intelligence purposes; link what looks like disparate data.

The perception of liability issues may slow down the development of the INFOstructure and applications using it.

The National ITS architecture will need to be expanded to deal with new terminators, new applications and possibly new subsystems, market packages and equipment packages.

Policy changes might take the form of;

- Stronger commitment to operations

- New funding/earmarks and/or mandates

- Need policy changes to broaden scope of surveillance coverage

