

Materials Management TAG

11/06/02, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Austin III, Radisson Hotel

Austin, TX

Minutes

TAG Coordinator, Denis Glascock, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. A list of those in attendance follows. Non-member states were encouraged to apply for membership.

Minutes

The minutes of the 2001 meeting were presented. There was a motion and second to receive the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Election of Coordinator and Assistant Coordinator

The responsibilities of TAG Coordinator were reviewed. Denis Glascock (MO) was nominated and accepted by acclamation for a second 2-year term as Materials TAG Coordinator. Ahmed Eltahan (TX) was nominated and accepted by acclamation for a 2-year term as Assistant Materials TAG Coordinator.

Mission Statement

“Provide guidance, coordination, and oversight for the development, implementation, and maintenance of a modern comprehensive materials information management system within the framework of a total transportation information system.

The Mission Statement was reviewed. There was a motion and second to accept the Mission Statement as presented. The motion carried.

Long Term Goals

1. Provide oversight for the development of additional Materials Management functionality in SiteManager.
2. Review current and changing regulations and methods to insure that the AASHTO Trns*Port products support the functions necessary to comply with all regulations and evolving methods.
3. Monitor the maintenance of the Materials Management functions and pursue the resolution of problems identified by SiteManager users.

Long term goals were reviewed. There was a motion and second that the long term goals remain as written. The motion carried.

Short Term Goals

1. Prioritize known problems for correction.
2. Continue identification of problems.
3. Maintain a sub-group to review the existing materials-related TMRs and establish priorities among these TMRs to provide the intended materials functionality of SiteManager in the most expedient time frame. Lonnie Jones will serve as Task Force Liaison. Robert Sarcinella will coordinate the group.

Lonnie Jones agreed to continue to serve as Task Force Liaison. Robert Sarcinella will continue to work with the team as coordinator.

Following discussion of the short term goals, there was a motion and second to reword number one as follows:

1. Prioritize known issues for correction and/or enhancement.

The motion carried. There was a motion and second to reword number three as follows:

3. Maintain a sub-group to review the existing materials-related TMRs and establish priorities among these TMRs to provide the intended materials functionality of SiteManager in the most expedient time frame. Lonnie Jones will serve as Task Force Liaison. Robert Sarcinella will coordinate the group and communicate priorities in a timely fashion.

The motion carried

Enhancement TMRs

TMR 2199 (inability to delete) was discussed. Since the expiration date field has no function at present, the possibility of activating and/or deactivating based on the expiration date field was discussed. It was proposed that a new TMR be written to cover this issue, keeping in mind other areas where there are expiration dates. Denis will take care of this responsibility.

TMR 2201 (the expression field for computed fields does not have enough space to calculate rounding according to AASHTO specifications) was discussed. Missouri withdrew this TMR, as PowerBuilder can be used to make the appropriate modification.

TMR 3281 (easier method to retrieve sample) was discussed.

TMR 4048 (prevent authorization of "Pending" samples) was discussed. It was noted some states prefer to have some flexibility regarding values.

TMR 4049 (improve security for sample data) options and appropriateness were discussed.

TMR 4050 (add navigation between DRW window and sample information) was discussed. A TAG comment will be added as follows: 6) For New Samples the Sample Status will default to "Spaces", not "Pending" as previously noted, and that navigation capabilities remain even after the DWR is authorized.

TMR 4054 (additional functionality for temporal S & T – frequency rates for number of samples) was discussed.

TMR 4366 (improve edit mask on quantity field) was discussed. It was noted this is a system-wide issue and was also brought up in the Construction TAG meeting. It was felt a comprehensive review of this issue is in order. Materials TAG members were asked to do and have someone in their group review this.

TMR 4367 (change screen display to 800x600 pixels) was discussed. It was noted InfoTech is automatically doing this whenever a change to a data window is required. A TAG comment will be added that this TMR not be supported as the Task Force has directed this change as windows are upgraded.

TMR 4745 (group testing methods for Personnel Report) was discussed. Texas is withdrawing this TMR because of RTF capability.

TMR 5111 (ability to select and display items by their contract [proposal] line number) was discussed. This is a problem with multiple projects in the same contract.

TMR 5123 (change screen display to 800x600 pixels for screens specifically requested) was discussed. See TMR 4367.

TMR 5648 (add regeneration option to contract S&T requirements) was discussed.

New Enhancement Proposals

- Georgia proposed an enhancement to the table structure of the Materials Test Template storage table to match the structure of the DWR Template storage table. This enhancement would speed up the query/report process. The TAG voted "Yes" to adopt this as a TMR Enhancement for presentation to the TUG.
- Indiana proposed an enhancement to make the expiration date field of the Testing Personnel window be editable. The TAG voted "Yes" to adopt this as a TMR Enhancement for presentation to the TUG.
- Indiana proposed an enhancement to associate (link) material to a plant in the Maintain Producer/Supplier window. This would give ability to better track material. The TAG voted "Yes" to adopt this as a TMR Enhancement for presentation to the TUG.

The following signed the attendance sheet:

Rick Yunker IN	Wilma DeGraffenreid MO	Jeremy Kampeter MO
Chris Bump VT	Chris Achilirs VT	Patty Nelson TTG
David Bernard NY	David Debo TX	Stewart Dewitt TX
Robert Sarcinella TX	Ahmed Eltahan TX	Bruce Bearden TX
Troy McKelvey AL	Lee Burbach NE	Rhonda DeButts NE
Joe Bouchey CT	Margaret Andraka ITI	John Carpenter ITI
David Conaway OK	Patti Gambill SC	Asit Srivastava ITI
Andres Marin ITI	Lonnie Jones GA	David Duffey GA
Lisa Gilbert FL	Lyle Mallett ITI	Kimberly Arango ITI
Richard Meador MO	David Henning AR	Kevin Thornton AR
Dan Wylly TX	Duane Thompson AL	Chuck Conley AASHTO
Alton Treadway AL	Augustus Wagner MN	Charles Thurmon OK
Denis Glascock MO	Melanie Avant ITI	

If we have missed anyone or misspelled a name, we apologize.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma J. DeGraffenreid