

Project progress and the next meeting

1. General

This document is a summary of progress and a notification of future plans and meetings.

2. The Pilot tests

The pilot tests were carried out on 10-11 April in Bakersfield California. Several clarifications were agreed and the revised test plan has been circulated to the group as 10-GTRBR-06 Rev1.

The updated software for analyzing the data has also been circulated as 16-GTRBR-06.

Once we have all the data, it is already clear that we will have to develop very clear wording for parts of the GTR; for example, exactly how to apply and maintain the forces to/on the brake controls. The concept is not difficult, it is just finding the right words.

3. India's comments

India's comments were circulated as 15-GTRBR-06 and the outcome of a discussion between the IMMA SG and the Indian experts has been circulated as 17-GTRBR-06. We have already received clarification from NHTSA and India has been asked to think about a new solution to their problems, in the light of NHTSA's response.

You will be kept informed of progress, but if you have a clever idea for solving the problems, please do not hesitate to let us know.

4. Test completion

The NHTSA team will not now finish their testing and analysis before 26th May.

Could the other teams (UK, RDW, INTA and industry groups) let me know what their latest estimate for test completion is?

5. Meeting to discuss results

A discussion amongst those present at the Pilot testing agreed that the only dates available for a meeting of the Informal group to discuss the outcome of testing and any remaining items, e.g. the Indian questions, were 6–7 June, in Washington.

These dates will give us just enough time to circulate an informal document for the special GRRF meeting on 19th June.

I am therefore passing on the information received from George Soodoo on hotels etc. to help you plan your trip, if you can join the meeting (see below).

If you are unable to join the session, we will try to circulate the necessary information to you in advance, so that you can make comments. Unfortunately, time will not be on our side and you may have to react very quickly. We apologize for this, but trying to meet the schedule for 19th June is forcing us into a difficult sequence of moves.

If all goes well, it should work. On the other hand, if there are problems which require time to resolve, we still have a few weeks after 19th June to find the answers, before we have to have the final text submitted to the November AC3.

6. Information from NHTSA on hotels etc.

“Nick,

Here are some initial details on hotel rooms so that reservations could be made as soon as possible. I have been looking for reasonably priced hotel rooms in Washington but June is peak visitor season in Washington (great weather) therefore cheap hotel accommodations are scarce. Hence, I am providing four hotel options with different price categories.

1. Holiday Inn – Washington Capitol

550 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20024

Reservation: 1-888-465-4329

Hotel Front desk: 202-479-4000

Fax: 202-479-4353

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/wassm?irs=y>

Note: This hotel is one block away from the DOT/NHTSA Offices where the meeting will be held.

2. Holiday Inn – Rosslyn at Key Bridge

1900 N. Fort Myer Drive

Arlington, VA 22209

Reservation: 1-888-465-4329

Hotel Tel: 703-807-2000

Fax: 703-522-8864

<http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/hd/waswp?irs=y>

Note: This Hotel is six stops away from DOT HQ on the Metro and one block from the Rosslyn Metro Station

3. Courtyard by Marriott – Arlington Rosslyn

1533 Clarendon Blvd

Arlington, VA 22209

Tel: 703-528-2222

Fax: 703-528-1027

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/WASAR>

Note: This hotel is six stops away from DOT HQ on the Metro and 3 blocks from the Rosslyn Metro Station

4. Courtyard by Marriott – Washington Convention Center

900 F Street NW

Washington, DC20004

Tel: 202-638-4600

Fax: 202-638-4601

<http://marriott.com/property/propertypage/WASCN>

Note: This hotel is 3 stops away on the Metro and within 2 blocks of Metro Center Metro Station

The meeting will be held at our offices:

U.S. Department of Transportation

**400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20950
Metro Station: L'Enfant Plaza (right below our Offices)**

Meeting Dates: **June 6 and June 7, 2006**
Meeting Times: **9:30 AM – 5:30 PM**

Again, I suggest that attendees make their reservations as soon as possible. Please contact me or Ezana if you're having a problem getting a reservation.

Regards
George”

Dr NM Rogers