

Meeting Summary

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the SHA Stat on March 18, 2011. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor's Delivery Unit (GDU).

Follow-Up

- **EPC (Energy Performance Contracting) Agreements.** At prior StateStat meetings, the agency's contracts with Energy Systems Group (ESG) for installation of energy saving LED light bulbs on sign lights and implementation of other energy efficiency measures at agency facilities were discussed. The agreements with ESG were Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs), which are agreements that allow state agencies to cover the cost of improvements through energy savings rather than through capital dollars. At the February SHA StateStat meeting, the agency reported to the StateStat team that a construction schedule for bulb replacements on agency sign lights has been approved, and that a construction schedule for energy efficiency installations at agency facilities was to be approved on February 28. When asked by the StateStat team, the agency reported that the construction schedule for work at agency facilities was rejected due to feasibility issues, but that the agency was working with ESG to make the necessary adjustments to the construction schedule and that approval was expected by the end of March.
- **'511' Traveler Advisory Telephone System.** The StateStat team asked the agency for a status update on the agency's contract with Telvent to implement a new '511' traveler information system. '511' is a public number designed to allow travelers easy access to travel related issues. The Telvent phone system will cover Maryland, as well as D.C. and parts of Northern Virginia. A traveler information website will also be developed in conjunction with the new number. The agency reported that the '511' project was operating on schedule based on the timeline provided to the StateStat team, and that a final project management and system design plan had been completed since the last StateStat meeting.

511' Traveler Advisory Telephone System Project Timeline

Task	Target Completion Date
Project Kickoff	Completed: Oct. 21, 2010
Project Management Plan	March 1, 2011
System Design Plan	March 15, 2011
Develop Beta Platforms	April 21, 2011
Telecommunications Coordination	May 19, 2011
Testing and Implementation	June 27, 2011
Public Launch	July 2011

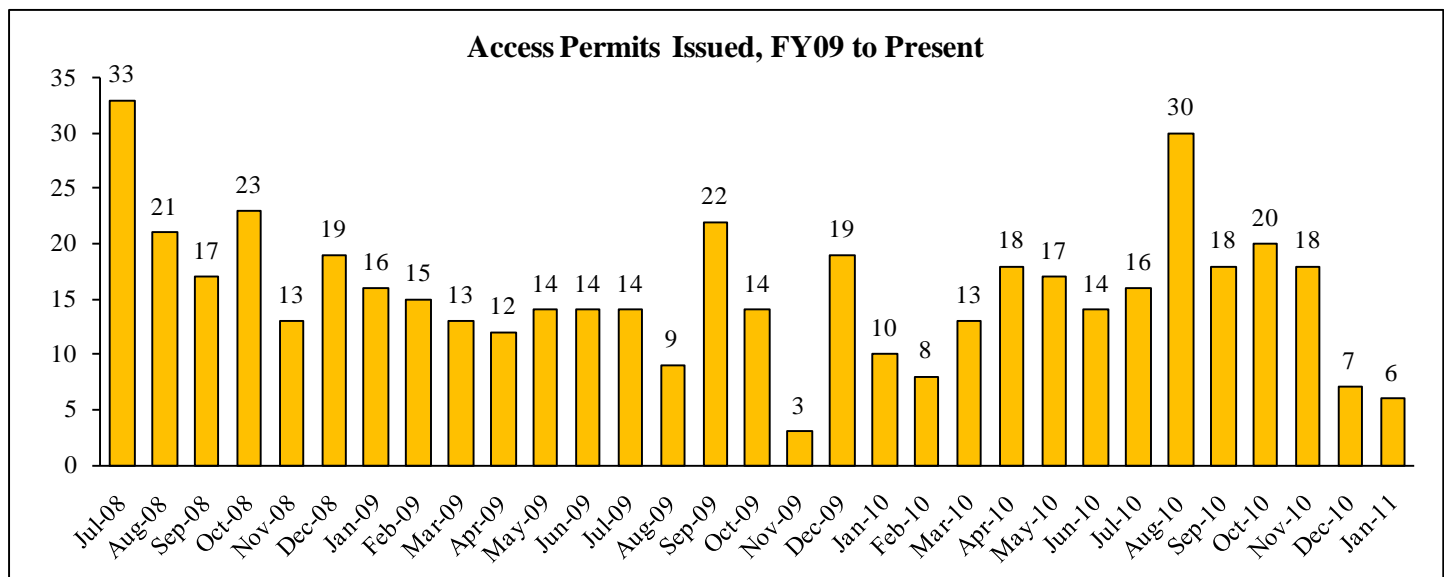
- **Highway Lighting Reduction Pilot.** The StateStat team asked the agency to provide a status update on its highway lighting reduction project. The agency reported that the ongoing pilot on Rt. 100 is yet to receive any complaints. The agency further reported that a consultant task order was approved to move forward with the evaluation of LED luminaries on I-83 at Warren Rd, with the evaluation set to begin in either the spring or summer of 2011. The agency met with its District 1 staff and is currently refining lighting reduction options for the Nanticoke and Choptank River Bridges, as well as the MD 90 Bridge entering Ocean City. Implementation of lighting reduction measures on these bridges would likely occur during the summer. Additional expansion locations being considered by the agency include US-50, US-29 and I-795.

Highway Lighting Reduction Pilot: Proposed Expansion Locations

Location
US-50, Bay Bridge to US-50/301 Split (remains under study)
US-29, I-70 to MD-32
I-795 at Owings Mills Blvd.

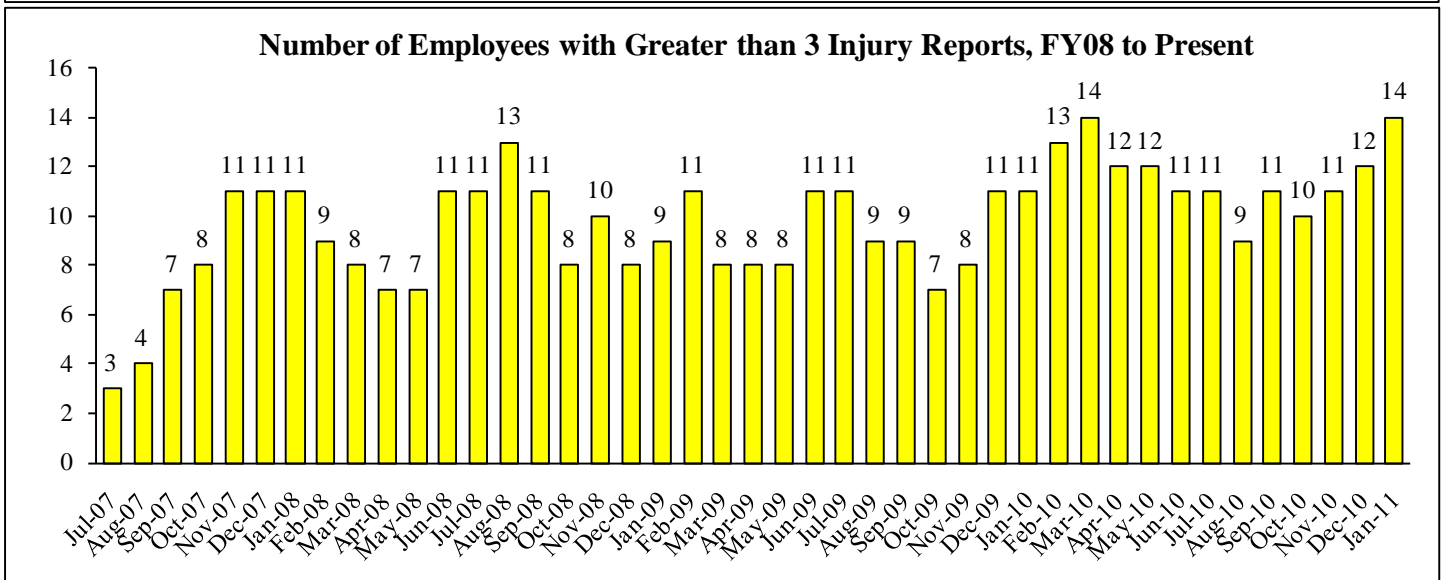
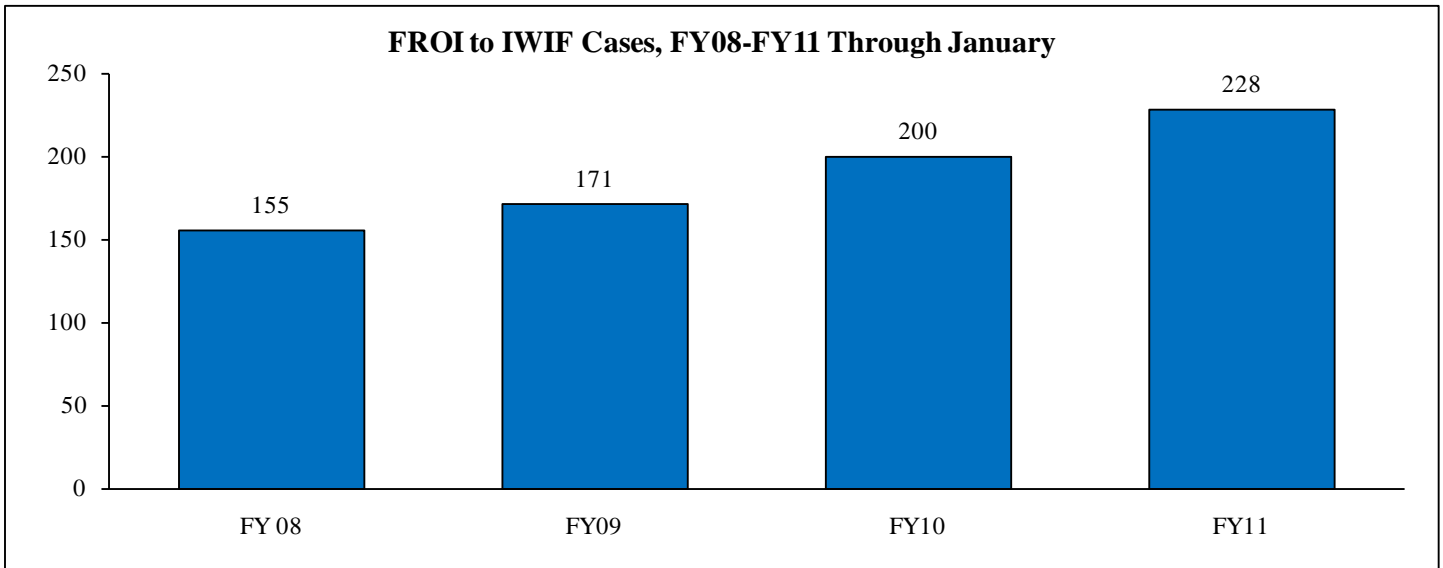
Highway Access Permit Review Process

- Process Improvements.** The Governor recently appointed a group of stakeholders to streamline the process to connect new developments to Maryland highways, which had grown overly complicated over the past several years. By law, the agency is required to ensure that a new development has a neutral effect on nearby traffic. The Access Permit Stakeholder task force made 14 recommendations that will be implemented over a period of time, with the agency posting quarterly status reports on its website. The initial quarterly report was issued in January and is available on the agency’s website. The agency reported that it had already begun to implement a triage process for early review of applications. The triage process allows for pre-review of permit applications to identify application deficiencies and inform applicants of steps that need to be taken in order to fix submissions. The agency also reported that database construction that will allow applicants to check the status of their applications online is underway, and that training and outreach to inform consultants of changes to ADA requirements are being scheduled.
- Access Permits Issued.** According to data submitted by the agency, only 6 access permits were issued in January, which is the lowest number of permits issued in a given month since November 2009. The agency reported that the reduction in permits issued is largely a product of a reduction in applications being submitted.



IWIF

- Number of Cases Reported to IWIF.** The number of cases reported to IWIF in FY11 through January exceeds the number of cases reported to IWIF through January in any of the prior 3 fiscal years. The number of employees with more than 3 injury reports reached 14 this past month, which is the highest total recorded since March of last year, which followed February’s significant snowstorm. The agency noted that the increased number of cases reported to IWIF in FY11 to date was likely a byproduct of the agency’s push to have employees report any and all incidents that may have resulted in injury. The agency encouraged employees to report anything possibly causing injury because they believe that this practice allows for quicker diagnosis, which ultimately leads to a decline in cases resulting in lost time. In FY11 to date, there have only been 10 lost time cases among agency employees.



Inter-County Connector

- **Status Update.** The agency reported that the Inter-County Connector has been operating smoothly since its unveiling in late February. Daily traffic volume has been approximately 10,000 cars per day since the road began collecting tolls, and toll collection has occurred without issue to date. The agency reported that the number of complaints about issues related to the ICC had been minimal.
- **Georgia Ave. Connector.** Construction is ongoing on the segment of the ICC connecting Georgia Ave. to I-95. The agency reported that if construction maintains at its current pace, the next segment of the ICC should be complete in early 2012.
- **Norbeck Rd. Traffic Issue.** According to a report in the Washington Examiner, mile long rush hour backups on Norbeck Rd. have been occurring since the opening of the ICC in late February. The agency noted that traffic backups on Norbeck Rd. have been considerably less since tolls were put into place due to the decrease in ICC traffic volume. The agency has adjusted the timing on two traffic signals and made some road striping changes to address traffic buildup concerns. The agency noted that it will continue to monitor traffic on Norbeck Rd. and make temporary changes as needed, and that any traffic issues on Norbeck Rd. related to the ICC should completely dissipate when the Georgia Ave. segment opens in early 2012.