

## Update on Wireless Washtenaw and SWWCOG Web Page

SWWCOG Meeting June 8, 2005 - Ray Berg

### WIRELESS WASHTENAW (<http://wireless.ewashtenaw.org>)

- Project now moving quickly after March 28 stakeholders meeting.
  1. Advisory Board formed reporting to Board of Commissioners
  2. Steering Committee in place
  3. Four Working Committees formed - Business Plan, IT, Governance, Communications/Marketing. Charters and work scopes formed.
  4. Ray Berg on Business Plan Committee - first meeting was June 6. Will meet every week for next 16 weeks. Ten persons on committee. Will look at:
    - market assessment/market research
    - nature of private/public partnership
    - offered services (combination of free and for-fee services)
    - comprehensive operating model
    - facilities requirements (county makes available assets)
    - staffing/personnel considerations
    - business financing plan
  5. Private Sector Partnership Forum, June 7 in Ann Arbor - about 45 participants (hardware/software equipment, telecoms, integrators, ISPs, Motorola, Intel, MBDA, etc.).
  6. Request for Information issued June 7 - due June 29.
  7. Requests for Proposals go out July.
  8. Proposals due end of August.
  9. Business Plan - end of September.
  10. Partners selected October.
  11. Pilots selected and operating by November/December 2005 (three pilots-western Washtenaw area, Ann Arbor, eastern Washtenaw area). Requirements for pilot candidate proposals to be issued later in fall.
  12. County-wide deployment 2006-2007.
- Project goals stress both high-speed and mobile access equally in urban, suburban and rural settings.
- SWWCOG interest in being a pilot hub is well known by Bob Guenzel and several commissioners.
- Must watch Senate and House bills to ban this program. County lobbying to block passage. Should express our opposition to state senator and representative.
- Watching also possible competitive moves by Verizon et. al. (EV-DO system).
- Wireless Washtenaw management team wants to present to SWWCOG. Will present to Optimist Club late September.

## **SWWCOG Web Page** ([www.swwco.org](http://www.swwco.org))

- Web page is now live and active.
- County IT has completed its part
  - Registered web address and domain
  - Developed template structure to meet our requirements
  - Web site pages are: News, About, Proceedings/Events, Regional Issues, Links
- Began initial content development
  1. Introduction to SWWCOG and links to members' web sites
  2. Meeting schedule for remainder of 2005
  3. 2003 Regional Plan - got word document from Amy Golke. Breaking up into chapters and pdf'ing for placement on web site.
  4. Shooting photographs of SWWCOG area.
  5. Placed photo of SWWCOG officers on web site.
- Related web site work
  1. Developed web site for Western Washtenaw Construction Authority. Worked with Dale Behnke to update forms. All WWCA forms, applications and explanatory guides now available on line. Also picture of WWCA staff. WWCA page is currently accessible through Freedom Township web site as part of "one-stop" permitting goal for Freedom. See web site [www.twp-freedom.org](http://www.twp-freedom.org).
  2. WWCA encouraged to get their own web site through county. In interim, maybe it best belongs as part of SWWCOG web site?
  3. SWWCOG web site also hosting Manchester Chicken Broil web site, which is live and active. Site address is [www.manchesterchickenbroil.org](http://www.manchesterchickenbroil.org). This routes user to a "masked" SWWCOG page under the heading "Proceedings/Events". Page is up and active with temporary photographs and is also awaiting inputs from Broil chairmen. Needs some minor cleanup also.
  4. June/July period - major content additions to News, About, Regional Issues and Proceedings/Events, and site cleanup. I need the following from SWWCOG members:
    - Meeting agendas and minutes January 2005 to present.
    - Have electronic forms of agendas and minutes sent to me for posting as soon as available.
    - Electronic forms of traffic study and other regional issues documents, for posting on web page. Will request.