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TO: I-95 Corridor Coalition Intermodal Freight and Passenger Movement Committee
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Thank you again to those who could participate on yesterday's I-95 Corridor Coalition Intermodal Freight and Passenger Movement Committee webcast. For those who were unable to attend, this memorandum and attachments will provide you background on the information presented and discussion.

1. **February 3, 2014 IFPMC Webcast Slides:** The attached slides include information on the program activities currently underway by our Committee, the status of our proposed submission of comments to the Proposed Rulemaking on the Primary Freight Network and development of the Intermodal Committee work plan submission for Coalition Executive Leadership consideration.
2. **2014-2015 Call for Work Plan Project Ideas:** As noted in the webcast presentation and slides we are soliciting project ideas for our Committees' efforts over the next work plan year (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). You should consider the following (see attachments) in submitting your project ideas:
 - a. The I-95CC Executive Guidance
 - b. Project Idea form for submission of your project ideas – ***Please note: Forms are due no later than March 14, 2014. If you wish to discuss or have questions about project ideas or the project submittal form, please don't hesitate to contact our Committee Program Coordinator, Marygrace Parker at i95mqp@ttlc.net or 518-852-4083.***
3. **Development of Work Plan.** In considering potential work plan ideas, please don't hesitate to propose ideas that you feel may assist you, our members, in advancing your work related to the movement of goods and people in our Corridor. To prompt some thoughts, some prospective work plan idea areas were included in yesterday's webinar. You might take note of Slide 40 as you think about potential 2014-2015 Workplan Project Ideas such as:
 - a. Electronic Credentialing/Permitting -- is there some coordination/ information sharing the Coalition can do?
 - b. Truck Rollover and Related Safety Applications – is this an area to share some best practices on what states are doing?
 - i. e.g., Curve speed warning especially on off-ramps and sharp curves
 - c. Smart Roadside/Wireless Truck Inspection/CVII – is there further work we should be doing in the Corridor to help get these things more integrated?
 - d. Continued Coordination among states for planning for projects that cross jurisdictions in freight corridors (such as freight flow data along the Corridor including both truck and rail data)
 - e. Data -- is it time to look at a "freight elements database" for states to share information (e.g. looking at what we have done in the past with projects such as the Coalition's Integrated Corridor Analysis Tool (ICAT) and the Vehicle Probe Project (VPP)?

- f. Several additional project ideas briefly discussed during the webcast were:
 - i. Continue coordination efforts to expand such programs as Truck Parking, CVII, and Significant Events Coordination
 - ii. Updating information on truck and rail chokepoints and bottlenecks in the Corridor
 - iii. Corridor-wide Freight diversion study, to promote intermodalism (truck-to-rail diversions; also perhaps include key airports and marine ports/"hubs")
 - 1. Panama Canal impacts - One such freight diversion that could be studied is the 2015 widening of the Panama Canal which has the potential for major impact away from long haul trucking (and rail) to regional haulage. For more background information, visit:
http://www.marad.dot.gov/documents/Panama_Canal_Phase_I_Report_20Nov2013.pdf
4. **Next Intermodal Committee Webinar – April 1, 2014 10:00AM to 11:30AM Eastern Time.** This webinar agenda will include developing final recommendations of the list of projects/program activities to be submitted on our Committee's behalf to the Coalition Executive Board as part of the overall Coalition work plan for 2014-2015. A summary of the project ideas will be provided to you in advance of the call so that you may consider them and be prepared to comment/discuss and prioritize. This is YOUR work plan – your input is critical to our Committee's program focus and success. Please plan to join us!
5. **Additional information from yesterday's webinar:** During yesterday's webcast discussion, several website links were noted, which you may find of interest:
- A.) East Coast Marine Highway Study:
<http://www.portofnewbedford.org/documents/ECMHI%20M-95%20Study%20Final%20Report.pdf>
 - B.) List of permitting contacts in the states and for more information regarding federal regulations on oversize/overweight special permits for divisible loads during a Presidentially-declared emergency, visit:
http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/permit_report/index.htm
 - C.) EPA is reviving its Ports focus-- see www.epa.gov/otaq/ports/ and you may also wish to think about attending the Summit in April.
 - D.) Re. Supply Chain Case Studies, MIT has a strong graduate transport supply chain program – see: <http://ctl.mit.edu/>
 - E.) NCFRP has published some "case illustrations" in *their Guidebook for Understanding Urban Goods Movement* which may serve as a reference or model. The TRB report including "case illustrations" can be found at:
http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/ncfrp/ncfrp_rpt_014.pdf
 - F.) Co-Chair Richard McDonough also includes yesterday's announcement on Connected Vehicles just released by NHTSA:
<http://www.nhtsa.gov/About+NHTSA/Press+Releases/2014/USDOT+to+Move+Forward+with+Vehicle-to-Vehicle+Communication+Technology+for+Light+Vehicles>

We look forward to hearing your terrific 2014-2015 Work Plan Project ideas, and thank you for your continued involvement with the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Intermodal Freight and Passenger Movement Committee!