



EXECUTIVE BOARD & STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2014
Louisville, KY at AASHTO Spring Meeting

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

Shailen Bhatt, Executive Board Chair (participating by conference call), welcomed all present and all participating by webcast to the Executive Board & Steering Committee meeting. Joan McDonald, Executive Board Vice Chair, moderated the remainder of the meeting. Self-introductions were made and the agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

AASHTO was thanked for hosting the meeting and Bud Wright, AASHTO's Executive Director, commented on recent legislative activities. It was noted that the Senate EPW's version of the proposed surface transportation bill contains areas of particular interest to the Coalition (i.e., a national freight program and a projects of national/regional significance program), but that it lacks sufficient investment in research and technology initiatives. There is also mention of infrastructure financing alternatives, and Mr. Wright noted that the Coalition is well-positioned to continue work on evaluation of multistate mileage-based user fee systems should the need arise. AASHTO sees significant value in corridor coalitions with their ability to find common ground through a manageable size group, specifically with issues that impact multiple jurisdictions.

Greg Oliver, Assistant Director of Planning – Delaware DOT, was recognized for his participation and leadership in the I-95 Corridor Coalition over the last two decades. Greg is retiring from Delaware DOT and stepping down as a DelDOT representative to the Coalition. Greg has been an active member of the Coalition since its inception, most recently serving as the Co-Chair of the Policy & Strategic Planning Committee. Greg was a driving force in moving the Coalition forward through geographic and programmatic expansion, in securing funding through surface transportation legislation, and in developing the framework and plan for funding through state support.

2. I-95 Corridor Coalition Business

George Schoener provided a brief overview of the Coalition's structure, program and membership, followed by a review of the current and upcoming budget years.



3 Year Budget Overview

The 3-Year Budget, shown below, illustrates funding received from the states (General Funds) and the funding received through various grants.

	General Funds			Grant Funds		
	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016
Funding:						
Carryover from Prior Years	1,787,875	1,498,733	815,192		3,135,008	313,500
State DOT	1,312,750	1,312,750	1,312,750			
Grant Funds				6,241,373		
Total Funding	3,100,625	2,811,483	2,127,942	6,241,373	3,135,008	313,500
Commitments/Expenditures:						
Projects & Committees	700,638	1,068,000	1,000,000	3,106,365	2,821,508	313,500
Operating	901,253	928,291	956,140			
Total Commitments/Expenditures	1,601,891	1,996,291	1,956,140	3,106,365	2,821,508	313,500
Total Available for Carryover to Next Year	1,498,733	815,192	171,803	3,135,008	313,500	0

- Multistate Corridor Operations & Management Program (Rounds 1 & 2)
 - Vehicle Probe Project Data and Tools, Research and Capacity Building Initiatives, Operations & Freight Academies, Coalition Website Upgrade, HOGs Reinvigoration, Work Zone and Optimal Traffic Monitoring Projects, Real-Time O-D, CADD Integration
- Truck Parking Initiative
- Freight Performance Measures
- NASTO Significant Events Coordination



Current Year (2013-2014) Budget & Project Highlights

The current year budget and program were presented, as shown below.

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	2013-2014
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Funds remaining from prior funding

First year of support funds received from the 16 Coalition States and the

Detailed on next page

- Coalition Staff Salaries & Fringe
- University of Maryland Contract Administration & Overhead
- Communications
- Travel
- Equipment
- Operations

Projects Undertaken/Completed During Current Program Year

- **Traveler Information**
 - Vehicle Probe Project (VPP)
 - Re-compete (resulting in over a 50% reduction in data acquisition costs)
 - Significant Feature Enhancements were Deployed, including Congestion Scan Graph Options for Performance Metrics, Ability to Map Multiple Ranked Bottlenecks and Export those Maps, and Ability to Generate User Delay Costs
 - Comparison Table/Webcast of National Performance Management Research Data Set (NPMRDS) and VPP Data
 - MAP-21 Performance Measures Forum
 - Outreach Meetings with ConnDOT, Rhode Island DOT, MassDOT, and South Carolina DOT (with Charleston MPO)
 - Text Stop Program One-Pager Development and Distribution
- **Significant Events**
 - Bridge-Highway Closure Policies Corridor-wide Survey and Final Report (Pursuing Recommendations through FHWA, AASHTO, and I-95CC Committees)
 - NASTO - Special Hauling Permitting List-Serve Established and Operational, and Weather-Related Events Response Project to Produce Response Plan for 12 NASTO States
 - State DOT Incident/Data Feeds Incorporated into Corridor-wide Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS)
 - Project Team Ongoing Activities including Monthly Meetings by Conference Call, and Significant Events Corridor-wide Conference in Planning Stage (to include topics such as snow and hurricane events, operational best practices, applicable technologies and systems, and coordinated approaches).
- **Coordinated Incident Management**
 - FHWA/SHRP2 Train-the-Trainer 1.5 Day Sessions in New Hampshire and Massachusetts for 65+ Attendees
 - First Responder Training Session in South Carolina for 50+ Attendees
 - First Responder Core Competencies Online Training
- **Intermodal**
 - Freight Academy 2014
 - MAP-21 Freight Performance Measures
 - Commercial Vehicle Operations Information Portal with Links to Corridor-wide Agency Sites
 - Primary Freight Network Corridor-wide Comments Preparation and Submission to the Federal Register
 - State Freight Work Plans: Developed and Distributed Multistate Language
- **Operations**
 - Operations Academy 2013



Next Year (2014-2015) Budget & Project Proposals

The proposed budget and work plan project proposals for the next program year (2014-2015) were presented for discussion and approval. The work plan project proposals were submitted by the Coalition’s Committees and reviewed/recommended by the Steering Committee for approval by the Executive Board. The budget and the proposed projects are shown below.

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Funds carried over from prior year, to further project development/conduct

Second year of support funds from the 16 Coalition States and the District DOT

Detailed below

Operating expenditures with 3% escalation over prior year

2014-2015 Program – Project Submissions

Project	Funding Request
Steering Committee	
Significant Weather-Related Events Conference	\$75,000
Significant Events Program Activities	\$185,000
New England Winter Operations Regional Workshop	\$20,000
Significant Events – Collaborative Decision Tool	\$84,000
Subtotal: Steering Committee Requests	\$364,000
Policy & Strategic Planning	
Mileage-Based User Fee Revenue Systems: Information Exchange	\$5,000
Tolling Enforcement Reciprocity: Information Exchange	\$5,000
Subtotal: Policy & Strategic Planning Requests	\$10,000
Travel Information Services	
Adv Traffic Mgmt System/Adv Traveler Information Systems Best Practices – Weather Related Travel Conditions	\$20,000
Travel Info Services Committee Support, Collaboration & Sharing Best Practices	\$135,000
Support of Vehicle Probe Project & Activities	\$30,000
Vehicle Probe Project Suite User Group Support for Coordination and Outreach of Regional Performance Measures	\$75,000
Major Holiday Travel Analysis Methodology	\$50,000
I-95 Work Zone Travel Information Map	\$74,000
Subtotal: Travel Information Services Requests	\$384,000
Coordinated Incident Management & Safety	
Information Gathering and Analysis	\$75,000
Subtotal: Coordinated Incident Management-Safety Project Requests	\$ 75,000
Intermodal Freight and Passenger Movement	
Freight Data, Freight Planning and Freight Performance Measures/Freight Systems and Freight Data Tools	\$100,000
Enhance Commercial Vehicle Travel Information Data Availability	\$35,000
Maritime/Marine Highway & MAP-21	Covered under Committee Support
Resiliency & Recoverability (Port Access)	
Intermodal Freight & Passenger Movement Committee Program Support	\$100,000
Subtotal: Intermodal Freight & Passenger Movement Requests	\$235,000
Total: All Requests	\$1,068,000



ACTION ITEMS: Following discussion of the proposed budget and work plan for the program year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, the Executive Board:

- Requested the formation of a Funding & Financing Working Group to evaluate opportunities and options for continued/expanded funding for the Coalition. The Working Group is to include a representative from each of the Coalition's 16 states and the District of Columbia. A report from the Funding & Financing Working Group will be on the agenda for the next Board meeting (November 2014).
- Approved the 2014-2015 budget and project proposals, as outlined earlier in these minutes.
- Recommended that member agencies be made aware of the approved Coalition projects and asked to look for opportunities to reduce the financial impact to the Coalition by absorbing projects into related agency efforts or providing support for projects conducted within their jurisdictions.

3. Member Agency Project Highlights

State DOT representatives in attendance provided the following updates on programs within their agencies:

Tolling Interoperability and Enforcement:

- Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (Diane Scaccetti) – Florida and North Carolina's interoperability arrangement has now been expanded to include Georgia. It was recently announced that the three toll systems would be working together by the end of this year. Through this new arrangement, Florida will process Georgia's transactions with North Carolina, requiring fewer agreements and a cleaner process. Future expansion of these agreements might include Oklahoma, Kansas, Alabama, South Carolina, and Louisiana.
- E-ZPass Interagency Group (Mark Muriello) – EZPass IAG is active in IBTTA's effort to promote open technology as a standard. Additional EZPass IAG activities include OmniAir certification for toll interoperability, multi-reader testing, dual reader implementation, roadside communication, and back office support.
- Massachusetts DOT (David Mohler) – In 2010, three New England states (Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts) developed reciprocity agreements to allow their sanctions to be imposed on toll violations occurring within their state by drivers from the other two states. The program is now operating under an extension, as allowed under the original agreements; future extensions will seek expansion to other states.

Additional Highlights:

- New Hampshire DOT (Chris Clement) – Three states (New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont) are cooperating on a more than \$1.7 million project to create a northern New England traffic network of traveler information. The procurement will produce a traffic management system and a traveler information system that will provide incident, construction, weather and travel time data to the traveling public for events that occur in individual states as well as cross-border events. It was also noted that New Hampshire passed a 4-cent increase, effective July 1, of the state's tax on gas and diesel.
- Vermont AOT (Brian Searles) – At the recent NAFTANEXT conference, it was noted that there has been a tripling of freight movement (mostly by surface) in the 20 years of NAFTA. The focus for advancing freight movement surrounds resolution of chokepoints



through investments in such areas as infrastructure improvements and increased border staffing.

- Federal Highway Administration - Freight (Caitlin Rayman) – Through FHWA’s Grow America legislative proposal, the key provision on freight creates two grant programs – one to provide incentives for the adoption of enhanced freight planning and analysis and the other awarded competitively – with a total of \$10 billion over four years. The program will provide funding to infrastructure projects that serve a public and immediate need to improve the safe and efficient movement of freight.
- Federal Highway Administration – Operations (Jeff Lindley) – The I-95 Coalition has been active and helpful in rolling out SHRP2 implementation. Additional SHRP2 assistance, through a web-based knowledge transfer system, will be available shortly. The National Operations Center of Excellence (a one stop shop for Operations) is moving forward, with initial resources available in the fall of this year. AASHTO is taking the lead, working with ITS America and ITE.
- New York State DOT (Joan McDonald) – In 2013, Governor Cuomo signed into law a tough “anti-texting while driving” initiative. Violators caught texting while driving will be charged 3 to 5 points and, after 3 text violations, will lose their license. To help prevent texting while driving, New York State installed “text stop” signs to alert drivers of upcoming rest areas. The text stop signage is at 5 miles out, 1 mile out, and an arrow at the text/rest stop entrance. Commissioner McDonald challenged other states to adopt a similar program. In response, Florida indicated their search for a text stop sponsor and Pennsylvania mentioned development of a public-private partnership for a similar initiative. A “one-pager” on the New York State program will be distributed to the Coalition’s Executive Board.
- Pennsylvania DOT (Scott Christie) – Pennsylvania DOT is taking a more robust look at increasing the capacity of I-95, with strategic and comprehensive evaluations of infrastructure and ITS investments, maintenance practices, etc.
- Virginia DOT (Aubrey Layne, Charles Kilpatrick) – The I-95 Express Lanes project is expected to be completed and open by early 2015, and will connect with the I-495 express lanes already operating. Transurban is working with VDOT to build all-electronic high-occupancy toll lanes that will operate the express lanes on I-95 in Northern Virginia. Also mentioned were three ATMS projects on I-66, I-77 and I-64.
- Maine DOT (David Bernhardt) – The speed limit on I-95 in Maine was increased, in late May, from 65 MPH to 70 MPH.
- North Carolina DOT (Mike Holder) – North Carolina is evaluating options for tolling I-95 and for educating local constituents on the need for toll revenues to cover infrastructure construction and maintenance costs. A public-private partnership will allow the construction of toll lanes on I-77 while costing the state only 10% of the total project budget.

4. **Next Meeting**

The AASHTO Annual Meeting will be held November 21-24 in Charlotte, NC. The Coalition will pursue holding the next Coalition meeting during that event.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



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May 28, 2014**

Participants

In Person:

AASHTO – Bud Wright
Delaware DOT – Gene Donaldson,
Greg Oliver
FHWA – Jeff Lindley, Caitlin Rayman
Florida DOT – Ananth Prasad, Rich Biter,
Bob Romig
Florida’s Turnpike Enterprise – Diane Scaccetti
I-95 Corridor Coalition – George Schoener,
Marygrace Parker, Ira Promisel, Patty Reich
Maine DOT – David Bernhardt
Maryland DOT – Beth Nachreiner
Maryland Trans Auth – Bruce Gartner
Massachusetts DOT – David Mohler
New Hampshire DOT – Chris Clement
New York State DOT – Joan McDonald
North Carolina DOT – Mike Holder
Pennsylvania DOT – Scott Christie
Rhode Island DOT – Mike Lewis
University of Maryland – Michael Pack
Vermont AOT – Brian Searles
Virginia DOT – Aubrey Layne,
Charles Kilpatrick
Other – Numerous observers

By Webcast/Telephone:

Connecticut DOT – Tom Maziarz
Delaware DOT – Shailen Bhatt
FHWA – Renee Sigel
Georgia DOT – Todd Long
Maine Turnpike Authority – Conrad Welzel
(for Peter Mills)
Maryland DOT – Deborah Bowden
MWCOG – Andy Meese
New York State DOT – Todd Westhuis
Port Authority of NY/NJ – Mark Muriello
Quebec Ministry of Transport – Jacques Paquet
Telvent – Joel Ticatch