



I-95 Corridor Coalition Executive Board & Steering Committee Meeting

Chicago, IL

September 25, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Attachments:

- Meeting Package
- Slide Presentations

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

Following introductions of those present and those on the webcast, Delaware DOT Secretary Jennifer Cohan (Executive Board Chair), opened the meeting. Secretary Cohan stated that having 14 relatively new Secretaries/Commissioners in the Coalition's 16-state region, provides new opportunities for advancing multistate collaboration and information sharing. The Coalition's mission to coordinate and communicate beyond individual agency boundaries is essential to our region's transportation system for ongoing operations and for special events – such as the monumental collaborative effort surrounding the Papal Visit to the US.

Rich Biter moderated the meeting and reviewed the agenda, noting that the presentations highlight the successes achieved through multi-state coordination within Coalition projects.

2. I-95 Coalition Multi-Agency Collaboration – Recent Initiatives

Rich Biter introduced the following speakers and subjects; their presentations are provided with these minutes. These presentations are examples of Coalition projects in use by and available to agencies to share data, and enhance communications and decision making.

- Jesse Buerk, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
 - Presentations:
 - Using Archived Operations Data to Support I-95 Reconstruction in Philadelphia
 - Amtrak Derailment in Philadelphia
- Kevin Lacy, North Carolina DOT
 - Presentation:
 - Using Vehicle Probe Project for Travel Times on “Fortify” Construction Project
- John Allen, University of Maryland
 - Presentation:
 - RITIS Meeting: Supporting Transportation Coordination & Collaboration during the Papal Visit in Philadelphia

In addition to the above presentations, George Schoener provided an update on recent initiatives related to tolling. The Coalition is providing a neutral forum for and coordinating discussions between Maryland and Florida on toll system interoperability, and the Coalition will continue to monitor and report on existing and planned tolling enforcement reciprocity arrangements.



George Schoener also reviewed a handout (in the meeting package) summarizing Coalition accomplishments and activities occurring since the May 2015 Board Meeting.

Michael Pack, University of Maryland, gave a demonstration on a tool available now for agency use – the Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS). RITIS organizes and fuses data – from multiple sources and states – into useful information to support research, planning, operations, media messages, and public travel information. More information on RITIS can be found on the Coalition’s website at <http://www.i95coalition.org/projects/regional-integrated-transportation-information-system-ritis/>.

3. Looking Ahead

Rich Biter thanked the presenters for their discussions of current projects, and turned the meeting to George Schoener to discuss upcoming activities:

- Authorization - Although the Surface Transportation Bill is currently under an extension, House and Senate drafts of a new bill indicate a number of areas where the Coalition can leverage agency efforts and also provide a test bed for Federal programs, such as:
 - Freight Corridors
 - Alternative Funding Sources (i.e., MBUF, Tolling)
 - Major Projects Program with Multistate Groups Eligibility
 - Electric Vehicle and Natural Gas Fueling Corridors
- 2016 Coalition Conference – In May 2015, the Coalition conducted a 1.5 day conference on Significant Events Coordination. The conference was well-attended, with representatives from most Coalition states and from multiple disciplines. That conference resulted in a number of key points which will be integrated into future Coalition activities. Planning is underway for a similar conference, to be held in 2016, on the subject of connected and automated vehicles – directed toward state transportation agencies. The preliminary agenda provides a “Connected/Autonomous Vehicles – State Agencies 101” session, followed by panels and sessions addressing safety & security, interoperability & standards, emergency response, and more. A working group is being formed to further develop the agenda, speakers and timing; and Coalition staff will seek sponsors to offset meeting costs.
- Executive Director Search – The Coalition’s Executive Director (George Schoener) is planning to retire at the end of 2015 and a search is underway for a new Executive Director. The University of Maryland administers the Coalition program and will conduct the search, advertise the position, review applicants and work with an interview team of University and Coalition agency representatives. It is expected that the replacement will be selected in November to allow for a transition period.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board is tentatively scheduled for May 23, 2016 in Washington DC. Once a location is secured, a meeting notice will be distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.



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Participants

In Person:

Delaware Valley RPC – Jesse Buerk
FHWA – Jeff Lindley
Florida DOT – Rich Biter
I-95 Corridor Coalition – George Schoener,
Marygrace Parker, Ira Promisel, Patty Reich
Maine DOT – William Pulver
Maryland DOT – Pete Rahn
New Hampshire DOT – Denise Markow
North Carolina DOT – Nicholas Tennyson,
Kevin Lacy
University of Maryland – Michael Pack

By Webcast/Telephone:

Delaware DOT – Jennifer Cohen,
Gene Donaldson
FHWA – Renee Sigel
Maryland DOT – Deborah Bowden
Metropolitan Washington COG – Andy Meese
New York State Thruway Auth – Maria Lehman
Port Authority of NY/NJ – Mark Muriello
Quebec Ministry of Transport – Jacques Paquet
South Carolina DOT – Ron Patton
University of Maryland – John Allen