



## I-95 CORRIDOR COALITION EXECUTIVE BOARD & STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Chicago, Illinois  
September 25, 2015

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### Agenda

*\*\*\*Important Note: The meeting is in Chicago, Central Time (Eastern Time is noted in parenthesis on the agenda)\*\*\**

8:30 AM (9:30 EDT) [Registration and Continental Breakfast](#)

9:00 AM (10:00 EDT) [Welcome & Introductions](#)

9:10 AM (10:10 EDT) [I-95 Coalition Multi-Agency Collaboration – Recent Initiatives](#)

- **Data Sharing, and Enhanced Communications & Decision Making**
  - Using Archived Operations Data to Support I-95 Reconstruction in Philadelphia
    - Jesse Buerk, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
  - Amtrak Derailment in Philadelphia
    - Jesse Buerk, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
  - North Carolina Fortify Construction Project on I-40
    - Kevin Lacy, North Carolina DOT
  - Papal Visit Planning and Coordination
    - John Allen, University of Maryland/CATT
  - Tolling Interoperability & Enforcement Reciprocity
    - George Schoener, I-95 Corridor Coalition
- **Additional Accomplishments/Activities Since the May Board Meeting**
- **New Tools for I-95 Agencies**
  - I-95 Corridor Coalition Website:
    - TrafficView (Real-Time Work Zone, Travel, Weather Information Map)
    - Vehicle Probe Project Suite User Forum
  - Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS) and Collaborative Decision Tool (RITIS Meeting)

10:20 AM (11:20 EDT) [Looking Ahead](#)

- Positioned for Authorization
- 2016 Coalition Conference
- Executive Director Search

10:55 AM (11:55 EDT) [Next Meeting](#)

11:00 AM (12:00 EDT) [Adjourn](#)



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### For those Attending in Person: DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING

**Location:** Meeting Room: Sheraton I  
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers  
301 E. North Water Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611  
[www.sheratonchicago.com](http://www.sheratonchicago.com)

**Driving Directions:** <http://www.sheratonchicago.com/downloads/directions.pdf>

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## REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD: PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS - JUNE 2015 TO SEPTEMBER 2015

### FACILITATING COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS BORDERS AND MODES

- **Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS)** – RITIS continues to expand with an increasing volume of data, from multiple sources and states, and the development of more tools for research, planning, operations, media messages, and public travel information. As instructed by the Coalition’s Executive Board at the May 2015 meeting, a RITIS Funding Working Group has been established to evaluate options for long-term funding of operations, maintenance and expansion of RITIS to ensure continued data sharing, situational awareness, and collaboration among the DOTs, MPOs, and associated public agencies.
- **I-95 Collaborative Decision Tool (RITIS Meeting)** – Within this virtual meeting space, users are able to jointly share and view traffic, weather, incident information, construction details, video, and documents to collaboratively make decisions. This platform can be used on computers and mobile devices.
  - **2015 Papal Visit** - I-95 Corridor Coalition Collaborative Decision Tool is being used as a communications and information sharing platform by all of the agencies involved in the 2015 Papal Visit to coordinate traffic management and traveler information across multiple states and regions. With PennDOT serving as host, the tool will be operational during the entire multi-day event - providing a virtual web-based meeting space for all agencies. The tool allows all participants to view real-time traffic and weather data, DMS postings, weather, and road closures; to share documents; to create and record polls; share hourly situation reports, and to receive documentation of all actions immediately following the end of the meeting/event.
- **I-95 Corridor Coalition Website Enhancements** - The Coalition’s new website, launched in April 2015, continues to be updated with new tools and information, providing a resource for member agencies and the traveling public. Following are examples of recent website activities:
  - **TrafficView** – The Coalition developed and posted a dynamic corridor-wide map real-time map, allowing users to view:
    - Live traffic, CCTVs and individual camera feeds, weather, events and incidents with specific information for each case, DMS signs and current messages, and more for agencies that have chosen to provide their data to RITIS.
    - Beyond individual boundaries, to all states in the I-95 Corridor (note that states provide their individual data feeds and, therefore, the data available varies somewhat among states).
  - **2015 Papal Visit Page** – This page was specifically developed to provide a single site with links to live traffic information, visitor resources, road closures, etc.
  - **Posting of Agency News** – Space is available, on the home page and throughout the Coalition’s website, for agency news such as the recent ITS Carolinas Annual Meeting, a VOLPE Job Posting, and more.
  - **ITS Calendar** – The Coalition’s calendar contains internal and external events related to ITS, serving as a consolidated calendar for the industry.

### DEVELOPING ADVANCED/CONNECTING TECHNOLOGIES, AND ENHANCING OPERATIONS & PLANNING

- **Vehicle Probe Project (VPP)** – Vehicle Probe Project II, which began in July 2014, is continuing to successfully provide member agencies with options for travel time data. More agencies are investigating and taking advantage of the services available through this contract - provided at significantly lower cost than the first procurement. Agencies are working with the Coalition to identify roadways for validation, and the data continues to be validated for all three vendors (HERE, INRIX, and TomTom) at each of these sites. An Agency Project Team guides the VPP. Informative webcasts are held quarterly providing an open forum for agency information exchange and input.

- **Vehicle Probe Project Suite User Group** – The VPP Suite User Group meets regularly, most recently in July, via webcast, to share information, guide development priorities, and evaluate and test enhancements of analytical tools created to complement vehicle probe data. During the July webcast, users from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and from North Carolina DOT shared their use of VPP data and VPP Suite tools to generate reports and visualizations. DVRPC discussed their use of the tools on the impact of both the I-95 Reconstruction through Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Amtrak derailment. NCDOT explained their use of the tools for obtaining travel times in the I-40 construction project. This summer, a new communications function was launched on the Coalition website that allows VPP Suite users to share ideas and best practices, ask/answer questions, discuss issues with a larger audience, and promote their work. Any Coalition Member can subscribe to and participate in this open, online forum.
- **Tolling Interoperability** – The Coalition coordinated and hosted conference calls between agencies in Maryland and Florida to discuss tolling interoperability options with the E-ZPass and SunPass systems.
- **Corridor-wide Conference** – The Executive Board, at the May 2015 meeting, approved the use of funds for the conduct of a corridor-wide conference similar to the Coalition’s highly successful and well-attended Significant Events Conference (also held in May 2015). A survey of conference topics was distributed to member agency representatives (including the Core Team and the Leadership Team). Conference planning has begun with further development of the selected topics and the formation of a conference working group. It is anticipated that the conference will be held in spring/summer of 2016 and will address connected and autonomous vehicles, specifically related to multistate coordination of policy, standards, interoperability, infrastructure, safety and other regional issues.
- **Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)** – Coalition staff are working with USDOT and New York State DOT to coordinate a multi-modal workshop on “Best Practices in BRT within an Integrated Context.” The workshop will be held in Hawthorne, NY, on October 21-22, 2015 and will include sessions on BRT related to lessons learned, connected vehicles, infrastructure and vehicle requirements, BRT operations within an integrated environment, and other relevant topics.
- **Truck Parking** – The Truck ‘N Park Pilot is being launched at two sites in Virginia and Maryland for use by truckers along I-95. This project, to monitor and disseminate available commercial vehicle parking information at rest areas, is moving forward with administrative reviews and processes underway in preparation for the pilot launch.
- **Member Support and Peer-to-Peer Exchange:**
  - **Regional Highway Operations Group (HOGs) Meeting** – The HOGs activities bring together responders, TMC personnel and others to meet with peers from neighboring jurisdictions. The Southern HOGs (NC, SC, GA, FL) – under the leadership of a new Co-Chair - met September 14 in Charlotte, NC. The New England HOGs group will meet Oct 28, in Boston as the Coalition joins with NASTO SCOH-EM and the National Center for Operations Excellence to convene a collaborative Northeast Regional Peer Exchange to address:
    - How DOT’s are structured for Emergency Operations
    - How DOT’s are integrating TSMO strategies
    - What are DOT’s doing differently for Snow and Ice Operations
    - How DOT’s & Regional Coalitions work effectively with Incident Responders
  - **Coordinated Incident Management Education and Multi-jurisdictional Support** – Coalition staff assisted ITS Carolinas (which encompasses North Carolina and South Carolina) with agenda and input regarding its first ITS Carolinas Annual Meeting in Charlotte, NC, on September 14-15, 2015. Additionally, Coalition staff presented I-95 Coalition activities and projects as part of the Incident Management Panel during the conference.
  - **Intermodal Freight & Passenger Movement** – Committee Chairs have been meeting monthly, by conference call, to review, plan and coordinate project and committee activities.

## *Report to the Board: Program Accomplishments (June to September 2015) – Continued*

- **Member Support and Peer-to-Peer Exchange (Continued):**
  - **Travel Information Services Program Track** - Committee Chairs have been meeting, by conference call, to review, plan and coordinate committee activities. Currently, a meeting/webcast is being planned for November 2015 in Philadelphia to discuss current program track and member activities and will include an Agency Roundtable discussion on “The role of Public Sector vs. the role of Private Sector in Travel Information.”

### **TRAINING FOR CONSISTENT & PROGRESSIVE PRACTICES**

- **Freight Academy 2015** – Capstone projects are being completed by the 2015 Freight Academy attendees. This year’s attendees included representatives from FL, GA, MA, MD, NC, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VA.
- **Emergency Responder-Traffic Incident Management** – A Train-the-Trainer FHWA/SHRP2 Workshop was held on July 13-14, 2015, in Charleston, SC, with attendees representing DOT, state and local police, and fire agencies.
- **Operations Academy 2015** – The two week immersion program will be held November 3-13, with agency staff representatives and scholarship recipients from the Coalition states of PA, NJ, NC, NH, ME, MD, MA, FL, and VA.