

RESOLUTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

In Recognition of **JOHN BANIAK'S** Service to the I-95 Corridor Coalition

Throughout his tenure as Executive Director, John Baniak has demonstrated outstanding leadership in guiding the Coalition successfully through a significant expansion of the Coalition, both geographic and programmatic.

- When he took the reins, it was a Maine to Virginia Coalition that focused primarily on deploying cutting-edge IVHS devices on the highway system.

John has built the Coalition into a nationally recognized leader of cooperation, information sharing, and communication, by helping its members advance programs that cross jurisdictional, modal, technological, and even national boundaries.

- Our Coalition now extends from Quebec and New Brunswick to Florida.
- We are no longer just focused on highway incident management. Many projects show just how broad and multi-modal the Coalition's program has grown: the MAROPs, NEROPs and SEROPs rail studies, the Short Sea Shipping Study, the Intermodal ATIS project (which is not only demonstrating trip itinerary potential in rural areas such as Maine, but also integrating travel information systems with airports), and the Commercial Vehicle Operations Track e-filing System for IFTA truck tax returns.

Most remarkably, through this period of growth, John has managed to help maintain the hallmarks of the organization's culture that Coalition members so greatly value—cohesion, candor, commitment, and a common forum for problem solving.

- John's personal honesty and integrity set the tone for the Coalition to serve as the honest broker on contentious issues that most other multi-state groups don't have the courage to take on.
- The Coalition remains a member-driven organization that plans its work and works its plan. After every meeting, after each project is closed out, John always asks how we can improve.
- John has created a real sense of family in the Coalition by recognizing both professional and personal milestones—not just promotions and retirements, but also births, illnesses and deaths.

John's talent for recruiting leaders from the membership to advance programs and define a vision for the future has helped advance a record of accomplishment and solid roadmap for the future. In particular:

- He brings new agency CEOs up to speed on what the Coalition is and what it does—this alone seems like a full-time job sometimes.
- He identifies talented member agency staff to serve on program tracks and cultivates them to become task force and track leaders.
- He has recruited a superb staff of transportation professionals that make us CEOs look good. He makes us all look good.



RESOLUTION FROM THE PROGRAM TRACK COMMITTEES

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John Baniak has been an exemplary leader for the I-95 Corridor Coalition's committees, leadership, members, staff, and consultants.

John has served as Executive Director of the I-95 Corridor Coalition for eight years, many times serving beyond the call of duty.

John has been an ardent supporter of transportation innovation and growth in the I-95 Corridor.

John has overseen the growth of I-95 Corridor Coalition membership and developed and nurtured key cooperative relationships with other National Transportation Coalitions, including the Gary-Chicago-Milwaukee Coalition and the 511 National Coalition, thereby bringing the I-95 Corridor Coalition national recognition.

He has spearheaded the support and launch of interactive technologies that support multi-modal mobility in the Corridor.

As John will be retiring this year, it is resolved, that in February, 2006, the Program Track Committee members thank John Baniak for his outstanding efforts on behalf of the I-95 Corridor Coalition and its member agencies, and extend their warmest wishes for a comfortable and productive retirement.

Nancy Ross and Bob Pento, Program Management Committee

Sandra Check and Gene Glotzbach, Travel Information Committee

Karl Ziemer and Sgt. Ira Promisel, Coordinated Incident Management Committee

Rey Walker and Bill Behrens, Commercial Vehicle Operations Committee

Karen Ryan Tobia and Scott Ornstein, Intermodal Committee

Greg Garback and Bob Bernard, Electronic Payment Services Committee

