



I-95 Corridor Coalition

Overview

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is a partnership of state departments of transportation, regional and local transportation agencies, toll authorities, and related organizations, including law enforcement, transit, port and rail organizations, from Maine to Florida, with affiliate members in Canada.

The Coalition undertakes activities to improve mobility for people and goods, enhance safety for all travelers, and advance the economic vitality of the region. Coalition activities focus on management and operation of the region's transportation system, with emphasis on issues that transcend jurisdictional boundaries.

The economy of the Coalition region – measured as “gross regional product” – is almost \$4 trillion, equivalent to 40 percent of United States gross domestic product (GDP) of \$10.1 trillion. If the 16 states and the District of Columbia that make up the Coalition region were a separate country, they would constitute the third largest economy in the world.

The cost of congestion in the region is about \$24 billion per year. Over 165-billion ton-miles of freight move through the region annually by truck. The security of the region's many critical transportation links and freight shipments, particularly across the Canadian border, is an increasingly important issue.

The Coalition enables its member agencies to coordinate and resolve transportation management issues in a spirit of cooperation and consensus. Over half a billion trips of more than 100 miles are made each year in the region. Because many of these cross over multiple state and authority jurisdictional boundaries, and pass through both urban and rural areas, no single operating entity is responsible for the overall efficiency, safety, comfort or cost of travel.



➤ The Coalition established an information sharing computer network throughout the region that works to save lives and reduce unnecessary and costly delays by improving communication among transportation management and emergency response organizations in different jurisdictions when diverting traffic around a major accident or evacuating people from the scene of an emergency is necessary.

“The Coalition means cooperation. It’s all about working together to do things that we as transportation agencies could not accomplish individually. The Coalition has given us the tools to communicate and act across jurisdictional and geographic boundaries, and this improves our service to the traveling public.”

-Mike Zezeski

CHART Program Manager, Maryland State Highway Administration

Safety and Security with Mobility

➤ The Coalition produces and distributes more than 300,000 copies of a Travelers Alert Map twice a year. The Map provides the public with information on construction zone activity throughout the region (from Maine to Florida) so that they can plan their long distance trips better.

➤ The Coalition is improving commercial vehicle safety and carrier productivity by facilitating regional interoperability of electronic toll collection and commercial vehicle electronic screening systems so that commercial vehicles can take advantage of both using a single electronic tag.



➤ The Coalition is advancing the concept of a common electronic payment mechanism for transportation-related tolls and fees across all modes of travel.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has provided \$61 million over an 11-year period to support the Coalition's work. This has been matched with an investment of \$87 million in state and local funds, and countless hours of volunteer time on the part of Coalition member agencies.

Increased Federal investment in Coalition activities is sought, totaling \$66 million over the 6-year life of the next TEA-21 authorizing legislation. This investment would also strengthen support for member agency objectives related to:

➤ Long distance trip planning so that travelers will be able to pick the best door-to-door options based on factors such as travel time, cost and mode.

➤ Coordinating the implementation of the 511 travel information telephone number across state boundaries.

➤ Improving the efficiency of freight movement and intermodal freight connections.



➤ Developing a multimodal transportation network of the entire Coalition region so that analysts will be able to study topics such as long distance passenger and goods movements that cross jurisdictional boundaries and expected long distance trip durations accounting for travel time variation by time of day.

➤ Improving the security at international border crossings and of freight shipments throughout the region.

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