



## I-95 CORRIDOR COALITION ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SERVICES PTC MEETING MINUTES

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With the meeting convened at 10:05 a.m., Bill Stoeckert, Information and Payment Services Coordinator for the I-95 Corridor Coalition, introduced Jerry Kane, the new Co-Chair of the EPS PTC. Jerry replaces Bob Bernard as Co-Chair; Bob retired from the Port Authority of NY & NJ last fall. Welcoming the group to SEPTA, Jerry called for self-introductions. The following persons were in attendance:

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Co-Chair Jerry Kane noted that he is very happy to serve as the new EPS PTC Co-Chair and looks forward to working with fellow Co-Chair Bill Thorp of Florida's Turnpike Enterprise. Bill could not attend today's meeting due to a State Legislature appearance schedule.

First on the agenda was a presentation on PATCO's Freedom Card Roll-Out. All meeting slides are contained in the addenda to these Minutes. PATCO's Assistant General Manager, Cheryl Spicer, updated the group on the entire Freedom Card Program, noting many particular points of interest including:

- Maintenance service time for the new automated ticket vending machines (AVM) has been reduced from 45 minutes down to 5-10 minutes per machine;
- There is a \$5 charge for the Freedom Card, and minimum required balance is \$20.
- A Transit Ambassadors Program was enacted about 6-8 months ago for peak and late night hours to assist transit travelers with questions about use of the new ticket machines and other customer service items;
- The new AVM "layout" was put on the PATCO website to enable customers to become familiarized with the machine prior to their arrival at the various stations;
- Station installations were completed in February 2008.
- Re. the smart cards, customers have the option to register the card; if they do register, then the account balance is guaranteed; if they do not register and remain anonymous, then if the card is lost, so too is the balance on that card.
- PATCO is working with New Jersey Transit re. the prospective integration of the Freedom Card with NJT's River Line.

Co-Chair Jerry Kane next introduced various speakers to provide the group with an update on SEPTA's Regional Onboard Electronic Payment Project. Nancy Cardella, Senior Project Leader for SEPTA's Information Technology Department and Ms. Kathleen Springer, Senior Programmer Analyst of the same Department, presented an overview of the Crew Remittance System. Discussion noted that this project allowed identification of several practical issues; for example, ergonomic issues surfaced, for conductors would have to carry a significant amount of equipment/materials onboard with them all day – radio, receipt printer, pda, etc. Further, having initially been provided the equipment, if the conductor subsequently loses or breaks a piece of equipment, then the conductor must pay for it; this could become quite costly re. carrying \$1000-1200 worth of equipment. Dr. Li Bai of Temple University next presented some solutions to various issues, based on a smart-card, smart-phone pda and small receipt printer, which substantially reduces weight and cost of conductor equipment. A copy of this presentation is included in the addenda to these Minutes.

Next on the agenda was presentation of Volpe's SAFE TRIP-21 Broad Agency Announcement. Mr. Tim Weisenberger of Volpe provided an overview of the Safe and Efficient Travel through Innovation and Partnerships for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, or SAFE TRIP-21. Each operational test site or application proposal should not exceed \$3 million, and are planned to be debuted at the November 2008 ITS World Congress in New York City. With responses due March 28, 2008, a copy of the Announcement may be obtained by visiting:<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/DOT/RITA/VNTSC/DTRT57%2D08%2DR%2D20021/listing.html> .

Mr. George Schoener, Executive Director of the I-95 Corridor Coalition, was next introduced. George updated the group on (Re)Authorization. The current authorization expires September, 2009, and, of course, there is a presidential election this fall which will impact any new legislation. There are

various points of view regarding what will emerge over the next 1-1.5 years, but highly probable is that the process will be referred to as “Authorization” vs. “RE-Authorization” since it is anticipated that the new president and congress will “work from a blank slate.” Certain thinking cites the recently published Report to Congress by the National Surface Transportation and Revenue Study Commission (see [http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final\\_report/](http://www.transportationfortomorrow.org/final_report/)) as being the prospective framework for the next Authorization package.

Continuing his presentation, George Schoener reviewed the Corridors of the Future Program, under which the I-95 Corridor Coalition was a successful proposer and is now designated as a Corridor of the Future. This USDOT program is a national strategy to reduce congestion by developing multi-state corridor programs that will help reduce transportation congestion and improve mobility. The I-95 Corridor Coalition will focus on 4 initiatives:

- Real-Time Traffic Information
- Bottleneck Financing Solutions
- Expedited Incident Clearance, and
- Integrated Intercity Air/Bus/Rail and Local Transit Services.

A draft agreement is currently under discussion with FHWA, with projected signature ceremonies to be held during the upcoming I-95 Corridor Coalition Annual Meeting, May 12-14, 2008. George then updated the group on the Coalition’s Annual Meeting being held this year in Orlando, FL, pointing out that the agenda contains a specific panel on Integrated Electronic Payment Systems. Mr. Randy Vanderhoof, Executive Director of the Smart Card Alliance, and present at today’s meeting, will be providing a speaker for this panel; additionally, IBTTA and APTA are providing speakers. Group discussion noted that the I-95 Corridor Coalition is pursuing assistance to DelDOT in an effort to implement high-speed lanes on I-95 in Delaware. It was also noted that a Tour of Florida’s SunPass operations will be part of the Coalition’s Annual Meeting, and a brief DVD overviewing these operations was shown at the meeting. Also discussed was the Coalition’s participation in the upcoming ITS World Congress 2008, and various presentations/papers have been submitted to the World Congress for consideration for inclusion in the conference agenda.

Mr. Bill Stoeckert next updated the group on all EPS PTC current projects. The project to Prototype Development and Conduct a Feasibility Test of Contactless Banking Devices is proceeding, although funding will not be provided by the I-95 Corridor Coalition. Work on the project to Develop and Test an Electronic Payment Services National Interoperability Specification (EPSNIS) for Next Generation ETC Services will now begin, for the agency partnership agreement has recently been executed. Bill then presented an overview of the Coalition’s Multi-State Vehicle Probe-Based Traffic Monitoring Project. This 3-year initial project’s objectives include activities to:

- Acquire travel times and speeds to support the dissemination of travel information using:
  - 511 & websites
  - Travel time on signs
- Support of ICAT and ISN
- Support management of major incidents
- Provide data to members for planning, engineering and operations
- Provide a contract vehicle for expansion of traffic monitoring coverage, and
- Support regional performance measurement.

Though Core System Data is projected to be available by July 1, 2008, it is anticipated that a preview of the system will be shown at the upcoming I-95 Corridor Coalition Annual Meeting in May.

Next on the agenda was the topic of the Year 17 Workplan. Bill Stoeckert noted that the Call for Projects/Workplan Development with Executive Board Guidance was issued to the EPS PTC on February 20, 2008, and completed and signed Project Idea forms are due to the EPS PTC Co-Chairs by September 1, 2008. Upon Committee review and approval, EPS PTC Year 17 Project Ideas will then be transmitted to the I-95 Coalition's Steering Committee by October 1, 2008 for its subsequent review, along with that of the Executive Board. Discussion noted that projects must be submitted by an Agency Member. Funding for Year 17 projects will encompass all 7 Coalition Program Tracks. Matching funds are required for deployment projects. Year 17 Workplan guidance and forms are available on the Coalition's website at [www.i95coalition.org](http://www.i95coalition.org).

Co-Chair Jerry Kane next called upon Mr. Randy Vanderhoof to provide an overview of the upcoming May 12-15, 2008 Smart Card Alliance Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. Randy related that there will be four program tracks for the conference:

1. General identity protection
2. Security and access control
3. Payments and applications
4. Mobile and near-field communications.

The Payments and Applications track, of particular interest to this I-95CC EPS PTC, is scheduled for Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the day after the Coalition's Annual Meeting which ends on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Randy is exploring the potential of offering a 1-day reduced registration rate for I-95 Coalition participants to attend the SCA conference on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Co-Chair Jerry Kane concluded the EPS PTC meeting by reviewing a listing of upcoming Meetings of Interest, noting that there is a March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> APTA Fare Collection conference in Boston (see [http://www.apta.com/conferences\\_calendar/farecoll/index.cfm](http://www.apta.com/conferences_calendar/farecoll/index.cfm)). Also noted is an upcoming WTS dinner meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> in New Brunswick, NJ, featuring Mr. Jeff Paniati of FHWA as the Keynote Speaker (see [www.wtsinternational.org/greater\\_ny](http://www.wtsinternational.org/greater_ny)). Discussion also noted that the WTS National Annual Meeting is being held during the same week as the I-95 Corridor Coalition's Annual Meeting in May. The next meeting of the I-95CC EPS PTC will be scheduled for the fall, 2008.

Thanking the group for their attendance and terrific discussion, and with no additional business before the Committee, Co-Chair Jerry Kane adjourned the EPS PTC Meeting at 1:45 p.m.