



EXECUTIVE BOARD & STEERING COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2011
Washington, DC

Note: The presentations made at this meeting are posted, with the minutes, on the website at <http://www.i95coalition.org>

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks

Neil Pedersen, Executive Board Chair, welcomed all present and all participating by webcast to the Executive Board & Steering Committee meeting. The Executive Board's Vice Chairs and the Steering Committee Chair were recognized, and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board was thanked for hosting the meeting. It was noted that, because of job changes, Eric Madden (PennDOT) and Debbie Hunt (Florida DOT) stepped down as Executive Board Vice Chairs. Additionally, it was announced that Ananth Prasad (Florida DOT) and Connie Sorrell (Virginia DOT) had accepted Executive Board Vice Chair positions.

Self-introductions were made and the agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

2. I-95 Corridor Coalition (and Related) Initiatives

Presentations on the following I-95 Corridor Coalition projects were made at the meeting; the presentation file – with details on the projects – is attached to these meeting minutes.

- **Performance Measures** (Moderator - Mary Ameen, NJTPA)
 - INRIX Scorecards - Rick Schuman, INRIX
 - State Applications - Michael Pack, UMD
 - MPO Applications - Andy Meese, NC RTPB
 - MPO Applications: DVRPC - John Ward, DVRPC

Discussion/Action – Following the Performance Measures presentations, it was proposed and approved that, given the existence of annual congestion monitoring reports prepared by other sources, the Annual Bottleneck Performance Report objective in the Coalition's project scope be replaced with additional focus on:

- Research into congestion causes;
 - Procedures for individual agencies to follow in "drilling down" to better understand congestion causes and potential solutions;
 - Effects on long distance trip reliability; and
 - Developing historical vehicle travel time trajectories for possible inclusion in the Coalition's Long Distance Trip Planner.
- **Travel Information** (Moderator – Todd Westhuis, NYSDOT)
 - Vehicle Probe, Long Distance Trip Planner, Leveraging Private Innovation, Sponsorships/Marketing – Todd Westhuis, NYSDOT
 - Real Time Information for Transit – Matt Coogan

Discussion – It was suggested that a one-page summary of Vehicle Probe tools be created for distribution to member agencies.



- **Green Corridors Initiative**
 - Eco-Driving Program – Marygrace Parker, I-95 Corridor Coalition
 - The I-95 Corridor Coalition is conducting a multi-state campaign to educate drivers about changes they can make to reduce fuel consumption and save money. The program was launched for Memorial Day weekend with the three pilot states of New York, Delaware and Maryland, and included press releases, posters, and website notices. Continued rollout of the program will proceed with the addition of interested states/MPO's and development of a toolkit to assist agencies in creating an eco-driving program.

- **Multi-State VMT-Based Charge Initiative**
 - Congressional Interest – Paul Schmid, Office of Senator Carper
 - Transportation financing is a highly-debated political issue and the Senate feels strongly about researching an alternative funding source since the gas tax is no longer sufficient to cover maintenance and improvements of the Nation's surface transportation system. It was noted that the initial implementation of a VMT system would likely be operated at a state-level (rather than as a federally mandated program), and that proposed field trials will encourage the involved states to further evaluate VMT activities and requirements.
 - I-95 Corridor Coalition Initiative – Mark Muriello, PANYNJ, and Betty Serian
 - Mileage Based User Fee Alliance – Jack Basso, AASHTO
 - The Mileage Based User Fee Alliance's mission is to promote the necessary research and to provide education and information as consideration is given to transitioning to a new robust way of ensuring the financing of future transportation infrastructure. The Alliance's mission, vision and membership are detailed on their website at <http://www.mbufa.org>.

3. **U.S. House of Representatives Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**

Jim Tymon, Republican Staff Director of the Highways and Transit Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, provided a briefing on transportation activities in Congress. The current Surface Transportation Bill (SAFETEA-LU) expired September 30, 2009 and indications are that the new bill will stay within the existing revenue stream (i.e., receipts to the Highway Trust Fund) by trying to make better use of existing programs and by streamlining the project delivery process. It is expected that the Highway Trust Fund revenue will be devoted to interstates and commerce, and will focus on national highway projects versus local projects. The House is currently focused on a 6-year Bill, while the Senate is considering a 2-year Bill. Because of the funding constraints, new and discretionary programs are not expected to be in the Bill although states will be encouraged to work together and incentives will be included for private investments.

4. **Authorization**

Neil Pedersen moderated a discussion on efforts to secure funding for the Coalition in the next Surface Transportation Bill. It was noted that a letter, supporting continued funding for the Coalition, has been signed by the State DOT Secretaries/Commissioners in the I-95 region and will be sent to the Chairs and Ranking Members (and staffs) of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure



House T&I) Committee. Coalition member agencies were encouraged to contact their Congressional representatives and key staff to reiterate the Coalition's value to USDOT, state agencies, and the traveling public.

Although it was suggested by Jim Tymon that language be provided to the House T&I encouraging multi-state efforts, caution was expressed by those present to avoid compromise and to leverage the Coalition's uniqueness and long history of great products.

5. North Carolina Update:

- [I-95 Corridor Planning and Finance Study](#)
- [Alliance for Toll Interoperability](#)

Gene Conti (North Carolina DOT) and Barry Mickle (Alliance for Toll Interoperability) provided updates on North Carolina's I-95 Corridor Planning & Finance Study and the Alliance for Toll Interoperability, respectively. Copies of the presentations are attached to these minutes.

6. ITS World Congress

Tom Kern, ITS America, provided a brief summary of the programs and activities for the 2011 ITS World Congress, to be held October 16-20 in Orlando.

Ananth Prasad, Florida DOT's Secretary, encouraged attendance at World Congress and detailed many of his agency's ITS activities throughout the state.

George Schoener indicated that the Coalition will be involved in many of the World Congress sessions and demonstrations, will be sponsoring an emergency responders' day, and will have a booth in the exhibit hall.

7. Other Business

The next Executive Board meeting will be held in early December, and the next Steering Committee meeting will likely be held in conjunction with World Congress in October (a webcast will be held for those unable to attend in person).

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.



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Participants

In Person:

AASHTO – Jack Basso
American Trucking Assns – Ted Scott
ATI – JJ Eden
CONEG – Anne Stubbs
DC DOT – Soumya Dey
Delaware DOT – Gene Donaldson,
 Brett Taylor
DVRPC – John Ward
FHWA – Greg Jones, Jeff Lindley, Renee Sigel
Florida DOT – Ananth Prasad
I-95 Corridor Coalition – George Schoener,
 Tom Martin, Marygrace Parker
IBTTA – Neil Gray
INRIX – Rick Schuman
ITS America – Tom Kern
Maryland DOT – Caitlin Rayman
Maryland SHA – Neil Pedersen
Maryland Transp Auth – David Greene
Massachusetts DOT – Clinton S. Bench
MBUFA – Barbara Rohde
NC RTP/MWCOG – Karin Foster, Andy Meese,
 Wenjing Pu
New Jersey DOT – James Hogan
New York State DOT – Todd Westhuis
New York State Police – Sgt. Ira Promisel
North Carolina DOT – Gene Conti
North Jersey TPA – Mary Ameen
PB – Gary Euler
Port Authority of NY & NJ – Mark Muriello
Telvent – Patty Reich, Joel Ticatch
TRANSCOM – Tom Batz
University of Maryland – Michael Pack
USDOT/RITA – Shelley Row
US House of Rep – Jim Tymon
US Senate – Paul Schmid
Virginia DOT – Amy Tang McElwain
WILMAPCO – Tigist Zegeye
Other – Matthew Coogan, David Ewing,
 Betty Serian

By Webcast/Telephone:

CONEG – Rich Brancato
Delaware DOT – Greg Oliver
New York State DOT – Stan Gee
PB – Steve Lockwood
Quebec Ministry of Transport –
 Anne-Marie Ferland
Virginia DOT – Connie Sorrell
VDRPT – Mike Harris
Other – W. Sankey, Chris