



I-95 Corridor Coalition Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

November 2, 2009
Albany, New York

Note: Detailed presentations were made on the agenda items below. The presentations are posted on the web, with the minutes, at <http://www.i95coalition.org>.

1. Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review

Steering Committee Co-chair Don Baker welcomed everyone to the Steering Committee meeting and introduced Co-Chair Gene Donaldson, participating by webcast.

Self-introductions were made by those present at the meeting and by those participating in the webcast. The agenda for the meeting was then reviewed.

2. Authorization Update

George Schoener provided an update on Authorization and the impact on the Coalition's funding, noting that the Coalition receives funding under the current extensions. The status of the new Surface Transportation bill and the Coalition's funding will be on the agenda for the spring Steering Committee meeting.

3. Work Plan Development

Funding Overview

George Schoener reviewed the funding status for the Coalition's FY '10 (Year 18) Work plan:

FY '10 (Year 18) Estimated Funding	\$6,437,000
Ongoing Costs:	
Coalition Staff (salaries, fringe, travel)	925,000
Coalition Staff – Additional Year (Partial)	462,500
University of Maryland Contract Administration	182,500
Program Management – Telvent Team	548,000
Program Management – Additional Year (Partial)	274,000
Total Ongoing Costs	<u>-2,392,000</u>
Available Funds for Year 18 Projects & Member Support	\$4,045,000

It was noted that the estimated funding may be adjusted as Authorization allocations are determined and the impact of the rescission is determined.

TRANSCOM Update

TRANSCOM has determined that the vendor arrangement with the Coalition, to provide regional incident notification for the New York metropolitan area to the Coalition members outside the TRANSCOM region, will cease at the end of 2010. The Coalition is developing a proposal to bring together representatives of the corridor's information systems to evaluate opportunities for a regional notification system as the TRANSCOM arrangement winds down.

Program Track Committee Project Ideas

Don Baker detailed the process to be used in evaluating the project submissions, noting that the work plan produced at this meeting would be forwarded to the Executive Board for approval at the December 1st meeting. Representatives from each Program Track Committee presented their Committee's proposed Year 18 projects. Listed below are the proposed projects, Steering Committee comments, and approved funding levels.

Steering Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Coalition Website	\$120,000		\$120,000
TRANSCOM-Communications	0	Using excess funds from prior years to cover this service through the end of 2010.	0
Marketing & Communications	0	Using excess funds from prior years to cover these activities through Year 18.	0
Operations Academy Scholarships	70,000		70,000
Emerging Initiatives Reserve	100,000		100,000
Total	\$290,000		\$290,000

Policy & Strategic Planning Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Member Support	\$50,000		\$50,000
Freight Corridors	250,000		250,000
Continuation of VMT-Based Fee Initiative	250,000		250,000
Best Practices for Sustainability and I-95 Green Corridor Working Group	50,000		50,000
ICAT Maintenance & Support	100,000		100,000
Total	\$700,000		\$700,000

Travel Information Services Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Member Support	\$103,000		\$103,000
2010 Vehicle Probe	1,046,703		1,046,703
2010 Vehicle Probe Support	110,000		110,000
Info Exchange Forum – Probe Technology & Applications	50,000		50,000
Passenger Information Program (PIP) Support	50,000	Withdrawn by the Committee	
Real Time Weather Activations by TMC's with Winter Maintenance Operations	6,000		6,000
Total	\$1,365,703		\$1,315,703

Coordinated Incident Management Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Member Support	\$109,000		\$109,000
Conduct Additional Quick Clearance Training Sessions	125,000		125,000
Quick Clearance Train-the-Trainer Sessions	125,000		125,000
3-D Virtual Incident Management Training System Utilization	100,000		100,000
Standardizing and Simplifying Freeway Service Patrol Benefit-Cost Ratio Estimation	125,000		125,000
Total	\$584,000		\$584,000

Intermodal Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Member Support	\$157,000		\$157,000
Freight Corridors		Co-sponsored with Policy & Strategic Planning Committee	
Freight Academy #3 & Scholarships	105,000		105,000
CVII – Phase III	200,000		200,000
CVO Traveler Information	300,000		300,000
Freight Resiliency	82,500		82,500
Total	\$844,500		\$844,500

Safety Committee

<i>Project</i>	<i>Submitted</i>	<i>Steering Committee Comments</i>	<i>Approved</i>
Member Support	\$20,000		\$20,000
Conduct Additional StreetSmart Sessions	38,000		38,000
Implement the Ten Percenters and Best Safety Programs Best Practices	150,000		150,000
Qualitative/Quantitative Content Media Analysis About Distracted Driving Messages	135,000		135,000
Total	\$343,000		\$343,000

ACTION: The Steering Committee approved the FY '10 (Year 18) funding levels as outlined above, with approved projects totaling \$4,077,203. A draft work plan will be prepared for consideration by the Executive Board at their December meeting.

4. Upcoming Events

Gene Donaldson reported on the following upcoming event:
Executive Board Meeting – December 1 – Philadelphia, PA

The preliminary agenda includes:

- USDOT-RITA Administrator
- Green Corridor Initiatives
- SafeTrip-21 Travel Time and Mobile Device Demonstrations
- I-95 Mega-Project in Philadelphia
- Freight in the Corridor
- Coalition Business – Work Plan Approval

5. Other Business

Given the travel restrictions in many of the Coalition member agencies, it was suggested that a pool of funds be established to reimburse travel for select meetings. An estimate will be developed to determine the potential cost of travel reimbursement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

In person:

- Connecticut DOT – Rick Hanley
- DeLuca Public Affairs – Jerry DeLuca
- I-95 Corridor Coalition – George Schoener, Marygrace Parker, Bill Stoeckert
- FHWA – Greg Jones, Tom Kearney
- MTA Metro-North Railroad – Scott Ornstein
- New York State DOT – Don Baker, Gary McVoy, Rick McDonough
- New York State Motor Truck Association – Kendra Adams
- New York State Police – Ira Promisel
- New York State Thruway Authority – Bill Behrens
- Port Authority of NY & NJ – Mark Muriello, Karen Ryan Tobia
- Telvent – Gary Euler, Patty Reich

By webcast/conference call:

- American Trucking Assns – Ted Scott
- Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology – Paul Aresta
- Connecticut DOT – Pam Sucato
- Delaware DOT – Gene Donaldson, Greg Oliver
- FHWA – Tim White
- Florida DOT – Gene Glotzbach
- I-95 Corridor Coalition – Tom Martin
- Maine DOT – Gary Williams
- Maryland DOT – Ed Miller
- Maryland Transportation Authority – Randy Brown
- Metro Washington COG – Andy Meese
- New Jersey DOT – Eric Powers
- New Jersey Turnpike Authority – Marilyn Lennon
- University of Maryland – Kathy Frankle
- Other – Brent Barnes