

To: I-95 Corridor Coalition Coordinated Incident Management and Safety Program Track Committees

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As you are aware, the I-95 Corridor Coalition's funding for the next annual work plan is tied to the Authorization of a new highway bill. There are a number of factors involved in the timing and amount of funding.

In the event that funding is secured later this year, the Coalition will be expected to submit a proposed work plan containing details on ongoing costs, long-term project expenses, and new project proposals. Therefore, the I-95CC Steering Committee has asked the Program Track Committees to develop summary project proposals. At this time, a full project idea form is not requested; the proposals should include a descriptive paragraph and an estimate of funding required. When the timing and amount of the Coalition's funding is determined, full project idea forms will likely be required. Please transmit your Summary Project Ideas to DottyD@aol.com **no later than August 30, 2009**. The CIM PTC and Safety PTC Leadership will then review these ideas in preparation for their prospective advancement for available funding. Note that the schedule may change as Authorization activities proceed.

As we develop summary project ideas and proposals, the Steering Committee also recommends that Program Track Committees review the Coalition's recently completed 2040 Strategic Vision for the I-95 Corridor, available on the home page of the Coalition website at www.i95coalition.org. With particular respect to our CIM PTC and Safety PTC, the following prospective goals are pertinent:

Ø 19% VMT reduction which matches AASHTO's sustainable target of 1% VMT growth per year and a paralleling dramatic reduction in fatalities

Ø Aggressive Systems Operations and Management based on full application of the conventional strategies for both recurring and nonrecurring congestion where applicable across the corridor networks at a state-of-the-practice level of intensity and with full Corridor integration. These applications include:

- Ramp Metering;
- Variable Message Signs (VMS);
- Traveler Information;
- Active Traffic Management (Variable Speed Limits and lane management);
- Incident Management (IM);
- Road Weather Management;
- Advanced Traffic Signal Control;
- Integrated Corridor Management (ICM);
- Work Zone Management; and
- Special Event Management.

The Coalition's 2040 Vision sees the Corridor as a continuing laboratory for advancing 21st Century operations and management concepts. Coalition opportunities and solutions include:

Ø Position systems operations institutionally as a core program within state DOT policy with formal program development procedures, line item budget, consolidating organization, formal PSA relationships;

Ø Greater focus on standards and consistency in multistate environment;

Ø Foster regional approaches to incident management to encourage consistent incident management across a region (including joint multistate evacuation planning);

- Ø Foster cooperation with emergency response agencies as well as their shared urgency and support for the rapid clearing of incidents.
- Ø Encourage Regional level TMCs.
- Ø Encourage Reallocation of traffic management from public safety to DOTs.
- Ø Dramatically reduce fatalities through a combination of roadway, vehicle, and driver behavior strategies.