

I-95 Corridor Coalition TIS Announcement

February 2017

First Travel Information Services Committee meeting held in January 2017!

On January 19, 2017, the Travel Information Services (TIS) Committee held its first meeting for 2017, at the DVRPC offices, in Philadelphia and via web. The meeting was full of presentations on updates to travel information services and 511 by member agencies.

Coalition Projects were discussed including:

Standardized Lexicon for ATMS Inputs and Leveraging Agency Transit Data – General Transit Feed Specification Workflows to Third Party Information Providers. Please look for more information on each of these projects as they progress.

Russell Allen, PE (FDOT) gave an informative presentation on Florida's Next Generation 511 system which launched in September 2016. He discussed the new mobile app and updated website, as well as the change to a multi-channel communication engine for all of their travel info outputs.

Russell explained the streamlining of their IVR system and excitedly announced their plans for a visual IVR. In addition to discussing upcoming plans for the 511 system, he shared FDOT's plans for their Data Integration and Video Aggregation System (DIVAS).

Russell noted, *"I am really excited about our new FL 511 system and the future enhancements that we have scheduled. This new system, paired with DIVAS, will open the door to greater possibilities for real-time data collection and sharing that data with transportation agencies, universities, and the private sector in order to better manage and operate our highways."*

Denise Markow shared lessons learned by Maine DOT, New Hampshire DOT and Vermont AOT as they developed and launched their regional 511 system – New England 511 (July 2016). Denise reviewed their process highlighting the six top lessons learned through their efforts. To learn about all of the lessons learned, see the presentation on the Coalition website.

Many other member agencies provided updates on their Travel Information/511 efforts during the "Agency Roundtable" discussion. Participants heard about MassDOT's Travel Information Resources including Go Time, Mass511, and Crowdsourcing Partnership, as well as VDOT's partnership with Waze and their new 511 mobile app. In addition, Pennsylvania (PennDOT and PA Turnpike) explained 511PA Connect, a new trapped-traveler emergency communications tool and reviewed its use during a recent winter weather incident. A lively discussion on the various updates ensued.

Coalition members can find the presentations from this meeting on the Coalition website at [TIS Committee Meeting - Jan 2017](#). Thanks to all for their participation and we look forward to another great meeting in the Fall.

About the I-95 Corridor Coalition-

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is a partnership of transportation agencies, toll authorities, public safety, and related organizations, from the State of Maine to the State of Florida, with affiliate members in Canada. The Coalition provides a forum for key decision makers to address transportation management and operations issues of common interest. This volunteer, consensus-driven organization enables its myriad state, local and regional member agencies to work together to improve transportation system performance far more than they could working individually. The Coalition has successfully served as a model for multi-state/jurisdictional interagency cooperation and coordination for over two decades.

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