

## THE EASTERN TRANSPORTATION COALITION

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### The Eastern Transportation Coalition TSMO Happenings May 2020 – September 2020

#### Catch up on all The Eastern Transportation Coalition - TSMO News!

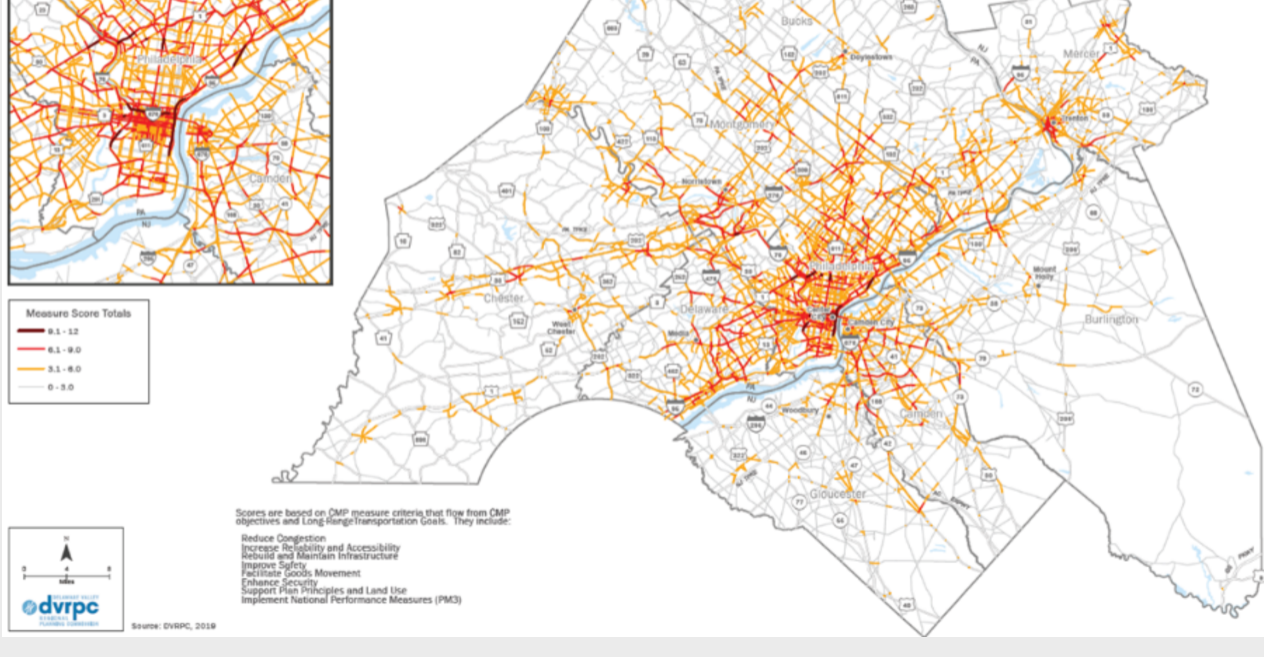
The Coalition has been very busy hosting many web events throughout the past few months. Our members and distinguished speakers shared a lot of valuable information and we would like to share it with you!

#### TSMO: Performance Measures Web Meeting - August 27, 2020

In this web meeting, **Joseph Sagal** and **Subrat Mahapatra** of Maryland DOT-SHA discussed how Maryland uses TSMO data to make transportation decisions, **John Allen of UMD CATT Lab** showcased templates being developed to save members time when creating reports for RITIS-PDA Suite results, and **Tom Edinger of DVRPC** explained how his agency presents the Congestion Management Process (CMP) data, metrics and goals. Additionally, **Denise Markow of The Eastern Transportation Coalition** highlighted the Federal Highway Administration's Performance Dashboards and Reports Website (<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/tpm/reporting/state/>) which contains state by state performance dashboards for safety and infrastructure condition measures.

- [Performance Measures: Presentation with Audio](#)
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CMP 2019 - Multimodal Performance Measure Scoring Totals

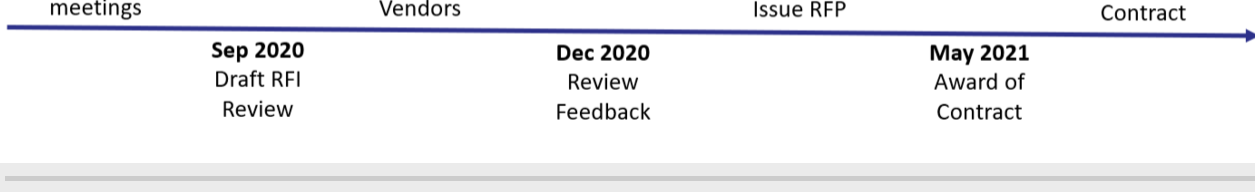


#### Traffic Data Marketplace (formerly the Vehicle Probe Project Marketplace)

During the last two weeks of August 2020, Coalition members came together to learn about, provide input, and ask questions about the upcoming Traffic Data Marketplace (TDM) contract. Three meetings were held to give an overview of the process as well as a deeper dive into the planned expanded data sets. The anticipated schedule is shown below with anticipated award in June 2021.

You can find more information at <https://tetcoalition.org/projects/vpp-marketplace/>.

For information on the procurement efforts, please contact Denise Markow ([dmarkow@tetcoalition.org](mailto:dmarkow@tetcoalition.org)).



#### TIS Web Summit: Emerging Technologies in Traveler Information to Improve Safety for Passenger and Commercial Vehicles - June 17, 2020

Five diverse presentations were made by private and public sector organizations that affect the traveling public and commercial vehicles. **Jim Hadden of Jim Hadden Consulting for New Jersey DOT** explained how NJDOT is deploying voice assistants to access travel information. **Mary and John Farrell of Information Logistics Inc** showcased features added to the HELP System in which an alert that appears on a traveler's phone to advise them of incidents that are anticipated to cause major delays. **Rick Schuman of INRIX** and **Gene Conti of the Conti Group for Driveway** explained how their organizations are working together to provide traffic congestion information to commercial vehicle operators to reduce secondary crashes. **Ryan McNary of PennDOT** explained how PennDOT is using crowdsourcing data to help identify incidents on highways and ultimately find solutions to congestion. Finally, **Kevin Loftus of iHeartMedia** introduced the Total Traffic & Weather Network (TTWN) and explained how they are collaborating with the Florida Turnpike on a pilot project to provide real-time traffic data through digital radio on the Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) infrastructure for the South and East regions of Florida.

- [TIS Web Summit: Agenda](#)
- [TIS Web Summit: Overall presentation](#)
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#### PennDOT Secondary Crash Study

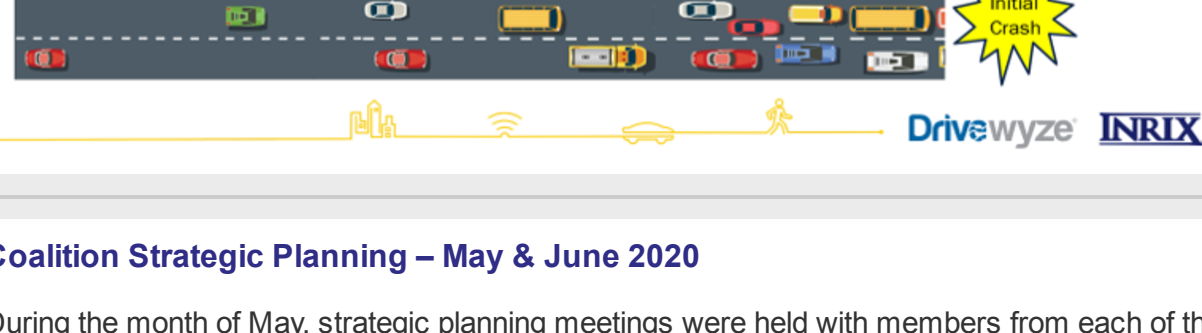
1,233 secondary crashes on the core network in 2018

- 6 fatalities
- 750 injuries

82% occurred 15+ minutes after initial crash

49% with 60+ minutes queues present!

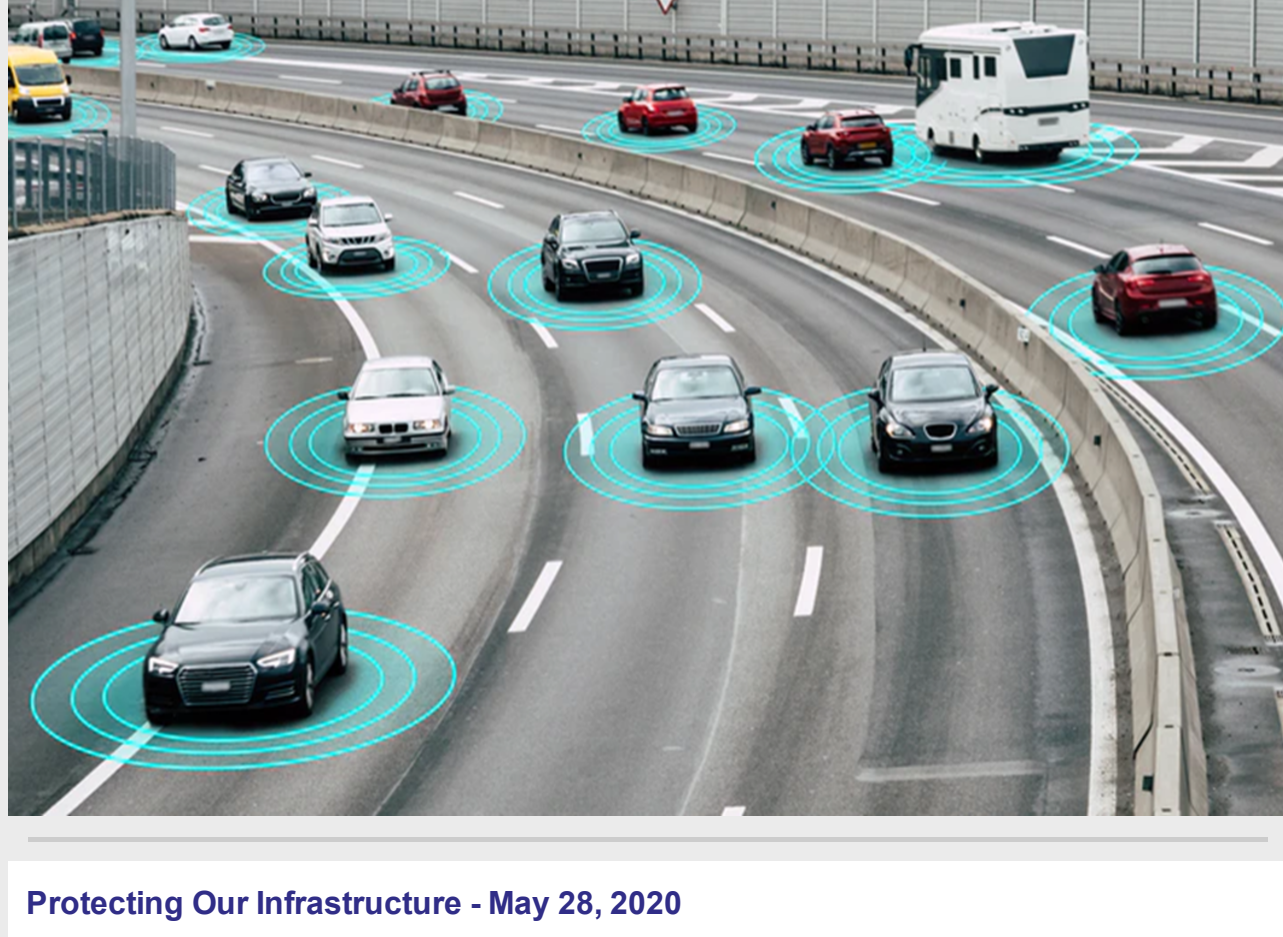
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#### Coalition Strategic Planning – May & June 2020

During the month of May, strategic planning meetings were held with members from each of the Coalition's Programs – TSMO, Freight, and Innovation. These web meetings provided members an opportunity to discuss and provide their input on the importance of activities, projects, and events within their particular program track for the upcoming fiscal year 2021 (beginning July 2020). The Coalition staff that lead each of these programs then worked together to determine those activities that are "cross-cutting" – of relevance to members across programs.

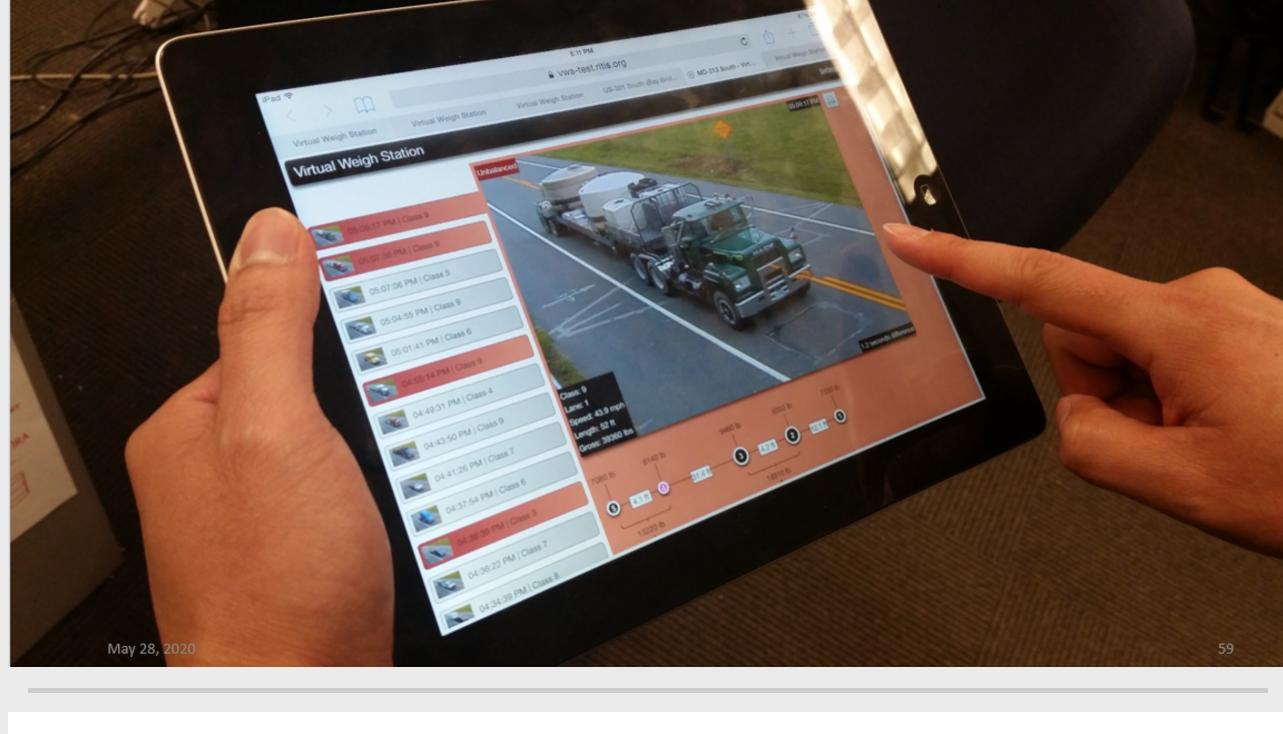
On June 16, 2020, the Cross-Cutting Strategic Planning Session was held, which included members from each of the programs. During this strategic planning session, **Denise Markow (TSMO Director)**, **Marygrace Parker (Freight Director)**, and **Virginia Reeder (Innovation Program Associate)** of The Eastern Transportation Coalition provided the group with an update on their planning efforts for their respective programs, an overview of the VPP Marketplace datasets and plans for VP/III, and future cross-cutting events. Participants were asked to vote on their top cross-cutting topics based upon a list resulting from the planning efforts of the individual programs.



#### Protecting Our Infrastructure - May 28, 2020

Two systems designed to protect infrastructure were showcased: 1) the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's Tuscarora Tunnel Traffic Management System and 2) Virtual Weigh Stations in Maryland. **Naomi Morris and Kevin Hunt of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission** and **Gannett Fleming**, respectively, explained the traffic management system used for tunnel rehabilitation construction giving specific examples of its use. **Nikola Ivanov, University of Maryland CATT Laboratory**, on behalf of the Maryland DOT-SHA & Maryland Transportation Authority, described the Virtual Weigh Station program including its purpose, use, and integration with RITIS.

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#### Managing in a COVID-19 Environment (Members Only Discussion)

Coalition members gathered virtually four times in six months, under the auspices of the Coalition staff, to share experiences, best practices and resources available related to their handling of staff, facilities and equipment (how to keep their agency members, field workers, and other essential workers safe during the COVID-19 pandemic). Senior staff from many Coalition member agencies actively participated: Alabama DOT, Connecticut DOT, Delaware DOT, Georgia DOT, Maine DOT, Maryland DOT, Massachusetts DOT, New Jersey DOT, New York State DOT, North Carolina DOT, Pennsylvania DOT, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Rhode Island DOT, South Carolina DOT, Tennessee DOT, Vermont DOT, Virginia DOT, and DVRPC.

- May 13, 2020 - COVID-19: Return to Work Practices** - Members discussed how they are controlling the spread of the virus within their offices and field sites. This includes using a split-shift schedule, providing cleaning supplies to employees, and implementing widespread testing.
- June 9, 2020 - COVID Construction Discussion: How Agencies Are Getting Back to Steady State Operations** - Member agencies discussed their procedures for continuing construction work during the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This included, site restrictions, increased hours of construction, and cost savings by moving to daytime construction. Members also discussed the ability to complete more projects.
- June 23, 2020 - Follow up to May COVID Discussion: How Agencies Are Getting Back to Steady State Operations** - Members discussed the challenges they faced with COVID-19, and how close their agencies were to "returning to normal." This included addressing their employee's fears about COVID-19, the course of action in the case of a positive test, and staying connected with remote workers.
- September 22, 2020 - COVID Discussion: How was Freight (Trucks) addressed in Facility Operations and Response** - Representatives from state DOTs discussed whether their rest areas and other truck facilities were kept open, what services are being provided at those areas, and how they communicated this information to truckers.

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The Coalition has a YouTube channel. Recordings from many of the Coalition's web meetings are available [here - take a look!](#)

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