



WINTER OPERATIONS COALITION

Interstate 80 is a major east-west interstate corridor through the states of California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska, and is a key economic freight and traveler corridor. Integration and continuity of winter maintenance and operations across the I-80 corridor is needed to provide consistent traveler information and consistent levels of service to achieve a higher degree of boundary transparency and improved mobility. These states have initiated a single strategic planning effort to reach consensus on how best to link operational processes and data to maximize winter mobility along the I-80 corridor they share.

Who is involved?

California | Nevada | Utah | Wyoming | Nebraska
Transportation | Maintenance | Public Safety | Freight

PURPOSE OF COALITION

- Better and more comprehensive information and data available to both transportation agencies and the traveling public.
- Builds on existing multi-state coordination efforts and expands it to include general road conditions information, consistent traveler information along the corridor, traffic management strategies, maintenance operations, freight mobility, and potentially shared use of infrastructure near state boundaries.
- Leverages state resources to create innovative solutions to issues that many states share during the winter months, and provides a foundation for developing those solutions through coalition program activities.

COALITION OBJECTIVES

- Establish institutional structure for coordinating operations, among I-80 DOTs.
- Aggregate weather conditions information from multiple sources.
- Identify traffic data collection capabilities and share information with other agencies.
- Establish existing capabilities and near-term enhancements to identify specific continuity issues and opportunities.
- Research innovative practices from other areas of the country facing similar challenges.

This Western States I-80 corridor integration, with a focus on winter mobility, will serve as a model for other states to leverage funds, share resources and knowledge, and maximize funding shortfalls in times of economic hardship.

See reverse side for Coalition accomplishments!



JANUARY 2010

- Operations and maintenance representatives from CA, NV, UT, and WY met in Reno, Nevada
- Focus of conference:
 - ★ Sharing existing programs/systems
 - ★ Develop strategies to coordinate across corridor
 - ★ Traffic operations and maintenance break-out discussions
 - ★ Presentations from established coalitions on lessons learned and how to organize for success in multi-state partnerships
 - ★ Development of Coalition Strategic and Action Plan for developing those solutions through coalition program activities

OCTOBER 2010

- Expanded to include Nebraska, DOT freight planning, freight industry, and private sector representatives
- Focus of conference:
 - ★ Key discussions on freight, weather, and traveler information
 - ★ Partnerships established and expanded with National Weather Service and on IntelliDriveSM initiatives and opportunities
 - ★ Formalization and update of Coalition Strategic and Action Plan
 - ★ Emerging Action Task Forces in weather, freight, and TMC/communications

COALITION WEBINARS: provided between conferences to continue momentum and update on actions and opportunities

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COALITION ACHIEVEMENTS

- ★ **CORRIDOR-WIDE CONTACT MATRIX** All transportation, freight, maintenance, and weather points of contact for each state to support I-80 mobility.
- ★ **MULTI-STATE PARTNERSHIPS ON KEY OPPORTUNITIES** Coalition states have partnered on the TIGER II grant application development (was not selected), as well as the IntelliDriveSM road weather demonstration project (was selected). This Coalition has developed inherent state partnerships to go after key opportunities for the greater benefit of the I-80 Corridor as a whole.
- ★ **SHARING OF BEST PRACTICES** The Coalition conferences have provided opportunities for states to share best practices with partner states. This has led to transitions to those proven practices with success. The I-80 Coalition website also provides the archive for sharing these best practices.
- ★ **FREIGHT ACTION AND COORDINATION PLAN** Coalition states have captured existing activities and processes, documents freight needs and issues, and have established a plan for addressing those needs. Agency and industry freight representatives are integral members of the Coalition.
- ★ **SUCCESSFUL OUTREACH** Coalition partners have provided presentations at ITE, TRB, AASHTO, PIARC, and other conferences regarding the I-80 Corridor.
- ★ **KEY DISCUSSIONS** Many needs and issues have emerged through this coalition: freight mobility challenges, weather descriptor inconsistencies, dynamic message sign posting variations, and truck parking challenges. All of these discussions have resulted in key actions and champions within the Coalition that have near-term proposed resolutions or longer-term visions for successful partnership on their corridor-wide resolutions.

