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I-80 COALITION 2012 FALL WORKSHOP

RENO, NEVADA
 SEPTEMBER 25 – 26, 2012

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

The following provides a brief workshop summary of action items. The detailed summary and presentations can be obtained from the “members only” area on the I-80 Coalition website.

ATTENDEES

Name	Agency	Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Denise Inda	NDOT	Steve Williams	NDOT D2	James McGee	NDOR
Lisa Schettler	NDOT	Michael Murphy	NDOT D3	Capt. Susan Aller-Schilling	NHP
Bill Thompson	NDOT	Randy Hesterlee	NDOT D3	Lt. Tom Ames	NHP
Coy Peacock	NDOT	David Lindeman	NDOT D3	Jin Zhen	NDOT FHWA
Mylinh Lidder	NDOT	Joe Ramirez	NDOT D3	Rod Schmalhaus	Wal-Mart
Rod Schilling	NDOT	Steven Kirkpatrick	Caltrans	James Healy	Wal-Mart
Sondra Rosenberg	NDOT	Stan Richins	Caltrans	Mike Baker	Wal-Mart
Tim Mueller	NDOT	Jeff Morneau	Caltrans	Jon Mittelstadt	NWS
Brad Burge	NDOT D2	Kevin Griffin	UDOT	Molly O'Brien	Kimley-Horn
John Talbott	NDOT D2	Mike Evans	UDOT	Deanna Haase	Kimley-Horn
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ACTION ITEMS

General Coalition Action Items

- States need to reinvigorate the TMC communications/coordination and get the TMCs talking across state lines. Suggestion for monthly standing meetings between TMCs. CA to initiate.
- Develop a truck parking map for I-80 across the Coalition states, similar to UDOT Truck Parking Map.
- UDOT has developed a training program to train drivers of new tow plows – Kevin Griffin will email and will share with NDOT D2 and D3.
- UDOT has snow plow simulator – this is going mobile, but it is currently a third party effort that is expanding without DOT funding right now. UDOT was offered its use to calibrate/test the tool. Could this be offered to other states to calibrate/test?



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- Need to get a Trucking Association letter to get published – include Owner Operator Independent Driver Association as well in the distribution.
- FHWA is suggesting a second round of grants for Coalition efforts, and the I-80 Coalition group can propose on that new funding but will need to find funding in the interim.

Coalition Formalization Action Items

- There is a need to justify the need for staffing as proof for when storms hit and staffing is needed. This is formally being documented as proof that there was discussion already of the needs. The legislature needs the message, as well as the governor's office and director's office.
- WYDOT suggests that multiple states need to put up money to develop projects for the Coalition to move forward.
- There are activities and structure that the I-80 Coalition can leverage that North/West Passage is doing such as establishing formal projects and champions at the states for those projects.
- The I-80 Coalition members want to maintain some flexibility in how to function such as involving different representatives on a year-to-year basis as the need arises such as the freight community and NWS or other key focus areas.
- It is important to get multiple people from each state at these meetings – not just one representative. Projects are great to move forward with, but collaboration among peers and partners is priceless. This has been a strong benefit and unique opportunity that this Coalition has provided.
- All states are on board with moving forward with a pooled fund program of some sort – but there needs to be documentation of a formal relationship as well as more effort in publicizing the accomplishments of the Coalition thus far. The I-80 Coalition can leverage agreements that will be done through I-80 CSMP and I-15 Alliance groups. KHA to draft a benefits/justification statement for states to use to lobby for financial participation for the Coalition within their agency.
- Moving the I-80 Coalition meeting location will be helpful to offer new perspectives and representation at the meetings. Locations will have to be specifically chosen to not exclude any partner states from participation due to travel restrictions.
- The I-80 Coalition vision and objective statements are provided on the Coalition website – need to package this information in more of a scope/schedule/fee summary that each state can take back to ask for funding to support the Coalition moving forward.
- Needs to be more focused outreach to partner states and Directors as well as articles in national publications/magazines to gain recognition nationally.

Potential Project Ideas

- New performance metric algorithm that was developed by the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) using RWIS sensors to reflect ice on the road which was shared with UDOT – would this be of interest to other states to have as a performance metric?
- Potentially develop training on “how to read” RWIS data to gather information to be able to respond to anticipated road conditions.



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- Poll/survey/ask the media about methods that can be undertaken at a DOT level to help them get traffic/traveler information out more efficiently. This leverages what Caltrans did for the media in building a turnout for the media on I-80 so the media can take a good view of the valley at Blue Canyon.
- Expand the WYDOT CVOP to other states along the I-80 corridor. Need to identify what information is needed to include in the portal.