

North/West Passage Regional Permitting Study



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North/West Passage was established as a FHWA
Pooled Fund Study in 2003

8 State DOT Members along I-90 and I-94
(Washington to Wisconsin)

Implemented 3 Work Plans

Successfully completed 13 projects

Developed a Strategic Plan



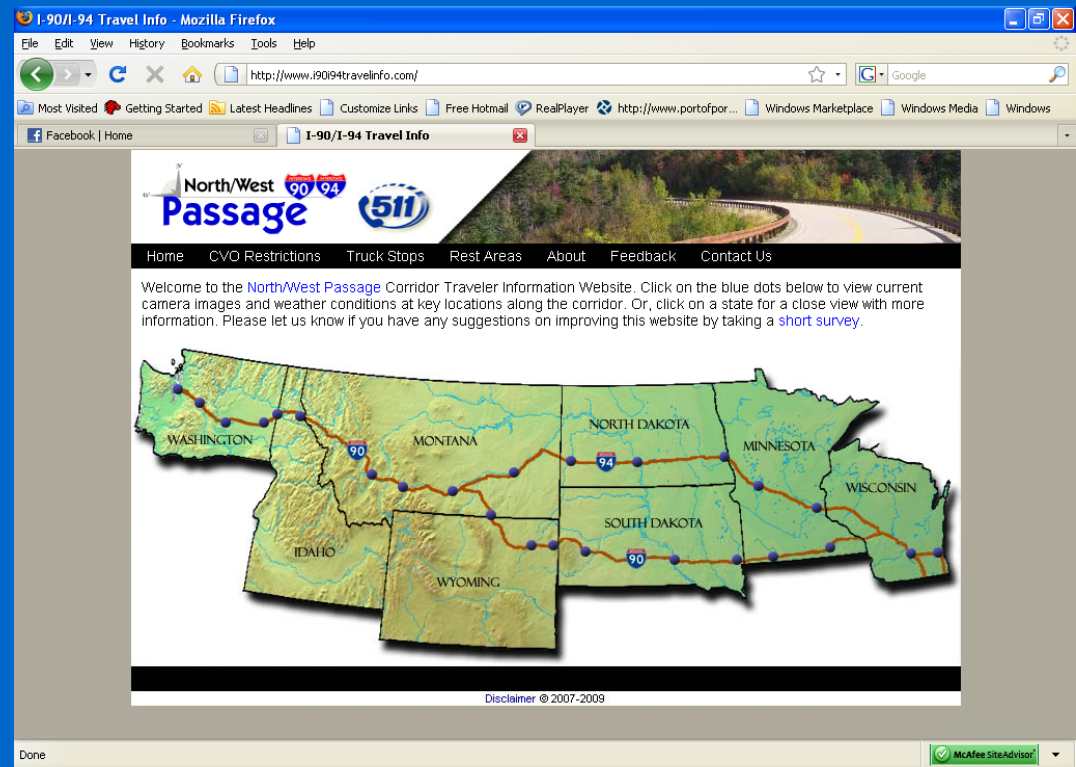
Moving forward with Work Plan 4

5 projects

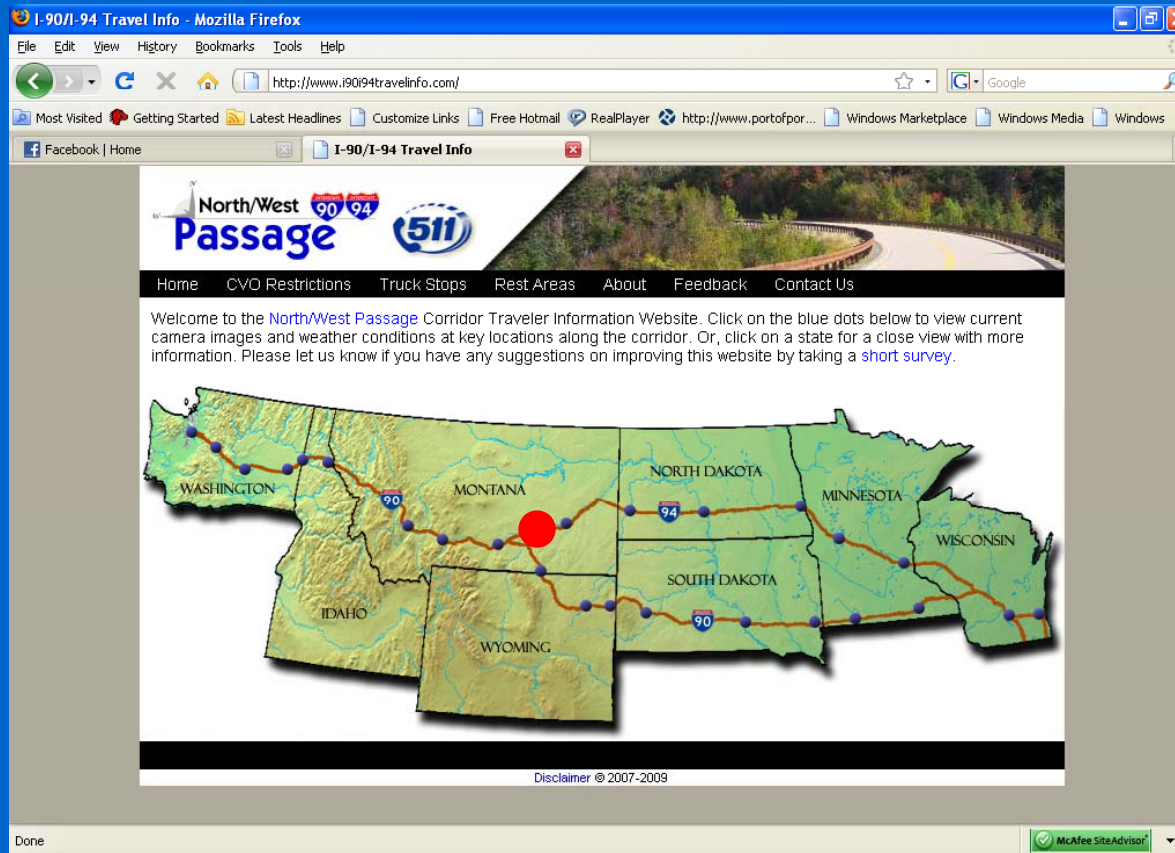


1st Generation Web Site

- Corridor-wide Links to:
 - Cameras,
 - Weather Reports
 - Rest Stops
 - Individual State ATIS sites
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- >15,000 visits /month
 - Very Positive Feedback



2nd Generation Web Site – Active Event Displays



Corridor-wide Regional Commercial Vehicle Permitting





Corridor-Wide Commercial Vehicle Permitting

Driving Need

- Increases in the Number of Permits Issued
- Increased Frequency of Extreme Permits Issued
- Searching for Collaborative Multi-state solution
- Benefit Truckers and State Agencies

Project Vision

“...allow carriers to obtain basic
oversize/overweight permits for the
entire Corridor at a ‘one-stop-shop’”

Research and Exploration

- No Commitment to Regional Permitting
- Assess benefits, drawbacks, issues
- New Role for North/West Passage Program

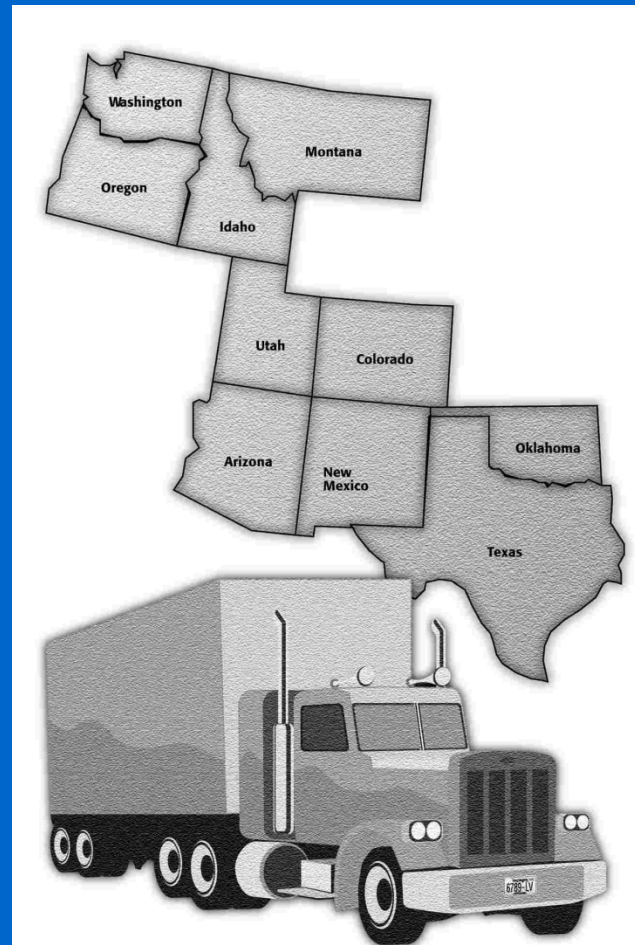


Is it Possible? Is it Desirable?

- Examine Laws, Regulations
- Feedback from Commercial Vehicle Services
- Understand the Options



- Is There an Existing Model?
- WASHTO Regional Permitting
 - Single Trip Permits
 - 3 NWP States Already
 - Could all NWP States Join



- Is a New or Expanded Model Needed?
- Include additional permits?
- Address any Concerns of Member States?

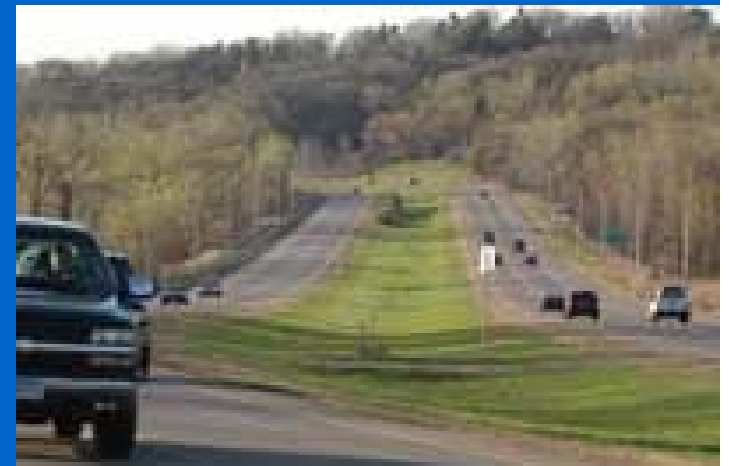


- Why do some states not participate in WASHTO Regional Permitting?
 - Issues with Permitting?
 - Lack of Benefits?
 - Other Barriers?

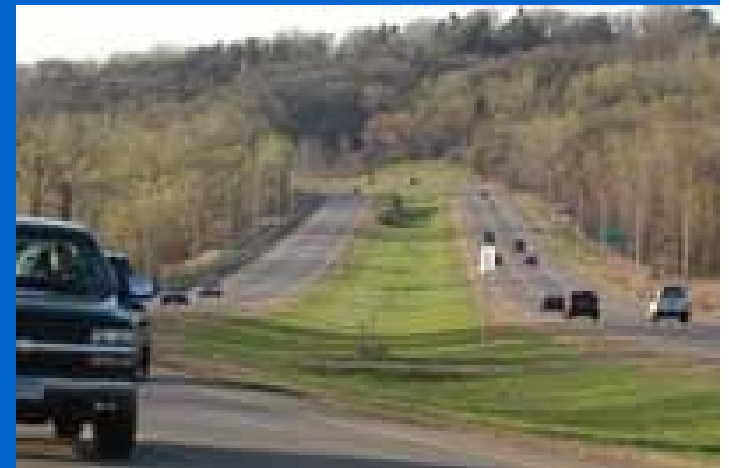


Project Overview

- States Who Do Permitting, Can More Be Done?
 - Additional Permit Types
 - Extreme or Unusual Loads



- Project Status
 - Contractor Recently Selected
 - Project Kickoff in September
 - Results by Next Year





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