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
Traveler Information Website – Phase I

1st Generation Web Site
- Corridor-wide Links to:
  - Cameras,
  - Weather Reports
  - Rest Stops
  - Individual State ATIS sites

- >15,000 visits /month
- Very Positive Feedback
Traveler Information Website – Phase II

2\textsuperscript{nd} Generation Web Site
– Active Event Displays
Corridor-wide Regional 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
Corridor-Wide Commercial Vehicle Permitting

Is it Possible?  Is it Desirable?

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

• Is There an Existing Model?

• WASHTO Regional Permitting
  – Single Trip Permits
  – 3 NWP States Already
  – Could all NWP States Join
Project Overview

• 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 Overview

• Project Status

– Contractor Recently Selected

– Project Kickoff in September

– Results by Next Year
Questions

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