

North/West Passage Operations Task Force

Roadmap and Related Topics – August 13, 2014

Roadmap

The North/West Passage Steering Committee has extended the operations task force for a second year. As the task force develops a work plan for their work in the coming year, it is important to give some thought to an overall roadmap for operations among the states. The roadmap should describe a general direction for where the North/West Passage states want operations to go next. The roadmap will also guide specific discussions and tasks undertaken by the task force.

During the July 16 task force meeting, the group was asked, “What can be discussed among the task force and what can the task force recommend to the steering committee in the next year that will encourage further progress with operations among the states?” Following are some suggested points to illustrate the roadmap for operations that North/West Passage and the task force will follow in the coming year.

- Continue emphasis on **identifying, planning for and coordinating major events** – planned and unplanned.
- Continue **peer exchange style discussions of operational approaches** that individual states are using to manage events, particularly as it may support states developing TMC/TOC facilities.
- Monitor how **OTIIS is supporting traveler information** in the corridor.

Related Topics

The following topics have been suggested by task force members, by the Steering Committee and as a result of current work. Following the August 13 meeting, these topics will be prioritized by the task force and the top 10 will be selected and folded into a draft work plan for the task force. In the draft work plan, the topics will be aligned with the task force’s monthly, 30-minute webinar meeting format from October 2014 through July 2015. Some topics may require more than one meeting for discussion. The details and schedule implications associated with those topics will be discussed as the work plan is finalized by the task force. The topics highlighted with an asterisk were either suggested by the task force based on the previous year’s work or suggested by the Steering Committee.

1. Seasonal webinar content *
2. Major event after action reviews *
3. Regional Operations Forum *
4. Planning and preparing for major events *
5. Identify operations oriented project ideas for future work plans *
6. OTTIS operations and maintenance
7. TMC/TOC Operations Coordination web page maintenance
8. Corridor performance measures (Project 9.5 in Work Plan 9)
9. API use among the states
10. Approaches to 24/7 staffing
11. Upcoming ITS deployment plans

12. Field equipment issues (e.g. Daktronics hacking)
13. Multistate work zone mapping editor (TOPS Lab)
14. Citizen reporting and other crowd sourcing
15. Others?