



JUNE 2016

**INTRODUCING THE NEW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ANDY ALDEN**

Andy leads the Eco-Transportation and Alternative Technology Group at the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI). His past professional experience includes work in the environmental and information technology fields, and in the development and deployment of vehicle data acquisition systems and related research methods. His current focus is research for the advancement of sustainable transportation, primarily through the application of advanced technologies and their integration within the Connected Vehicle system. Recent or current projects include those on animal-vehicle conflict, road weather safety, bus transit efficiency, bicycle safety, minimizing damages from road salts use, unmanned aerial vehicle sensing, and unconventional but practical uses for onboard vehicle sensors. Andy is also active on a variety of related committees and working groups ranging in scope from local to national levels.

Andy will be attending the I95 CV and Automated Conference in Maryland on June 21-22, so if you are there look him up and welcome him.

2016 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2016 meeting was held at the Conference Center at Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA. With approximately 75 folks in attendance the meeting was a success. We had some truly great speakers that covered an array of topics.

There were two breakout sessions:

Public Safety/Incident Management led by Art Kaplan

Economic Development/Transportation Infrastructure/Freight led by Jonathan Bowser.

Each group has come up with a task for the coalition to achieve within the year. We will be rolling up our sleeves and getting busy in the upcoming weeks to accomplish as much as we possibly can. If you have an interest in joining one of these groups, please don't hesitate to contact me.

We are going to be forming a committee to help with the planning of the 2017 meeting. Interested in helping, let me know.

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I-81 NEWS

Kevin Cole, former Interim Executive Director, played an active role in the formation of the I10 Corridor Coalition in the Western United States. He participated in a webinar and also attended a meeting in Phoenix, AZ. He shared lessons learned early on, and how the I-81 Corridor Coalition got started. Also, things like how to determine what to focus on, and what advice you would have for the four state coalition members (California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas). We wish them much success.

STEERING COMMITTEE

We had our first conference call to discuss the path forward for the coalition. The first order of business is to elect a Chairperson and fill in the vacancies on the steering committee. Andy will be making phone calls and visits to folks up and down the corridor. We will also be looking for opportunities for funding and/or projects, along with prospective members in an effort to grow.

GO-81

The MCOM Grant, AKA GO-81, has been completed and submitted to FHWA for their approval. We will share the results as soon as we get permission to do so.

HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, SEND IT IN AND I WILL INCLUDE IT.

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