

# STATES *for* PASSENGER RAIL COALITION

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## States for Passenger Rail Coalition Work Plan

January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005

- Monthly conference calls with coalition members to discuss current issues and appropriate coalition responses -- or more frequently as necessary.
- Bi-weekly conference calls with Executive Committee and other key states to discuss current issues and develop appropriate coalition responses for discussion at coalition-wide conference calls.
- Coalition-wide meetings in association with AASHTO SCORT summer and winter meetings. Other meetings scheduled as appropriate in association with TRB meeting and HSGTA meetings etc.
- Develop coalition letters to key members of Congress and the Administration on national passenger rail funding and institutional issues and related legislative proposals.
- Follow-up up meetings of Coalition Executive Committee and other interested members to present Coalition positions to Congressional staff and members and to Administration representatives.
- Develop informational materials on state passenger rail initiatives and related funding needs.
- Fund advertisements in Roll Call and other Washington DC outlets as appropriate
- Update Coalition members on Congressional and federal agency activities related to passenger rail funding via e-mail correspondence.
- Organize briefings, meetings, and other events in Washington DC to allow Coalition members to highlight state passenger rail funding needs as they relate to a national funding program.
- Support the work of the National Governors Association's Passenger Rail Task Force as appropriate.
- Work with other passenger rail advocacy groups such as the RSI, HSGTA, NARP, AASHTO/SCORT, APTA, American Passenger Rail Coalition, labor organizations, Amtrak, MW Business Coalition for High Speed Rail, SE Economic Alliance, etc. to develop a coordinated message that reflects state concerns.
- Identify appropriate federal funding vehicles for a dedicated passenger rail funding program, including TEA-21 Reauthorization.
- Enhance coordination by arranging state and corridor visits to provide legislative updates and exchange information.
- Provide speakers at various regional and national meetings.
- Other activities consistent with the mission of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition as appropriate.

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