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NEW ENGLAND AND NEW YORK TRANSPORTATION COMPACT

AGREEMENT made between and among the Governors of the **State of Connecticut**, the **State of Maine**, the **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**, the **State of New Hampshire**, the **State of Rhode Island**, the **State of Vermont**, and the **State of New York**, each of which is an independent unit of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the transportation of people and goods within, through, and between the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and New York (collectively, the “Northeast States”) is a matter of utmost importance to the region’s citizens, businesses, and institutions;

WHEREAS, the Northeast States have numerous state agencies and independent authorities charged with the responsibility to plan, design, construct, operate and maintain various modes of transportation throughout the region;

WHEREAS, an effective, integrated and multi-modal transportation system can generate significant benefits for our environment – locally, regionally, nationally, and globally;

WHEREAS, providing safe and reliable transportation choices improve the livability of our communities and the public health of our citizens;

WHEREAS, the density, geography and history of the Northeast region has resulted in an interconnectedness of our economies, communities, and transportation infrastructure and assets, and the cooperation between and among the Northeast States with respect to these issues is vital for our collective economic health and well being; and

WHEREAS, enhanced coordination between the Northeast States’ transportation systems will allow the states, individually and collectively, to provide transportation choices and increased mobility of people and goods within, through, and between the region in a safe, secure, environmentally sustainable, and efficient manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Signatory States to this Agreement hereby create the New England and New York Transportation Compact (the “Compact”). The Compact shall be comprised of designees of each of the Governors of the Northeast States, who shall serve at the pleasure of such Governor. The Compact shall meet as frequently as its representatives deem necessary in locations in the Northeast for the purposes of accomplishing the objectives set forth in this Agreement, and shall be specifically charged with the following mandate:

1. To coordinate and to share information about their transportation projects and initiatives, so as to improve regional freight and passenger rail, highway access, overall regional mobility, and other critical transportation priorities;

2. To collaboratively advance high priority regional transportation projects, including but not limited to high-speed rail, inter-city passenger rail, commuter rail and other forms of mass transportation, including rail connections with the bordering provinces of Québec and Ontario;
3. To collaborate on advocacy efforts in important policy areas and with various advocacy groups, so as to ensure that the region benefits from those federal programs and funding streams that will help preserve and enhance the Northeast States' transportation systems and infrastructure; and
4. To coordinate in other transportation related areas as new priorities and the needs of the Northeast States arise.

Agreed to by the Governors of each of the Northeast States as of the dates set forth below and effective as of the last date of execution.


Honorable Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of Connecticut
6-29-12
Date


Honorable Paul R. LePage, Governor of Maine
7-17-12
Date


Honorable Deval L. Patrick, Governor of Massachusetts
5/30/12
Date


Honorable John H. Lynch, Governor of New Hampshire
6-5-12
Date

Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of New York
Date


Honorable Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of Rhode Island
5-16-12
Date


Honorable Peter Shumlin, Governor of Vermont
7/24/12
Date