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Freight Movement Task Force

The **Freight Movement Task Force** will meet next on December 15, 2005 at 9:00 AM. Agenda details and meeting location will be sent in next month's Freight News Monthly.

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Amtrak Northeast Corridor Consortium Resolution



In a resolution passed September 22, 2005, Amtrak Board of Director's decided to establish a consortium to own and manage the rail systems' most heavily traveled leg, the Northeast Corridor.

The federal-state consortium would share maintenance costs while Amtrak operates the trains. January 2006 is the Board's targeted deadline to have the federal-state management consortium established, however, the resolution must first win Congressional approval.

[9/21/05 - Testimony of Amtrak Chairman David M. Laney before the Subcommittee on Railroads of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee](#)

Safety Tips For Motorists Sharing the Road With Trucks



Sunday's October 30, 2005 PARADE magazine ran an article titled "Do Trucks Make You Nervous?" The

article highlights government and the trucking industry steps to foster road safety. Also noted are some valuable safety tips.

Safety Tips for Motorists on How to Share the Road With Trucks

- **Never cut in front of a truck.** At 55 mph, fully loaded trucks take the length of a football field to stop—50% farther than a car. Be sure you're at least four car lengths in front of the truck.
- **Don't linger alongside.** There are large blind spots around trucks where cars disappear from the drivers view. Check the truck's side mirrors: If you can't see the driver's face, the driver can't see you. To get out of left and right blind spots, pass quickly or slow down.
- **Pass on the left.** The blind spot on the right runs the length of the trailer and extends out three lanes. It's safer to pass on the left.
- **Keep a safe distance.** To avoid blind spots when behind a truck, stay back 20-25 car lengths, if possible.

I-95 Corridor Coalition Annual Meeting



The I-95 Corridor Coalition's Annual Meeting will be held this year in Saratoga Springs, NY on

December 13th and 14th.

To register for or learn more about the meeting, visit the Coalition Connection at www.i95coalition.org or contact Noreen Hazelton at i95nhaze@aol.com or (978) 835-3127.

I-95 Corridor Coalition Annual Meeting Agenda

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