



25th February 2020

To Members of Task Force 13 and friends,

We had a fantastic FALL 2019 Task Force 13 meeting in College Station, TX last September, trust you were able to attend or at least read the meeting minutes. To see minutes from previous meetings, you must login then under "Meetings" go to "Previous Meetings". There are meeting minutes for the past 20 years. Thanks to all the members of the Roadside Safety Pooled Fund Program who were able to join us.

- **Wednesday April 15th, 2020 at 1pm**, buses will leave for the full scale crash testing event (weather permitting), hosted by MwRSF at their facility at the Lincoln airport. Buses will return to the Embassy Suites at approximately 2:45pm, when the Pooled Fund (invitation only) meeting will continue.
- We will begin our JOINT MEETING with the MwRSF Pooled Fund Program on **Wednesday, April 15th, 2020 at 7pm and conclude ~9:30pm.**

The Pooled Fund has indicated they value the joint meeting; however, with all that is taking place in the industry with MASH implementation and testing, they need the additional time on Wednesday afternoon for their meeting to conclude.

The Task Force 13 meeting will continue on Thursday April 16th and into Friday April 17th. We trust that a great number of the members of the *Midwest Pooled Fund Program* associated with the *Midwest Roadside Safety Facility* and other state DOT officials will be able to join us. There will be a Task Force 13 dinner on Thursday evening and the meeting will end by noon on Friday, April 17th, 2020.

We are seeking topics for discussion between State DOTs and industry for the joint meeting as well as seeking volunteers that want to present on topics of interest. A three or four sentence abstract must be submitted in advance for any presentations that you want to make to the joint forum. Please send any requests to Dr. Ron Faller rfaller1@unl.edu and copy me. Upon approval, I will add it to the joint meeting agenda.

*Anyone wishing to make a 15 minute **Technical Presentation** during the Task Force 13 meeting on Friday must request to be placed on the agenda, in advance. Presentations must be limited to relevant roadside design research and hardware. Please send request to greg.neece@trin.net.*

TF-13 Spring Meeting with Midwest Pooled Fund Program members

Location/Dates: Lincoln, NE. 1pm-Wednesday, April 15th thru noon-Friday, April 17th, 2020
Embassy Suites Lincoln
1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508 402-474-1111

The special \$129 room rate per night (plus tax, if applicable) is available until March 25th, 2020, or until sold out. Parking is \$11.25 per day. If calling, be sure to reference **Group Name:** "Task Force 13 Meeting" **Group Code:** "TAS"

Hotel Registration can also be made by accessing the hotel web page:
https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-TAS-20200413/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Registration: **Standard rate of \$345 for Wednesday evening through Friday noon.** This includes lunch and dinner on Thursday, and breaks each day. Guests of the Embassy Suites get a hot made-to-order breakfast in the hotel. Spouses/guests may join us for dinner Thursday evening for \$40 per person.

The actual meeting registration rate is determined by the date that the registration form is faxed or emailed to John Durkos.



If you have further questions, comments, or suggestions, please call Task Force 13 President, John Durkos.

Those of you who are not able to attend the Task Force 13 - Spring 2020 (Lincoln, NE) meeting in person have the opportunity for remote participation for some portions of the meeting:

- Wednesday Joint Session, beginning at 7 pm Central Time on Wednesday April 15th, 2020.
- Subcommittee #7 Certification of Test Facilities, beginning at 1:15 pm Central Time on Thursday April 16th, 2020.
- Review of recent research and technical presentations, beginning at 9:15 am Central Time on Friday April 17th, 2020.

A [weblink](#) will be provided to join the meeting(s), for the sessions listed above, at the appropriate time, at a later date.

**Travel and Lodging Options
April 15th - April 17th, 2020**

Suggested Hotel : Embassy Suites Lincoln

Shuttle service is available from the Lincoln airport – contact hotel for information.

Alternative lodging:

- The Graduate Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn Downtown) – 141 N. 9th Street (402-475-4011)
- Courtyard Marriott Downtown – 808 R Street (402-904-4800)
- Hyatt Place Downtown – 600 Q Street (402-742-6007)
- Hilton Garden Inn Downtown – 801 R Street (402-475-9000)
- Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker – 333 South 13th Street (402-474-7474)

Transportation Options

LINCOLN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (**LNK**) - <http://www.lincolnairport.com>

(Printable maps of the airport can be found on the website listed above.)

Lincoln Municipal Airport is the primary air transportation facility serving the city of Lincoln. The airport is located at 2400 West Adams, right off exit #399 on Interstate 80. Both the Embassy Suites and the Holiday Inn provide a free hotel shuttle from the Lincoln airport.

OMAHA EPPLEY AIRFIELD (**OMA**) - <http://www.flyoma.com>

(Printable maps of the airport can be found on the website listed above.)

Omaha Eppley Airport is the primary air transportation facility serving the city of Omaha. The Eppley airport is located at 4501 Abbott Drive. Omaha is located about 62.7 miles (1 hour 11 min.) northeast of Lincoln.

NAVIGATOR AIRPORT EXPRESS - <http://www.navigatorairportexpress.com>

The Navigator Airport Express (formerly Eppley Express) will also be available to transport you from Omaha to Lincoln and Lincoln to Omaha. You must make your own reservations at least 48 hours in advance. To make your reservations please call the Navigator Airport Express at 1-800-888-9793.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Neece

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Secretary, Task Force 13

Enclosures: Draft Agenda, Registration Form, and Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes.



Wednesday, April 15th, 2020
Venue – Primarily at Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

- 1:00 pm** Board bus at Embassy Suites Hotel or take personal vehicle to travel to MwRSF's Outdoor Testing Facility for crash test 4630 N.W. 36th Street Lincoln, NE 68524
- 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm** Planned Crash Test @ MwRSF Outdoor Testing Facility.
- 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm** Board bus or take personal vehicle from Test Site and return to Embassy Suites.

Task Force 13 and Midwest Pooled Fund Program
Joint Meeting & Discussion at Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE
April 15th, 2020 – 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Moderator – Dr. Ron Faller, MwRSF

- 6:45 pm – 7:00 pm** Arrival w/ Refreshments & Snacks @ Downtown Embassy Suites Hotel
- 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm** Welcome & Introductions (sign-in sheet)
- 30 mins** Mapping road safety assets on the NHS
Presenter - Aiden Rhode, Safety in Numbers. Com (54F37Y)
- 45 mins** ARE different MASH testing matrices, categories or evaluations needed, for next MASH update, in regards to road safety hardware? (30m)
Possible topics, alternatively others may be discussed:
 - Terminals/attenuators on curbs – standard, sloped, various heights, etc
 - New hardware categories
 - Side impact testing on terminals/attenuators, ie. NCHRP 22-32
 - Shallow angle corner impact testing for terminals/attenuators
- 15 mins** New training course available for DOT specifiers (**To be Confirmed**)
Presenter – Nick Artimovich, Centerline Associates, LLC.
- 22.5 mins** Discussion led by John Durkos, Road Systems, Inc.
 - State QPL/APL Standardization Discussion
 - Update(s) to MASH Implementation Plan – States/Industry
- 22.5 mins** Presentation & discussion on Standardized Over-Length Post (20m)
Presenter - Don Gripne, Consultant to Trinity Highway Products, LLC.
- 15 mins** Presentation Time open, at time of agenda publication

Notes:

If shorter presentation time is requested or if a significant number of requests for presentation times are received and approved, the presentation lengths and/or content/subject will be altered accordingly.

The order of this agenda may be revised to accommodate various speakers/presenters and time restraints.



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Thursday, April 16th, 2020
Venue - Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

- **6:00 a.m.** Breakfast at the hotel for guests staying at the Embassy Suites
- **7:30 a.m.** Task Force 13 Registration at Embassy Suites Hotel
- **8:00 a.m. Begin Task Force 13 Meeting - Introductions** Durkos
- **8:15 a.m.** Recap of College Station, TX Subcommittee Meetings Neece
- **8:30 a.m.** Approval of Minutes from Fall 2019 (TTI) Meeting Durkos
- **8:35 a.m.** Contract for Website Services
 - Subcommittee #1 Publications Maintenance Lohrey

Subcommittee Meetings - Discuss Goals, Tasks & Assignments

- **9:45 a.m.** Subcommittee - **Breakout Session A**
 - #2 - Barrier Hardware Review Groups
 - Guardrails/Median Barriers Smith
 - Crash Cushions Lechtenberg
 - End Treatments/Terminals TBD
- **10:45 a.m. BREAK**
- **11:00 a.m.** Subcommittee - **Breakout Session B**
 - #3 - Bridge Railing & Transition Hardware Brauner
 - #11 – Delineation Schulz
- **12:15 a.m. LUNCH – Provided in cost of registration**
- **1:15 p.m.** Subcommittee - **Breakout Session C**
 - #6 - Work Zone Hardware Shewmaker/Perry
 - #7 - Certification of Test Facilities Lechtenberg/Bullard
- **2:30 p.m.** Subcommittee - **Breakout Session D**
 - #5 - Sign, Luminaire & Traffic Signal Support Hardware Lohrey/Jollo
- **3:45 p.m. BREAK**
- **4:00 p.m.** Recap of Subcommittee activities
- **4:15 p.m.** Update from the *Midwest Pooled Fund Program* Meeting Faller/Bielenberg
Overview of funded projects in 2021 program
- **4:40 p.m.** Possible additional technical presentations (20m), if needed.
- **5:00 p.m.** Task Force 13 Executive Meeting (All Subcommittee Co-Chairs requested to attend)

Task Force 13 Dinner (Cost included in Registration) – Location TBD:

- ~6:15 p.m. Appetizers and cash bar
- ~6:45 p.m. Dinner (location to be determined)



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Friday, April 17th, 2020
Venue – Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

- **6:00 a.m.** Breakfast at the hotel for guests staying at the Embassy Suites
- **8:00 a.m. Begin Task Force Meeting – Day 2**
- **8:00 a.m. Affiliated Committee/Activity Reports**
 - Update on status of Task Force 13 Membership and Structure Durkos
 - American Traffic Safety Services Association (“ATSSA”) Perry
 - TRB Committee AFB20 Roadside Safety Bligh
 - AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety TBA
- **8:45 a.m. Reports from Special Subcommittee Co-Chairs**
 - #9 - Marketing Mauer/Perry
 - New Standardization Areas Discussion

Update of ongoing research projects related to Roadside Safety and/or Safety Hardware

The remainder of the meeting will be broadcast.

- **9:15 a.m.** NCHRP Bush
- **9:45 a.m.** Texas A&M Transportation Institute Bligh
- **10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- **10:30 a.m.** Midwest Roadside Safety Facility Lechtenberg
- **11:00 a.m.** FHWA/George Mason University Marzougui

Possible additional technical presentations ... as needed

- **11:30 a.m.** New/Old Business Durkos
 - New Standardization Areas
 - Location of 2020 Fall Task Force 13 Meeting with Roadside Safety Pooled Fund.
 - Location of Various 2020 Industry Meetings.
 - Executive Committee Summary.
 - Review of Task Force 13 “To Do List”, generated from meeting.
- **12:00 noon** Scheduled Adjournment



Wednesday, Thursday and Friday o April 15th – 17th 2020 o Lincoln, NE

Meeting Registration Form

Members should check here [] if this includes changed or new information.

If you are **new** to the Task Force 13 please check here [].

Please check here [] if you want a Certificate of Professional Development Hours.

Please check here [] if you will need a ride to MwRSF Test Facility Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____
Last First Middle Initial

Title _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country if international _____ Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-mail address: _____@_____

_____ I will bring a spouse/guest (add \$40 per guest for dinner on Thursday evening).

_____ Please check if you have special dietary needs or allergies and explain here:

Registration Fee per Task Force 13 attendee to accompany this form.

- If registering prior to or on March 25th, please enjoy a \$25 discount and pay only \$320!
- If registering between March 26th and April 3rd, registration is \$345.
- If registering between April 4th and April 9th, registration is \$395.
- If registering on or after April 10th, registration is \$445.
- Please add \$40 for each guest accompanying you to Thursday’s dinner.
- Fax this form to John at 330-346-0722 or emailing John at jdurkos@roadsystems.com
- *The date that this form is faxed or emailed to John determines and locks in your registration rate. After registering, you can send your check prior to the meeting, or you can pay in full at the door on April 15th, 2020.*

Full registration includes lunch and dinner on Thursday and breaks each day. **Please make checks payable to “Task Force 13 Meeting Fund”** and forward with registration form to:

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