



15th February 2022

Members of Task Force 13 and Friends,

We have had several great virtual Task Force 13 meetings in the last couple of years, but it is time to get back to the business at hand – **in person** – in the capital of *The Cornhusker State* ... Lincoln, NE.

- We will **begin** our JOINT MEETING with the MWRSF Pooled Fund Program on **Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 7pm and conclude ~9:30pm. The meeting location will be in the Platte River Room in the UNL City Campus Union. The room is located on the southeast corner of the first floor.**

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 – thus we are meeting in the evening of Wednesday.

The Task Force 13 meeting will continue on Thursday April 28th and into Friday April 29th. 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 (with a large TV to view the NFL Draft, Round 1) and the meeting will end by noon on Friday, April 29th, 2022.

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, it will be added 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: 7pm - Wednesday, April 27th - Joint Meeting
UNL City Campus Union – Platte River Room
1400 R St, Lincoln, NE 68588

8am Thursday, April 28th thru noon-Friday, April 29th, 2022
Embassy Suites Lincoln
1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508 402-474-1111

The special \$134 room rate per night (plus tax, if applicable) is available until April 4th, 2022, or until sold out. Parking is \$11.25 per day.

Registration: Standard rate of \$400 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 \$50 per person.
The actual meeting registration rate is determined by the date that the registration form is actually emailed or post marked to Eric Smith.



Full Agenda: To be Forthcoming by late February 2022

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

**Travel and Lodging Options
April 27th - April 29th, 2022**

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 62.7miles (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: Registration Form



**Task Force 13 and Midwest Pooled Fund Program
Joint Meeting & Discussion
WEDNESDAY April 27th, 2022 – 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Moderator – Dr. Ron Faller, MwRSF**

- 6:45 pm – 7:00 pm** Arrival w/ Refreshments & Snacks:
UNL City Campus Union – Platte River Room
1400 R St, Lincoln, NE 68588
- 7:00 pm – 7:15 pm** Welcome & Introductions (Sign-in Sheet)
- 7:15 pm – 9:30 pm** Agenda TBD
Soda/Crudités/Snacks Included
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**Thursday, April 28th, 2022
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
Agenda TBD
Plated Lunch at Hotel and Breaks with Soda/Crudités/Snacks Included
- **5:00 p.m.** Scheduled Adjournment

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)
 - Within walking distance of venue
 - With a Big TV to view the NFL Draft, Round 1
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**Friday, April 29th, 2022
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**
Agenda TBD
 - **12:00 noon** Scheduled Adjournment
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Wednesday, Thursday and Friday o April 27th – 29th 2022 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 (“PDH”).

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 \$50 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 April 1st, please enjoy a \$25 discount and pay only \$375!**
- If registering on April 2nd and through April 21st, registration is \$400.
- If registering on or after April 22nd, registration is \$445.
- Please add \$50 for each guest accompanying you to Thursday’s dinner.
- Email this form to Eric at esmith@gregoryhighway.com
- *The date that this form is postmarked or is emailed to Eric will determine and therefore lock 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 27th, 2022.*

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:

Attn: Eric Smith, TF13 Treasurer
c/o Gregory Highway Products
4100 13th Street, SW
Canton, OH. 44710