



Members of Task Force 13 and Friends,

Our next Task Force 13 meeting will be back in Lincoln, NE - the capital city of *The Cornhusker State*.

- **Wednesday April 26, 2023–1:30pm Crash Test WEATHER PERMITTING, see details on next page.**
- We will begin our JOINT MEETING with the MWRSF Pooled Fund Program on **Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 at 7pm and conclude ~9pm.**
 - **The joint 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 Task Force 13 meeting will continue on Thursday April 27th and into Friday April 28th. 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 (location TBD) and the meeting will end by noon on Friday, April 28th, 2023.

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@valtir.com

TF-13 Spring Meeting with Midwest Pooled Fund Program members

Location/Dates: 7pm - Wednesday, April 26th - Joint Meeting
UNL City Campus Union – Platte River Room
1400 R St, Lincoln, NE. 68588

8am Thursday, April 27th thru noon-Friday, April 28th, 2023
Embassy Suites Hotel - Lincoln
1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508 402-474-1111

The special \$139 room rate per night (plus tax, if applicable) is available until April 4th, 2023, or until sold out. Hotel parking is \$11.25 per day, if needed.

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 Hotel enjoy 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.

➔ ALL times shown on invitation / agenda/ etc are in Central Time Zone ←

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- **Please complete the registration form on page 6 and submit it to our treasurer, Eric Smith – which will lock in the meeting rate.** Then use this weblink (or call Eric Smith), if paying by credit card. Be advised there is a 3.5% processing fee for payment by credit card.
<https://square.link/u/E2PSbw01> or www.TF13.org click **“REGISTER”** on top/right
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Travel and Lodging Options
April 26th - April 28th, 2023

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:

Agenda(s)

Registration Form

The Midwest Pooled Fund Program has announced they are planning a crash test (if weather permits) on Wednesday April 26th, 2023. There will be two (2) buses at the Embassy Suites Hotel to load at 1:00pm and leave at 1:15pm for the test site.

After testing is completed, the buses will return to the Embassy Suites Hotel, with an expected arrival time of 2:59pm.

Anyone attending the meetings is welcome to observe the crash test. Should weather (or other reason) cancel the scheduled testing, we will attempt to advise by noon, through an email notification.



Task Force 13 and Midwest Pooled Fund Program - Joint Meeting & Discussion
WEDNESDAY April 26th, 2023 – 7 pm to 9pm
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 (with Sign-in Sheet) ... Soda/Snacks Included
7:15 pm – 9:00 pm Agenda provided below:
- 20 mins** **MASH Evaluation Training Development for the National Highway Institute**
Presenter – TBD
- 10 mins** **International Roadside Safety Conference & Peer Exchange (“IRSC & PE”)**
IRSC & PE is tentatively scheduled for August 2024 in Orlando, FL. USA
Presenter – Dick Albin, FHWA
- 25 mins** **Update on the MASH Conversion to a Specification and DOT Implementation**
Presenters – Roger Bligh, TTI & John Durkos, RSI
- 20 mins** **Update on the AASHTO Technical Services Program**
Presenter – TBD
- 20 mins** **What are the state DOTs needs from industry, going forward?**
Panel – TBD
- 10 mins** **What’s new?**
Registered attendees are welcome to submit a one slide (landscape pdf format) overview/summary on new/upcoming MASH products or roadway safety services. Send slide to greg.neece@valtir.com for inclusion into meeting deck.
- Recently released or soon to be released products, research or services.
 - Only two (2) submissions per entity / organization.
 - Only forty (40) “one slide” slots available.
 - No slides are to be narrated, “presented” or feature video / animation.
 - At least one (1) person from entity / organization must be registered to submit slide(s).
- Notes:** The agenda / presentation lengths, content / subject and order could be altered somewhat accommodate various speakers / presenters and time restraints. Some presentations / presenters may use a virtual connection.

Weblink connection will be available at a later date.



Thursday, April 27th, 2023
Venue - Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE

- **6:00 a.m.** Breakfast starts 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.** Approval of Minutes from September 2022 meeting Durkos
Treasurer's Report Smith
- **8:30 a.m.** Contract for Website Services (60 minutes) Lohrey
 - Subcommittee #1 Publications Maintenance

Subcommittee Meetings - Discuss Goals, Tasks & Assignments

- **9:30 a.m.** Subcommittee - **Session A (45 minutes)** Pyde/Eicher
 - #2 - Barrier Hardware Review Groups
 - Guardrails/Median Barriers
 - Crash Cushions
 - End Treatments/Terminals
- **10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- **10:30 a.m.** Subcommittee - **Session B & C (30 minutes each)** Ghioldi
N. Schultz
 - #3 - Bridge Railing & Transition Hardware
 - #11 - Delineation
- **11:30 a.m. LUNCH – Provided in cost of registration, located onsite.**
- **12:45 p.m.** Subcommittee - **Session D (75 minutes)** Lechtenberg/Kovar
 - #7 - Certification of Test Facilities (Virtual option)
- **2:00 p.m.** Subcommittees **Sessions E & F (30 minutes each)** Lohrey/Jollo
Shewmaker/Perry
 - #5 - Sign, Luminaire & Traffic Signal Support Hardware
 - #6 - Work Zone Hardware
- **3:00 p.m. BREAK**
- **3:15 p.m.** Update from the *Midwest Pooled Fund Program Meeting* (60 minutes) Bielenberg
 - Overview and priority of funded projects in 2023 program
- **4:15 p.m.** Update Subcommittee #9 - Marketing Mauer/Perry
- **4:30 p.m.** Scheduled adjournment for Day 1

- **4:45 p.m.** Task Force 13 Executive Meeting (All SC Co-Chairs requested to attend @ 51min)

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

- ~6:15 p.m. Appetizers and cash bar
- ~6:30 p.m. Location TBD



Friday, April 28th, 2023
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 (10m) Durkos
 - American Traffic Safety Services Association (“ATSSA”) (15m) Perry
 - TRB Committee AKD20 Roadside Safety (20m) Donahue
 - AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety (15m) TBD

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

The remainder of the meeting will be offered both virtually and in person.

- **9:00 a.m.** Update NCHRP projects Jared
- **9:30 a.m.** Texas A&M Transportation Institute (30 minutes) Kovar
- **10:00 a.m. BREAK**
- **10:15 a.m.** Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (30 minutes) Rosenbaugh
- **10:45 a.m.** Recent research ... 15 minutes TBD Slot Open
- **11:00 a.m.** CCSA/George Mason University Tahan
- **11:30 a.m.** New/Old Business Durkos
 - Location/Dates of Various 2023 Industry Meetings.
 - Executive Committee Summary.
 - Review of Task Force 13 “To Do List”, generated from meeting Neece
- **12:00 noon** Scheduled Adjournment

Weblink connection information for Thursday & Friday (04-27 & 04-28) will be provided at a later date.



Wednesday, Thursday and Friday o April 26th – 28th 2023 o Lincoln, NE

Meeting Registration Form

Please check here [] if you want a Certificate of Professional Development Hours (“PDH”).

Name _____ Nickname for Badge _____
Last First

Title _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Country _____ Phone (____) _____ 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 can now be completed on www.TF13.org



Click “REGISTER” on top right of webpage.

- **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 17th, registration is \$400.
- If registering on or after April 18th, registration is \$445.
- Please add \$50 for each guest accompanying you to Thursday’s dinner.
- **If paying by credit card a 3.5% processing fee will be added to your registration amount.**
- ***The date that you register online at www.TF13.org or this form is postmarked / emailed to Eric (eric.smith@hillandsmith.com) 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 (by check or credit) on April 27th, 2023.*

Registration includes lunch and dinner on Thursday and breaks each day.

If paying by check, **please make checks payable to “Task Force 13”**

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