

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS (“AASHTO”)  
444 N. Capital Street, NW Suite 249 Washington, DC 20001  
TASK FORCE 13 COMMITTEE**

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March 17, 2017 **Update**

To Members of Task Force 13 and friends,

Thanks to the team at the Florida Department of Transportation for arranging our Fall 2016 meeting in Miami, FL. We are looking forward to continuing our Task Force 13 efforts again in April in Lincoln, Nebraska. We will begin our meeting with a crash test (weather permitting) and a joint session with the Midwest States Pooled Fund Program members Wednesday afternoon, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The minutes of recent TF-13 meetings are now posted for your review at <http://www.aashtotf13.org> and choose “Member Login”. If you are not sure of your username and password, contact Olaf Johnson [olaf@roadsafellc.com](mailto:olaf@roadsafellc.com). Once logged in go to “Meetings”, go to “Previous Meetings”. Review the minutes of the Miami meeting, and contact me with any additions or edits. **Please note that anyone wishing to make a Technical Presentation in Lincoln must inform me by April 12<sup>th</sup>** at [greg.neece@trin.net](mailto:greg.neece@trin.net). Technical presentations must be limited to relevant research on roadside design and hardware.

**TF-13 Spring Meeting with Midwest State’s Pooled Fund members**

**Location/Dates:** Lincoln, NE. 1 pm-Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> thru noon-Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

**Hotel:** Embassy Suites Lincoln, 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508

Phone 402-474-1111 You may also use this website:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-TAS-20170417/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-TAS-20170417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

The special room rate of \$124 per night (plus tax, if applicable) will be available until March 27th or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first.

**2017 0317 Update:** We understand the group block rate is close to or may have already sold out, as of today. We recommend you contacting the hotel ASAP, if you have not already made your reservations and desire to stay at the Embassy Suites.

Bus transportation will be provided from the Embassy Suites Hotel to the site of the crash test and return to the meeting room for the joint discussion.

**Registration:** \$335 for Wednesday afternoon through Friday noon. Includes lunch and dinner on Thursday, and breaks each day. *\$25 Discount for early registration!*  
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.

If you have further questions, comments, or suggestions, please call Co-Chair John Durkos (330-346-0721), you are also welcome to email me at the address noted above. This should be another productive and informative Task Force 13 meeting.

Sincerely,

*Gregory A. Neece*

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Interim Secretary, Task Force 13

Enclosures: Draft Agenda, Registration Form

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**Travel and Lodging Options  
April 19-April 21, 2017**

**Suggested Hotel : Embassy Suites Lincoln**

Please use this link for Task Force 13 reservations:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-TAS-20170417/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/L/LNKESES-TAS-20170417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Group Name: NE Department of Roads  
Group Code: NDR  
Check-in: 19-APRIL-2017  
Check-out: 21-APRIL-2017  
Hotel Name: [Embassy Suites Lincoln](#)  
Hotel Address: 1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, 68508  
Phone Number: 402-474-1111

- Shuttle service is available from the Lincoln airport – contact hotel for information.
- The hotel charges \$9.00 for guest's overnight self-parking. Valet parking is available \$17.00/day.

**Alternative lodging:**

- 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Lincoln to Omaha and Omaha to Lincoln. 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.

**AGENDA**  
**AASHTO Task Force 13 Meeting**  
**Lincoln, Nebraska**

**Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Venue – MwRSF and Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE**

**1:00 p.m.**      **Shuttle departs** Embassy Suites Hotel for Midwest Roadside Safety Facility (“MwRSF”) Outdoor Crash Testing Facility, weather permitting.

**1:30 p.m.**      **Full-Scale Crash Test.** When completed, return to Hotel for the Joint Discussion. If weather is inclement, we will stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel and begin the Joint Discussion with Pooled Fund Members at 1:30pm instead.

**3:00-6:00 p.m. Joint Discussion between MwRSF Pooled Fund Members, Task Force 13, and FHWA at Embassy Suites Hotel.** Potential “MASH” discussion topics are currently being accepted along with volunteers for presentations. Typically there is time for five or six presentations. Please send your request for time, as well as the presentation title/topic to Ron, John and Greg.

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**Agenda for Joint Session**

3-3:30pm

**3:30-4pm** Difficulties Maneuvering MASH Products Thru DOT’s Product Evaluation Maze      Durkos

**4-4:30pm** Clarifications to various standard drawings and materials specifications      Neece

4:30-5pm

5-5:30pm

5:30-6pm

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**Thursday, April 20th**  
**Venue - Embassy Suites, Lincoln, NE**

<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Breakfast at the hotel for guests staying at the Embassy Suites</b>	
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Task Force 13 Registration at Embassy Suites Hotel</u></b>	
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Begin Task Force 13 Meeting - Introductions</u></b>	Durkos
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Recap of Miami Subcommittee Meetings</b>	Neece
<b>8:25 a.m.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from Fall 2016 (Miami, FL) Meeting</b>	Durkos
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Contract for Website Services	
	Subcommittee #1 Publications Maintenance	Ray & Team
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b><u>Subcommittee Meetings - Discuss Goals, Tasks &amp; Assignments</u></b>	
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Subcommittee - <b>Breakout Session A</b>	
	#2 - Barrier Hardware Review Groups	Smith
	Guardrails/Median Barriers	Lechtenberg
	Crash Cushions	Kruse
	Terminals	Sheppard
	#8 - Rail Highway Crossing Hardware	Hare & Ayton
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Subcommittee - <b>Breakout Session B</b>	
	#3 - Bridge Railing & Transition Hardware	Bligh & Brauner
	#11 – Delineation	Gentry & Schulz
<b>12:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	Subcommittee - <b>Breakout Session C</b>	
	#6 - Work Zone Hardware	Schertz and Brown
	#7 - Certification of Test Facilities	Lechtenberg/Bullard
<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Subcommittee - <b>Breakout Session D</b>	
	#4 - Drainage Hardware	Patterson
	#5 - Sign, Luminaire & Traffic Signal Support Hardware	Lohrey & Jollo
	#10 - Computational Mechanics	Ray
<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Break</b>	
<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Recap of Subcommittee activities.	
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Task Force 13 Executive Meeting (All Subcommittee Co-Chairs requested to attend)	
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Task Force Dinner – TBD/TBA	

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**Friday, April 21st**  
**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**
- 8:00 a.m.** **Affiliated Committee/Activity Reports**
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| AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures          | TBA  |
| AASHTO Headquarters / TF-13 Status                     | Jim McDonnell                                    |
| American Traffic Safety Services Association (“ATSSA”) | Golden   |
| National Association of County Engineers               | <a href="mailto:nace@naco.org">nace@naco.org</a> |
| TRB Committee AFB20 Roadside Safety                    | Bligh  |
| AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety          | Poole  |
- 8:30 a.m.** **Reports from Special Subcommittee Co-Chairs**
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| #9 - Marketing                        | Mauer & Golden  |
| SunSetting of Subcommittee #4 and #8? | Open Discussion |
| New Standardization Areas             | Open Discussion |
- 9:00 a.m.** **Update of ongoing research projects related to Roadside Safety**  
The remainder of the meeting will be broadcast via Adobe Connect and instructions for logging on will be forwarded.
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| <b>9:00 a.m.</b> NCHRP                              | Mark Bush         |
| <b>9:25 a.m.</b> Texas A&M Transportation Institute | Roger Bligh       |
| <b>9:50 a.m.</b> Midwest Roadside Safety Facility   | Karla Lechtenberg |
- 10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:40 a.m.** FHWA/George Mason University Dhafer Marzougi
- 11:00 a.m.** **Technical Presentations: relevant research on roadside design and hardware.**
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| <b>11:00 a.m.</b> 1. |  |
| <b>11:15 a.m.</b> 2. |  |
| <b>11:30 a.m.</b> 3. |  |
- 11:45 a.m.** New/Old Business Durkos
- Location of 2017 Fall TF13 Meeting in College Station, TX
  - Location of Various 2017-2018 Meetings
  - Executive Committee Summary
  - Review of Task Force 13 “To Do List”, generated from meeting.

# AASHTO TASK FORCE 13 COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, April 19th to April 21st, 2017  
Lincoln, Nebraska

## Meeting Registration Form

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

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

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

Please check here [ ] if you need transportation from the hotel to the MwRSF on Wednesday.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First and 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:  
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## Registration Fee of \$335 (USD) per TF-13 attendee to accompany this form.

- **IF POSTMARKED BY March 20, 2017** a \$25 Early Registration Discount, for a total fee of \$310, will be applied.
- Please add \$40 for each guest accompanying you to Thursday's dinner.
- Faxing this form to John Durkos 330-346-0722 or emailing at [jdurkos@roadsystems.com](mailto:jdurkos@roadsystems.com) by 3/20/2017 secures the \$310 rate and you can send your check prior to the meeting, or you can pay at the door.

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:

John Durkos  
Road Systems, Inc  
2516 Mallory Lane  
Stow, OH 44224

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