

TAC conference call
December 14, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Caltrans: Theresa Drum	Ohio DOT: Doug Gruver, Jill Martindale
Colorado DOT: John Lorme, Tyler Weldon, David Reeves	South Carolina DOT: Cruz Wheeler
Michigan DOT: Todd Rowley	Texas DOT: Dennis Markwardt
Minnesota DOT: Clark Moe	TRB: James Bryant
Mississippi DOT: Heath Patterson	Virginia DOT: Bill Collier
Missouri DOT: Mike Shea	Washington State DOT: Jay Wells
New York State DOT: Joe Thompson	Wisconsin DOT: Chris Ohm
North Dakota DOT: Les Noehre	CTC & Associates: Brian Hirt, Kirsten Seeber
	DW Clonch: Diana Clonch, Diane Watkins

New Member

Welcome Caltrans and TAC member Theresa Drum.

October Minutes

October 2018 meeting minutes were approved without changes. Brian will finalize these and post them to the No Boundaries website.

Budget and commitments update

Kirsten is working with WSDOT, MnDOT to facilitate processing of their final Phase II checks by ODOT.

As of December 14:

- States to transfer FFY18 funds: IL, SC, TX, WA
- States to transfer FFY19 funds: CA, IL, ME, MD, MN, MO, ND, TX, WA
- States to commit and transfer FFY19 funds: CT, FL, MS, SC, VA, WI

Kirsten will follow up with the funding contacts for all of the states listed above to secure their transfers and/or commitments.

- Total spent last year December 2017 to June 2018 = \$110,576.

State Innovation Programs

- The No Boundaries website features the new report by D.W. Clonch and a blurb about the TRB Annual Meeting lectern session.

- Brian Hirt and Diana Clonch will be participating in the TRB lectern session that builds on this report. Brian moderating and Diana presenting. Mindy Heinkel (MnDOT), Donna Shea (UConn) and Jeff Zaharewicz (FHWA) will also be presenting.
- A Constant Contact notice went out on the lectern session. Please forward the announcement to anyone from your agency who is attending TRB and would be interested.
- Brian has been in touch with TRB's Conduct of Research and Technology Transfer committees; both have put this session in their newsletters and sent the announcement to their members.
- Brian will be presenting to a few other committees at TRB: Maintenance Workforce Development (lectern sponsor) and Roadside Maintenance. He will give an update on No Boundaries at those committee meetings.
- Diana asked for any final comments or feedback on the report. Diane Watkins said she was impressed with the innovations and energy folks have around sharing innovations at their agency.
- James Bryant said he is excited about the opportunity for No Boundaries to give broad exposure to the work that we have been doing and what the state DOTs are doing with innovation. He sends our newsletters to the Maintenance Preservations Committee chairs and asks them to send to their members. We should send the newsletters to the AASHTO Committee on Maintenance and ask them to send to their members. **Brian will follow up on this suggestion.**

Planning for May 14-16 meeting in Denver

- Possible CDOT tours and presentations
 - Eisenhower Tunnel system site visit (90-120 minutes away from likely meeting location)
 - Presentation by CDOT's director of process innovation
 - Presentation on CDOT's maintenance training academy
 - Tour of CDOT's sign shop
 - Update from CDOT on 1-70 connected vehicles pilot
 - Autonomous TMAs, including CDOT's equipment
- Other possible presentations and roundtables
 - Pollinator update
 - National Pavement Preservation group topics of interest to No Boundaries; **Brian to get a list from Clark Moe.**
 - Round table on response time to service requests (how states handle/prioritize calls from the public; how they are vetted; documentation involved).
- Possible locations are John Lorme's office site (KOA) or agency headquarters. Both locations have lots of hotels nearby.
- **Brian** will create and send out a travel memo to the TAC in January.

Synthesis on employee recruitment, retention, engagement

- The team is interested in an inquiry and report on employee recruitment, retention and engagement similar to the innovation programs effort. CTC will look into available funding through the end of the current pooled fund phase.

TAC member participation at regional and national events in 2019

- Team members participating in 2019 events (see attached list for dates)
 - APWA – May — Diana Clonch
 - WASHTO Standing Committee on Maintenance – Jay Wells, Tyler Weldon or Kyle Lester
 - AASHTO Committee on Maintenance – Heath Patterson, Doug Gruver or someone else from ODOT, Tyler Weldon, or Kyle Lester
 - NRVMA – September - Todd Rowley

Other activities -- please share with the group if you have any items to add

- James Bryant suggested that when presenting to AASHTO Maintenance Committee, No Boundaries should highlight innovations and talk about what the meetings are like to show how the pooled fund functions.
- Doug Gruver hopes for more activity on the innovations database and asked members to add to the database the innovations they have presented on. Doug often directs people there to see what no Boundaries does.
- Adding entries to the database could be assigned to the program management contractor for No Boundaries.
- The database could also be highlighted in each newsletter and email that No Boundaries sends out with a link to the entry form.

Next TAC Conference Call

Date to be determined. The call will likely be in early March.

Attachment: 2019 Conferences and Outreach Opportunities

Western Snow Conference in (April 15-19 | Reno, Nevada)

<https://westernsnowconference.org/meeting/2019>

APWA North American Snow Conference (May 19-22 | Salt Lake City, Utah)

<https://snow.apwa.net/>

Clear Roads Spring Meeting (date | location)

www.clearroads.org

AASHTO Spring Meeting (May 20-23 | Park City, Utah) — **Diana Clonch**

<https://meetings.transportation.org/event/2019-aashto-spring-meeting/>

WASHTO Standing Committee on Maintenance (date | location) – **Jay Wells, Tyler Weldon or Kyle Lester**

<https://www.washto2019.com/> (This link is for the main WASHTO meeting. No link yet for Maintenance meeting.)

NASTO Annual Conference (July 8-10 | Wilmington, Delaware)

<http://nasto.org>

National Conference on Transportation Asset Management (date | location)

<http://www.trb.org/Calendar/Calendar.aspx>

AASHTO Committee on Maintenance (date | location) — **Heath Patterson, Doug Gruver, Tyler Weldon, or Kyle Lester**

<https://maintenance.transportation.org/>

MAASTO Annual Meeting (August 12-14 | Indianapolis, Indiana)

<http://www.maasto.net/>

SASHTO Annual Conference (date | location, GA)

<http://sashto.org/annual-meetings.html>

National Roadside Vegetation Managers Association (NRVMA) Conference (September | location) — **Todd Rowley**

<http://www.nrvmaconference.com/>