

TAC meeting
October 16-18, 2018
Austin, Texas

Business Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2018

Attendees

Colorado DOT: John Lorme, Tyler Weldon
Connecticut DOT: Eoin McClure
Illinois DOT: Scott Hall
Louisiana DOTD: Steve Sibley
Maine DOT: Randy Geaumont
Maryland DOT SHA: Sandi Sauter
Michigan DOT: Todd Rowley
Minnesota DOT: Clark Moe
Missouri DOT: Mike Shea
Mississippi DOT: Heath Patterson

New York State DOT: Joe Thompson
North Dakota DOT: Les Noehre
Ohio DOT: Doug Gruver
Texas DOT: Dennis Markwardt, Dan Stacks, James
Stevenson, Vincent Shovlin, Deb Dutta
Virginia DOT: Sean Nelson
Washington State DOT: Jay Wells
Wisconsin DOT: Chris Ohm
CTC & Associates: Brian Hirt, Kirsten Seeber
DW Clonch: Diana Clonch

Link

Meeting Overview page with links to presentations and images: <http://maintainroads.org/october-2018-austin-tx/>

No Boundaries Presentations and Handouts

CTC will continue to update the presentations and handouts that are available for download on the No Boundaries website. The latest are online at <http://maintainroads.org/publications-and-presentations/>

Innovation Program report

Prior to the meeting, TAC members received a report detailing DW Clonch's outreach to No Boundaries members to collect information about their innovations programs. Diana reviewed findings during a presentation in Austin. Based on this information, team members agreed to proceed with publishing this report.

Action: Brian Hirt will have CTC & Associates proof the report and publish it on the No Boundaries website.

Presentations and Member Outreach

Kirsten Seeber reviewed the 2019 calendar for possible presentation opportunities (attached). The team will discuss opportunities to participate and present during the next TAC call.

No Boundaries Phase III

Phase II of No Boundaries will end on June 30, 2019. During the Austin meeting, TAC members expressed a desire to continue the pooled fund with a new Phase III solicitation. Several noted, however, that they could not make a formal commitment at this time.

Due to procedural limitations, Ohio DOT suggested that it would be preferable for a different state to lead Phase III.

- **Action: All TAC Members to inquire with their research offices if they might be a suitable choice and willing to lead No Boundaries for Phase III.** (Please see an email from Brian Hirt and Doug Gruver outlining the specifics related to this request.)
- After a brainstorming discussion and straw poll, the TAC chose to rename the *No Boundaries Roadway Maintenance Practices pooled fund* as the ***No Boundaries Transportation Maintenance Innovations pooled fund*** for Phase III.
- CTC & Associates' current administration contract for Phase II includes support of Phase III launch efforts: creating the new solicitation and assisting the Phase III lead state with preparatory activities.
- Ideas for Phase III focus areas and activities:
 - Strengthen relation with AASHTO MaC: how we can work together and how we're different
 - Liaison activities with other national and regional groups
 - More quick-turnaround synthesis activities:
 - Maintenance workforce recruitment, retention and engagement
 - Build out and publish roundtable results
 - Increased exposure for innovations from member states
 - Frequent just-in-time news notices rather than longer bimonthly newsletters
 - Recruitment beyond states: toll authorities, port authorities, cities/MPOs, Canadian provinces, industry (?)

Budget Overview

- The administration contract, for 9/1/15 through 6/30/19, has a total budget of \$670,000. This is a forecast number based on current commitments and future commitments from current partners and projected partners. The pooled fund can only spend what it receives in actual commitments/transfers from partners, so it may not end up spending up to the \$670,000.
- Commitments as of the Austin meeting total \$640,000.
- The detailed budget is online at <http://maintainroads.org/download/tac-meeting-austin-tx-october-16-18-2018-budget/>

Group Takeaways Roundtable

To close out the first two days of the meeting in Austin, the team held a roundtable discussion to allow all participants to name a few takeaways from the meeting: their “aha! moments” or “home run ideas” that they’ll share with colleagues or try to implement.

Members’ responses are detailed in the full rough meeting notes posted for TAC reference on the No Boundaries website.

Next TAC Face-to-Face Meeting

The group voted to continue holding semiannual face-to-face meetings.

John Lorme previously volunteered Colorado DOT to host the spring 2019 meeting. The team selected **May 14-16, 2019 in Denver, Colorado** as the date and location of the meeting.

The agenda will be discussed during the next team call. Chris Ohm suggested pollinators as a possible topic.

Next TAC Conference Call

Action: Brian will send out a scheduling poll for a call in November for a December TAC call to begin planning the spring 2019 meeting and to discuss other activities in progress.

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)

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

WASHTO Standing Committee on Maintenance (date | location)

<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)

<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)

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