

TAC meeting
April 10-12, 2018
Seattle, Washington

Business Meeting Minutes – April 12, 2018

Attendees

Caltrans: Tony Tavares
Colorado DOT: John Lorme
Connecticut DOT: Eoin McClure
Illinois DOT: Stephanie Dobbs
Louisiana DOTD: Steve Sibley
Maine DOT: Randy Geaumont
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
South Carolina DOT: Jeff Terry
Texas DOT: Dennis Markwardt
Transportation Research Board: James Bryant
Virginia DOT: Steve McNeely
Washington State DOT: Jay Wells
CTC & Associates: Brian Hirt, Kirsten Seeber
DW Clonch: Diana Clonch

Link

Meeting Overview page with links to presentations and images: <http://maintainroads.org/april-2018-seattle-washington/>

New Website

Brian Hirt previewed the new website, online at <http://maintainroads.org>, and collected suggestions during the meeting. Members were asked to provide comments within a week of the meeting. The site has since gone live; the old site redirects to the new one.

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 TAC discussed whether to develop a glossy brochure and decided to continue to use the current two-page flier format that can be printed on demand by members.

- **Action: Brian Hirt to update these materials for spring 2018.**

Innovation Database

The TAC discussed the Innovation Database, <http://maintainroads.org/innovation-database/> and decided that keeping it up to date and populated is a worthwhile activity for the pooled fund.

- **Action: All members to make appropriate submissions to the database.** Submissions to and winners of state innovation programs could be a good source of database submissions.
- **Action: Brian Hirt and Diana Clonch to discuss strategies for DW Clonch to solicit submissions from members and others.**

Collaboration Opportunities with TRB

TRB's James Bryant led a discussion of possible collaborative efforts between No Boundaries and TRB. Among these:

- 2019 TRB meeting
 - Lectern and poster sessions on maintenance innovations — No Boundaries members' innovations programs as well as state-level winning innovations (possibly vote on them among NB member states).
 - **Deadline** to submit is **September 1, 2018.**
 - Half-day workshop; possible topic TBD.
 - **Deadline** to submit is **June 1, 2018.**
- Presentation or poster at 2019 joint TRB/AASHTO maintenance meeting
- TRB Webinars
 - Live webinar (free only to TRB sponsors)
 - Direct to recording (free to anyone)
- **Action: Brian Hirt to add to next conference call meeting agenda.**

Other National Collaboration Opportunities and Efforts

- Partner with AASHTO Innovation Initiative (All, <http://aii.transportation.org>, formerly Technology Implementation Group).
- Present at the AASHTO SCOM meeting July 21-26, 2018.
 - **Action: Jeff Terry and Heath Patterson to give a No Boundaries update at the meeting.**
 - **Action: Brian to update materials for Jeff and Heath.**
- No Boundaries syntheses
 - Roundtable discussions may be the seed for national syntheses on detailed topics
 - The possible TRB session described above could likely be the basis of a synthesis of state innovation programs and competitions.
 - Survey SCOM members as a resource
- Diana remains in dialogue with APWA about possible webinars. The team agreed that members' volunteer time is an appropriate form of contribution to APWA.

Other Presentations and Member Outreach

Several members are tentatively available to give No Boundaries updates in 2018:

- APWA North American Snow Conference, May 6-9, Indianapolis — **Diana Clonch**
- Pacific Northwest Snowfighters, June 5-6, 2018, Spokane — **Jay Wells**
- WASHTO Annual Meeting, June 10-13, 2018, Rapid City, S.D.— **Tony Tavares**
- SASHTO Annual Meeting, August 4-9, 2018, Dallas — **Dennis Markwardt**
- National Roadside Vegetation Managers Association Conference, September 11-13, 2018, Chattanooga — **Todd Rowley, Dennis Markwardt**

- National Rest Area Safety meeting, September 2018, Ft. Worth — **Stephanie Dobbs, Dennis Markwardt**
- Midwestern Pavement Preservation Conference, November 6-8, 2018, Madison — **Mike Shea**
- See attached list for possible opportunities

Group Takeaways Roundtable

To close out the first two days of the meeting in Seattle, the team held a roundtable discussion to allow all participants to name a few takeaways from the meeting. Members addressed:

- “Something you learned about and want to take back to your agency to discuss/consider/implement.”
- “Something you want to ask another No Boundaries member or meeting guest more about.”

Members’ responses are detailed in the full rough meeting notes posted for TAC reference on the No Boundaries website, at <http://maintainroads.org/april-2018-seattle-washington/>.

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 through March 1, 2018 total \$580,000.
- The detailed budget is online at <http://maintainroads.org/download/tac-meeting-seattle-wa-april-10-12-2018-budget/>

Next TAC Face-to-Face Meeting

The team decided to continue its plan to hold semiannual meetings and to move forward with planning a fall meeting. Dennis Markwardt volunteered Texas DOT to host the meeting in Austin.

- **Action: Brian will send out a scheduling poll to identify the week for the meeting in October or November. (Completed: The meeting has been set for October 16-18).**
- Agenda (to discuss further):
 - Possible roundtable topics:
 - UAVs for maintenance (Jay Wells)
 - Training/apprenticeship programs (as an alternative to four-year college) (Stephanie Dobbs)
 - Curve sign placement (Joe Thompson)
 - Innovations, other presentations, tours
- John Lorme volunteered Colorado DOT to host the spring 2019 meeting in Denver.

Next TAC Conference Call

Action: Brian will send out a scheduling poll for a call in June to begin planning the fall meeting and to discuss other activities in progress.

Attachment: 2018 Conferences and Outreach Opportunities

Western Snow Conference in (April 16-19 | Albuquerque, New Mexico)

<https://westernsnowconference.org/meeting/2018>

Clear Roads Spring Meeting (April 24-26 | Phoenix, Arizona)

www.clearroads.org

APWA North American Snow Conference (May 6-9 | Indianapolis, Indiana) – **Diana Clonch**

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

AASHTO Spring Meeting (May 22-24 | Franklin, Tennessee)

<http://www.cvent.com/events/aashto-2018-spring-meeting>

Pacific Northwest Snowfighters 2018 Snow Conference (June 5-6 | Spokane, WA) — **Jay Wells**

<http://pnsassociation.org/conference/>

WASHTO Standing Committee on Maintenance (June 10-13 | Rapid City, South Dakota) – **Tony Tavares. CA will host in 2019. Use the opportunity to promote No Boundaries.**

<https://www.washto2018.com/>

NASTO Annual Conference (July 19-11 | National Harbor, Maryland)

<http://nasto.org/2018-nasto-conference/>

National Conference on Transportation Asset Management (July 14-17 | San Diego, California)

<http://www.trb.org/Calendar/Blurbs/174677.aspx>

AASHTO Committee on Maintenance (July 21-26 | Charlotte, North Carolina)

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

MAASTO Annual Meeting (August 27-29 | Traverse City, Michigan)

<https://www.dot.state.oh.us/MAASTO2017/Pages/default.aspx>

SASHTO Annual Conference (August 4-8 | Houston, Texas) – **Dennis Markwardt**

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

National Roadside Vegetation Managers Association (NRVMA) Conference (September 11-13 | Chattanooga, Tennessee) – **Todd Rowley, Dennis Markwardt**

<http://www.nrvma.org/>

National Rest Area Conference (September | Ft. Worth, Texas) — **Dennis Markwardt, Stephanie Dobbs**

Midwestern Pavement Preservation Conference (November 6-8 | Madison, Wisconsin) — **Mike Shea**

<https://tsp2pavement.pavementpreservation.org/midwestern-mppp/annual-meetings/2018-2/>