



18th September 2017

To Members of Task Force 13 and friends,

Thanks to the team at the *Nebraska Department of Transportation*, the *Midwest Roadside Safety Facility*, and the *Midwest States Pooled Fund Program* for arranging our Spring 2017 meeting in Lincoln, NE.

Continuing our Task Force 13 efforts again in College Station we will begin our meeting on Thursday November 16th, 2017 at 8am and trust that a great number of the *Roadside Safety Pooled Fund* program associated with *Texas A&M Transportation Institute* will be able to join us. The meeting will continue on Friday November 17th and will end by 1pm

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. Once logged in go to “Meetings”, go to “Previous Meetings”. Please review the minutes of the April 2017 meeting, and contact me with any additions or edits.

Note that anyone wishing to make a 15 minute **Technical Presentation** during the College Station meeting, must inform us ASAP at greg.neece@trin.net. Technical presentations must be limited to relevant research on roadside design and hardware.

TF-13 Fall Meeting with Roadside Safety Pooled Fund members

Location/Dates: College Station, TX.
8am Thursday, November 16th, 2017 -to- 1 pm Friday, November 17th, 2017.
The George Hotel o 180 Century Court o College Station, TX o 77840
o 979.485.5638 o <https://www.thegeorgetexas.com/>
The special room rate is \$110 per night (plus tax, if applicable) ~ \$127.33

If calling, please identify yourself as being part of the Pooled Fund Meeting/Task Force 13. If using the website, click the link “Reservations”, put in the dates you wish to stay. Select “Group/Block”, then enter “**PFMF1M387**” into the promo field and click “Check Availability”. Please complete the fields, including billing and it will reserve you a room. There are many other hotel choices in the Bryan/College Station area, should you select a different hotel.

Registration: \$320 (\$25 *Discount for early registration*) for the Thursday morning through Friday 1pm meeting. Registration does include lunch and dinner on Thursday as well as breaks each day. Guests of *The George Hotel* receive a continental breakfast at the hotel as part of the rate. There are additional hot breakfast menu items available for purchase for \$9-14. 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 jdurkos@roadsystems.com or me at the address above.



Those of you who are not able to attend the TF13 Fall 2017 (College Station, TX) meeting in person have the opportunity for remote participation for some portions of the meeting:

- Subcommittee #7 Certification of Test Facilities, currently scheduled to begin at 1:15pm Central Time on Thursday November 16, 2017
- Review of recent research and technical presentations, currently scheduled to begin at 9:15am Central Time on Friday November 17th, 2017.

We will provide a link to join the meeting for the sessions listed above, at a later date.

Travel and Lodging Suggestions:

- College Station, TX does have a regional airport – Easterwood (CLL), there are a few American Airlines flights from/to DFW and Houston as well as United Airlines flights from/to Houston, per day. We would suggest Taxis, Uber or Lyft for local transportation, if not utilizing a rental car.
- Houston, TX has two airports.
 - The closest to College Station is Houston Bush Intercontinental (IAH) at approximately 1.5hrs.
 - Houston Hobby (HOU), is also a viable airport (2.25hrs typically), but with the recent Hurricane events and the airport being located on the Southeastern side of Houston with travel being made through Houston, it may not be the best choice at this time.
- Austin, TX airport (AUS) is also a great choice, as it is only 1.75hrs away and depending on the route selected, the drive is scenic through a small portion of the Hill County of Texas. AUS also tends to have less potential for traffic issues as it located on the Southeast side of Austin and one must travel to the Northeast to arrive in College Station.
- There are shuttles available to the College Station area from all three airports mentioned above, one such company is “Ground Shuttle”:
 - <https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/HoustonToCS>
 - <https://groundshuttle.com/RouteSchedule/AustinToCS>

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Neece

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Secretary, Task Force 13

Enclosures: Draft Agenda, Registration Form



AGENDA
Task Force 13 Meeting
College Station, Texas

TASK FORCE 13

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Thursday, November 16th

Venue – The George Hotel ○ College Station, Texas

- 6:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast is available at the hotel for guests staying at The George Hotel
- 7:30 a.m. Task Force 13 Registration

- **8:00 a.m. Begin Task Force 13 Meeting – Welcome and Introductions** Durkos
- 8:15 a.m. Recap of Lincoln (April 2017) Subcommittee Meetings Neece
- 8:25 a.m. Approval of Minutes from Fall 2016 (Miami, FL) Meeting Durkos
- 8:30 a.m. Update from Roadside Safety Pooled Fund group Bligh
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Subcommittee Meetings - Discuss Goals, Tasks & Assignments

- 9:30 a.m. Contract for Website Services
 Subcommittee #1 Publications Maintenance Ray & Team
- **10:30 a.m. Morning BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. Subcommittee - **Session A Breakout**
 #2 - Barrier Hardware Review Groups Smith
 Guardrails/Median Barriers Lechtenberg
 Crash Cushions TBA
 Terminals Sheppard
- 11:30 a.m. Subcommittee - **Session B Breakout**
 #3 - Bridge Railing & Transition Hardware Bligh/Brauner
 #11- Delineation Gentry/Schulz
- **12:15 p.m. LUNCH**
- 1:15 p.m. Subcommittee - **Session C Breakout**
 #6 - Work Zone Hardware Lohrey
 #7 - Certification of Test Facilities Lechtenberg/Bullard
- 2:30 p.m. **Afternoon BREAK**
- 2:45 p.m. Subcommittee - **Session D Breakout**
 #4 - Drainage Hardware Patterson
 #5 - Sign, Luminaire & Traffic Signal Support Hardware Lohrey/Jollo
 #10 - Computational Mechanics Ray
- 4:00 p.m. Recap of Subcommittee activities.
- 5:00 p.m. Task Force 13 Executive Meeting (All Subcommittee Co-Chairs requested to attend)

Task Force 13 Dinner (Cost included in Registration) – location to be determined

- 6:15 p.m. Cash Bar
- 6:45 p.m. Dinner



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- 8:00 a.m. **Affiliated Committee/Activity Reports**
 AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures TBA
 AASHTO Headquarters / TF-13 Status TBA
 American Traffic Safety Services Association (“ATSSA”) Scheyder
 National Association of County Engineers nace@naco.org
 TRB Committee AFB20 Roadside Safety Bligh
 AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety TBA

- 8:45 a.m. **Reports from Special Subcommittee Co-Chairs**
 #9 - Marketing Mauer & Scheyder
 SunSetting of Subcommittee #4? Open Discussion
 New Standardization Areas Open Discussion

Update of ongoing research projects related to Roadside Safety

The remainder of the meeting will be broadcast via Adobe Connect:

- 9:15 a.m. NCHRP Mark Bush
- 9:45 a.m. Texas A&M Transportation Institute Roger Bligh
- 10:15 a.m. Midwest Roadside Safety Facility Karla Lechtenberg
- **10:45 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m. FHWA/George Mason University Dhafer Marzougi

Technical Presentations: relevant research on roadside design and hardware

- 11:30 a.m. 1) Please contact Greg Neece to sign up for a presentation
- 11:45 a.m. 2) Please contact Greg Neece to sign up for a presentation
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New/Old Business

Durkos

- Location/Date of 2018 Spring TF13 Meeting
- Location/Date of Various 2018 Industry Meetings
- Executive Committee Summary
- Review of Task Force 13 “To Do List”, generated from meeting.

12:45pm Adjournment of meeting



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Thursday and Friday ○ November 16th & 17th, 2017 ○ College Station, Texas

Meeting Registration Form

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

If you are **new** to the Task Force 13 please check here [].

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

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:

Registration Fee of \$320 (USD) per TF-13 attendee to accompany this form.

- Faxing this form to John Durkos 330-346-0722 or emailing it to jdurkos@roadsystems.com by C.O.B. on October 16th, 2017 secures a \$25 Early Registration Discount, for a total of \$295!
- You can send your check prior to the meeting, or you can pay at the door on Thursday November 16th.
- Please add \$40 for each guest accompanying you to Thursday's dinner.

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:

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