

Next Meeting: The upcoming Spring TF13 meeting will be held in Lincoln, NE April 17 to 19. The meeting location and hotel information was sent on February 17.

LOCATION:

Embassy Suites
Lincoln
1040 P Street,
Lincoln, Nebraska,
68508
402-474-1111

Telephone, if calling use "Task Force 13" Group Code: TAS

Group rate expires 3/25/19 or when sold out. \$124/night plus tax

1. MASH Update

The FHWA has advised AASHTO that it will continue to issue "Letters of Eligibility" for products tested to the MASH standard beyond the previously-announced termination date of December 31, 2019. This decision follows the withdrawal of the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) from consideration to administer the MASH standard. Additionally, AASHTO has formed a MASH Working Group to provide input on the desires and needs of the various stakeholders for a national-level crash test review and certification program for roadside safety hardware. TF13 is participating in this working group which held a conference call on February 22, 2019 from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. There were roughly 25 people on the call representing AASHTO staff, AASHTO Technical Committee on Roadside Safety, AASHTO Committee on Design, AASHTO Committee on Traffic Engineering, AASHTO Council on Highways and Streets, ATSSA, Task Force 13, Test Laboratories, and FHWA. The call provided an update on the search for a third-party effort, a discussion of the current process, perspectives of the Roadside Safety Community, and the next steps. More to follow at the Spring Meeting in Lincoln.

2. AASHTO Memo of Understanding

With the onset of MASH hardware, standardization of highway elements is even more important and users of TF13's Guides must maintain access to the most current information. This will be key as States update their design standards to MASH. A new affiliation agreement has been signed by AASHTO. See MOU at the end of the newsletter

3. Where are they now?

In this Newsletter we caught up with David Bizuga who became a member of Task Force 13 in 2013. Bizuga retired from New Jersey Department of Transportation on August 1st, 2018, after 40 years of service. He sends the following message to Task Force 13.

"It has been a pleasure and a blessing to have worked with such an incredible bunch of people in Task Force 13. I became a member of this task force in 2013 and my only regret is I should have done this years ago. My personal email address is davidbizuga@aol.com. I had my work cell phone # (609-439-7920) converted over to my new personal cell phone # before I retired. Do not hesitate to call me."

See Page 4 for Sign tribute to Dave.

4. Reminder: Location of Guides

TF13 website has moved due to the changing status of our affiliation with AASHTO. The new home is www.tf13.org. The Guides are located at <http://www.tf13.org/Guides/>

5. Future Meetings of Interest

The following are a list of meetings that may be of interest to TF 13 participants.

- AFB20 Summer Meeting: July 21-24, 2019 Reno, NV
- ATSSA Mid-year: August 21-23, 2019 in San Deigo, CA
- TF 13 Fall Meeting: TBD
- TRB Annual Meeting: January 12-16, 2020 in Washington D.C.
- ATSSA Convention and Expo: January 24-28, 2020 New Orleans, LA

6. Hardware Guide Updates

The Executive Team met on February 25th to discuss the current process for updates to the Hardware Guides. We plan to continue these reviews as they have been in the recent past. Many thanks to Karla Lechtenberg and Eric Lohrey for working through this process and we intend to be sending out drawings to the Tech-Reps to distribute in the near future!.

The Latest Hardware Systems that have been added to the TF13 Guide:

Bridge Railing Systems added since 4/20/2018

- SBC66d, NJDOT Balustrade Pulaski Skyway Bridge Parapet

Crash Cushion Systems added since 4/20/2018

- SCI37a, Big Sandy MASH

End Treatment/Terminal Systems added since 4/20/2018

- SEC11, Brifen MASH Cable Terminal
- SEW32, MAX-Tension Guardrail Terminal System, TL-2
- SEW32a, MAX-Tension Guardrail Terminal System, TL-3
- SEW32b, MAX-Tension Median, TL-3
- SEO01, SLED mini to TrafFix Water Cable Barrier
- SEO01a, SLED mini to Concrete Barrier

Longitudinal Barrier Systems added since 4/20/2018

- SGM39, RESTORE Longitudinal Barrier
- SGR33d, Nu-Guard-31 Roadside Barrier, 4-lb Post
- SGR66, Road Safety Barrier Roller System, Model ETI-GR02-TL4

For those on LinkedIn, be sure to join the TF13 group. Contact Eric Perry at eric.perry@atssa.com for more information.

Significant Updates since 4/20/2018

- SGR02b, Modified Weak-Post W-Beam Guardrail. Posted FHWA Eligibility Letter B-305 for MASH TL-3 compliance.

Luminaire Support Systems

- No new systems

Sign Support Systems

- No new systems

Transition Systems added since 4/20/2018

- STG05, Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) to PCB Transition
- STG06, Metal Transition for Branching Concrete Barrier
- STR01, HV2 Barrier Transition to Crash Cushion
- STG07, Safety Roller Barrier Transition to W-Beam Guardrail
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- STG07, Safety Roller Barrier Transition to W-Beam Guardrail
- STG08, QuickChange Movable Barrier - Concrete Reactive-Tension System Transition

Work Zone Systems added since 4/20/2018

- SWC01c, RTS Guard
- SWC02d, J-J Hooks MASH Free-Standing Barrier
- SWC25, REBLOC BR80S-12
- SWM20c, Sentry II Water Cable Barrier
- SWM21, SafeZone MASH TL-3 Standard
- SWM21a, SafeZone MASH TL-3 Limited Deflection
- SWM21b, SafeZone MASH TL-4 Standard
- SWM21c, SafeZone MASH TL-4 Limited Deflection
- SWM22, Defender Barrier 70
- SWM22a, Defender Barrier 100 FS
- SWM23, BarrierGuard 800 MASH TL-3 Standard
- SWM23a, BarrierGuard 800 MASH TL-3 Minimum Deflection
- SWM24, QuickChange Moveable Barrier Steel Reactive-Tension System

Work Zone Systems added since 10/1/2018

- SWC02e, J-J Hooks 6m F-Shape Free-Standing TCB
- SWM06a, BarrierGuard 800 MASH TL-3
- SWM06b, BarrierGuard 800 MDS MASH TL-3
- SWM22b, Defender Barrier 100 HC
- SWM22c, Defender Barrier 100 LDS
- SWM25, HV2 Barrier



Training Field Tribute Sign for Dave



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**Memorandum of Understanding
between the
American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
and
Task Force 13**

The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and Task Force 13 hereby establish a Memorandum of Understanding to promote collaboration between the two organizations in undertaking their respective tasks.

AASHTO is a non-profit, non-partisan association representing highway and transportation departments in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. AASHTO represents all transportation modes and has a primary goal to foster the development, operation and maintenance of an integrated national transportation system. AASHTO's vision is to support members in the development of "transportation solutions that create economic prosperity, enhance quality of life, and improve transportation safety in our communities, states, and the nation as a whole."

Task Force 13 (www.TF13.org) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that develops, recommends, and promotes standards and specifications for bridge and road hardware used by highway and transportation agencies on the nation's roadways to ensure optimum function, aesthetics, and economy. It consists of an organization of concerned and experienced representatives from industry, academia, and state and federal transportation departments.

The two organizations agree to formalize our partnership to work together to foster a safe and efficient transportation system by supporting collaborative initiatives to improve road safety, traffic engineering, maintenance, and other fields, and by expanding and strengthening the skills and knowledge of transportation providers through research, technology transfer, a series of Standardized Guides for Roadside Hardware Systems, and technical guidance development.

The two organizations have the following shared goals:

- Facilitate communication on roadside safety hardware among all levels of transportation-related interests, especially between State Departments of Transportation (DOTs) and industry.
- Establish effective communication links among Task Force 13, AASHTO, FHWA, and the State DOTs to mutually support the provision of technical guidance development and technology transfer.
- Encourage members of Task Force 13 and AASHTO to collaborate on roadside safety initiatives.



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In particular the two organizations agree to:


- Invite representatives of the partner organization, including members and/or staff, to participate in the meetings of the other organization.
- Communicate among members and staff of the two organizations on technical and policy issues of interest to both organizations.
- Promote the use of appropriate informational resources of the partner organization by the other, including the Task Force 13 *Guide to Standardized Highway Barrier Hardware* and the AASHTO *Roadside Design Guide*. Such resources include technical publications, software, on-line Hardware Guides, and other informational materials.
- Seek and consider input from the partner organization in the scoping and development of new and updated technical publications and software.

Each organization will review progress annually on the various elements of this agreement and provide recommendations for amendment, if desired. This agreement will remain in effect for a period of three years from the date of signature below and may be renewed upon mutual agreement of both parties.

Task Force 13

American Association of State Highway
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