

Draft Agenda

2011 National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange

September 20--22, 2011
Best Western GranTree Inn
Bozeman, Montana

Tuesday, September 20, 2011	
7:00 to 7:45 AM	Madison Hot Buffet Breakfast
7:45 to 8:15	Welcome and Discussion of Peer Exchange Expectations
8:15 to 9:15	Discussion of Research Needs Statements assigned to AASHTO SICOP, progress made since 2009 (See 2007 & 2009 spread sheets on www.westerntransportationinstitute.org/professionaldevelopment/peer-exchange/default.aspx) and gaps identified by the 2011 Peer Exchange Research Surveys.
9:15 to 9:45	Discussion of Research Needs Statements and gaps assigned to TRB
9:45 to 10:00	Break
10:00 to 11:00	Discussion of Research Needs Statements and gaps assigned to Aurora
11:00 to Noon	Discussion of Research Needs Statements and gaps assigned to Clear Roads
Noon to 1:00	Lunch—Rocky Mountain Cowboy
1:00 to 1:15	Discussion Research Needs Statements and gaps assigned to PNS
1:15 to 3:00	Discussion of new Research Needs Statements and research gaps
3:00 to 3:20	Break
3:20 to 4:00	Finalize new RNS and research gaps and vote on priority importance
4:00 to 4:45	FHWA Report
4:45 to 5:30	Report on voting results, wrap up and review objectives for tomorrow
6:00 to 8:00	Dinner at conference center (Program “Grassroots Winter Maintenance Problem Solving—State Innovations” Part 1)

Wednesday, September 21, 2011	
7:00 to 8:00 AM	Hot Breakfast—build your own breakfast burrito
8:00 to 8:20	Overview and Virtual Tour of Transcend Website: http://www.transcendlab.org/
8:20 to 8:40	Overview of Winter Maintenance and Effects Program Link to completed projects
8:40 to 9:30	Example Projects (Note the two projects listed below were selected because they used the staff and facilities of both the Winter Maintenance Effects Program and the Transcend. This discussion will help prepare attendees for the MSU campus labs and facilities tour later in the morning) Establishing Best Practices-Snow/Ice Removal in California Inhibitor Longevity and Deicer Performance Study Other projects to be determined

9:30 to 10:00	Break, load onto buses
10:00 to 10:20	Buses travel to MSU campus 1 bus to Subzero Science and Engineering Research Facility 1 bus to Materials Lab and Corrosion and Sustainable Infrastructure Lab
10:20 to 10:50	Tour Facility
10:50 to 11:10	Load on buses and travel to other lab facility
11:10 to 11:40	Tour Facility
11:40 to 12:00	Load on buses and return to GranTree for lunch
Noon to 1:00	Lunch: Angus Beef Sandwich
1:00 to 2:30	Brainstorming Session—how do we take winter maintenance research to the next level? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research needs survey/summaries • Facilities required • Researcher capacity • Technology transfer
2:30 to 3:00	Break
3:00 to 4:45	Grass Roots Winter Maintenance Problem Solving—State Innovations, Part 2
5:00 PM	Load buses for Big Sky Outdoors Dinner with attendee/vendor networking

Thursday, September 22, 2011

7:00 to 8:00 AM	Madison Hot Breakfast WTI Accounting Staff available to process travel forms for reimbursement (table set up in corner of breakfast area)
8:00 to 9:45	Product Development Forum—vendor presentations with open discussion on developing products which will meet anticipated future winter needs
9:45 to 10:00	Break
10:00 to 11:30	Wrap up discussions, submit Peer evaluations, and adjourn
11:30 to 12:30	Lunch—River Guide Deli (make your own sandwiches)
1:00 to 5:00	Joint meeting of Aurora, Clear Roads, AASHTO SICOP, FHWA, TRB and PNS to review and assign research needs statements and exchange ideas for consideration in their research programs.

Friday, September 23, 2011

Return travel day for Aurora, Clear Roads, AASHTO SICOP, TRB, PNS & FHWA
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