

**National Winter Maintenance Peer Exchange Conference
Columbus, Ohio
August 28-29, 2007**

Conference Agenda

Tuesday, August 28, 2007

7:00 am to
8:00 am Registration

7:30 am to
8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 am to
8:15 am Welcome and Purpose of Exchange- Diana Clonch

8:15 am to
8:45 am Aurora- Updates on research projects for this pooled fund group in Roadway Weather Information Systems (RWIS) and Surface Transportation Weather- Tina Greenfield (Iowa DOT)

8:45 am to
9:15 am Clear Roads- Updates on research projects for this pooled fund group on materials, methods and equipment used in winter maintenance- Dennis Belter (Indiana DOT)

9:15 am to
9:45 am Pacific Northwest States (PNS)- Updates on research projects by this group to evaluate and establish specifications for products used in winter maintenance. - Ron Wright (Idaho Transportation Department)

9:45 am to
10:15 Break

10:15 am to
11:00 am FHWA- Update on the Maintenance Decision Support System (MDSS), Clarus and other surface transportation weather projects- Pat Kennedy (FHWA)

11:00 am to
11:30 am SICOP/TRB- Updates from the Snow and Ice Cooperative Program and the Transportation Research Board on winter maintenance research efforts – Lee Smithson (AASHTO)

11:30 am to noon National Winter Driving Safety Initiative- A national winter driver safety campaign was developed over the past year. See and hear how the program can be used in all states to encourage safe winter driving- Dennis Burkheimer (Iowa DOT)

Noon to 1:15 pm Lunch

1:15 pm to 2:15 pm Round Table Discussions- Key snow and Ice removal issues will be identified through the survey of attendee states for in-depth discussion in small groups. The round table discussions will help identify the research needs in the future

2:15 pm to 3:00 pm Break

3:00 pm to 4:00 pm Round Table Discussions continued

4:00 pm Day 1 wrap-up

Wednesday, August 29, 2007

7:30 am to
8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 am to
10:00 am Round Table Discussion continued.

10:00 am to
10:30 am Break

10:30 am to
11:30 am Round Table presentations- Leaders from each round table discussion will be asked to make a presentation on the key research needs revealed in the discussions Break

11:30 am to
noon Vote on Research needs- Each attendee will be given the ability to vote on the research needs identified in the round table discussions that they feel are most important for their state or operations

Noon to 1:30
pm Lunch with Vendors

1:30 pm to
2:30 pm Results of the morning vote on problem statements and research needs for winter snow and ice removal operations (vendors will also participate in the discussion)

2:30 pm to
3:00 pm Wrap-up and next step – Lee Smithson (AASHTO); Survey of attendees

3:00 pm to
4:30 pm Open time in vendor area of the Eastern Snow Expo for one-on-one discussions