

Pathfinder Summitt Partner Workshop Agenda

Date: June 26-27, 2018

Location: Utah DOT Region 2 Offices, 2010 S 2760 W, Salt Lake City, Utah
Hurley Conference Room

Objective(s):

- Open forum to discuss different Pathfinder implementation strategies across and between State DOTs, NWS, and private weather service providers.
- Strengthen connections between public sector partners (local, state, and federal) and the weather industry in support of the transportation sector.
- Collaborate with NWS Partners to achieve the NWS mission to protect life and property and grow the U.S. economy.

Outcomes:

- Clarify roles and responsibilities across the NWS, industry and state DOTs.

Participants:

- America's Weather Industry partners
- State DOT representatives
- NWS leadership and field representatives
- DOT/FHWA leadership

Read Aheads:

- Podcast links - from the SICOP Talks Winter Ops podcast series:
 - [Episode 8: Timely and Accurate Forecasts](#)
 - [Episode 9: Why You Should Be a Pathfinder](#)
- [Pathfinder: Implementation Recommendations](#)
- [NWS Impact-based Decision Support Services Description Document](#)

Day 1: Location: Utah DOT Region 2 Offices, 2010 S 2760 W, Salt Lake City, UT Hurley Conference Room	
Time	Topic or Activity
8:30am - 8:55am	Arrive, Sign-in and get seated
9:00am - 9:05am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Presenter: Rob Wight, Director, Utah DOT Traffic Management Center
9:05am - 9:15am	Welcome and Opening Remarks Presenter: Mary Erickson, Deputy Director, National Weather Service

9:15am - 9:45am	Logistics and Introductions Objective: Clarity on why we are here and what is expected of all participants. Get to know each other.
9:45am - 10:15am	Pathfinder Initiative Overview Presenters: - Paul Pisano, DOT FHWA - Roham Abtahi, NOAA NWS Objective: Provide overview of Pathfinder Initiative and FHWA and NWS partnership.
10:15am - 10:30am	BREAK
10:30am - 11:30am	Industry Panel - Perspectives on serving the transportation sector Presenters: - Ben Hershey, Iteris - Scott Jensen, WeatherNet - Shawn Truelson, DTN - Mark Heuer, DayWeather - Steve Early, Vaisala
11:30am - 12:00pm	Consistent Messaging Challenges Presenter: Randy Graham, NWS
12:00pm - 1:00pm	BREAK FOR LUNCH
1:00pm - 2:15pm	Tour UDOT TMC (Traffic Management Center) Objective: Experience real-time case study in action.
2:15pm - 3:30pm	Panel: Pathfinder Implementation Examples - Utah - Minnesota - Ohio - Alabama Presenters: Jeff Williams, UDOT; Kevin Barjenbruch, NWS Salt Lake City, UT; Joe Huneke, MNDOT; Shawn DeVinnny, NWS Minneapolis, MN; Tim Boyer, ODOT; Karen Oudeman, NWS Cleveland, OH; Kerry NeSmith, Alabama DOT; Jason Davis, NWS Birmingham, AL Objective: Share state implementation successes, challenges, lessons learned for broader shared learning by participants.

3:30pm - 3:45pm	BREAK
3:45pm - 4:30pm	Open Discussion - Clarifying questions/comments/discussion
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Wrap-up Day 1

6:00pm	Optional Networking Time - All are welcome Location: Gracie's, 326 South West Temple, SLC, UT 84101
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Day 2: Location: Utah DOT Region 2 Offices, 2010 S 2760 W, Salt Lake City, UT Hurley Conference Room	
Time	Topic or Activity
8:00am - 8:30am	Arrive and get seated
8:30am - 10:00am	Weather Scenario/Messaging Activity Objective: Use weather scenarios/examples to develop methods and ideas for how state, federal and industry partners can meet goals of Pathfinder Initiative. Collect best practices on messaging with other state DOTs.
10:00am - 10:15am	BREAK
10:15am - 11:00am	Weather Scenario/Messaging Activity Report Out Objective: Share and capture ideas and methods with rest of participants.
11:00am - 11:45am	Synthesis, Next Steps and Wrap-up Objective: Provide chance to reflect and discuss on activities from the two days and provide insight to what will happen going forward after this meeting.
12:00pm	MEETING ADJOURNS

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