

## 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](#)

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

9:15am - 9:45am	<p><b>Logistics and Introductions</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Clarity on why we are here and what is expected of all participants. Get to know each other.</p>
9:45am - 10:15am	<p><b>Pathfinder Initiative Overview</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Paul Pisano, DOT FHWA</li> <li>- Roham Abtahi, NOAA NWS</li> </ul> <p><b>Objective:</b> Provide overview of Pathfinder Initiative and FHWA and NWS partnership.</p>
10:15am - 10:30am	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30am - 11:30am	<p><b>Industry Panel - Perspectives on serving the transportation sector</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ben Hershey, Iteris</li> <li>- Scott Jensen, WeatherNet</li> <li>- Shawn Truelson, DTN</li> <li>- Mark Heuer, DayWeather</li> <li>- Steve Early, Vaisala</li> </ul>
11:30am - 12:00pm	<p><b>Consistent Messaging Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Randy Graham, NWS</p>
12:00pm - 1:00pm	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH</b>
1:00pm - 2:15pm	<p><b>Tour UDOT TMC (Traffic Management Center)</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Experience real-time case study in action.</p>
2:15pm - 3:30pm	<p><b>Panel: Pathfinder Implementation Examples</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Utah</b></li> <li>- <b>Minnesota</b></li> <li>- <b>Ohio</b></li> <li>- <b>Alabama</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Jeff Williams, UDOT; Kevin Barjenbruch, NWS Salt Lake City, UT; Joe Huneke, MNDOT; Shawn DeVinny, NWS Minneapolis, MN; Tim Boyer, ODOT; Karen Oudeman, NWS Cleveland, OH; Kerry NeSmith, Alabama DOT; Jason Davis, NWS Birmingham, AL</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> Share state implementation successes, challenges, lessons learned for broader shared learning by participants.</p>

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

6:00pm	<b>Optional Networking Time - All are welcome</b> Location: Gracie's, 326 South West Temple, SLC, UT 84101
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<b>Day 2:</b> <b>Location:</b> Utah DOT Region 2 Offices, 2010 S 2760 W, Salt Lake City, UT Hurley Conference Room	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic or Activity</b>
8:00am - 8:30am	<b>Arrive and get seated</b>
8:30am - 10:00am	<b>Weather Scenario/Messaging Activity</b>  <b>Objective:</b> 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	<b>BREAK</b>
10:15am - 11:00am	<b>Weather Scenario/Messaging Activity Report Out</b>  <b>Objective:</b> Share and capture ideas and methods with rest of participants.
11:00am - 11:45am	<b>Synthesis, Next Steps and Wrap-up</b>  <b>Objective:</b> 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	<b>MEETING ADJOURNS</b>

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