

# AASHTO – AGC – ARTBA JOINT COMMITTEE

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To Members of Task Force 13:

You are invited to participate in the Spring 2008 meeting of Task Force 13 to be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, on May 5 and 6. Your effort and input are needed to help the Task Force pursue its goal of publishing documents that promote the standardization of road and bridge hardware. Our meeting in Seattle last fall was excellent and very productive thanks in large part to our host, Dick Albin, of the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Minutes of the Seattle meeting were sent to the membership on November 26, 2007, via e-mail. Technical difficulties have prevented posting the minutes on our web site but your secretary would be pleased to send you a copy upon request. Please note that anyone wishing to make a **Technical Presentation** on May 6 must inform me ([nick.artimovich@fhwa.dot.gov](mailto:nick.artimovich@fhwa.dot.gov)) by **April 5, 2008**.

### **SPRING 2008 MEETING OF TASK FORCE 13**

Where/When: Hershey, Pennsylvania, May 5 and 6, 2008

Registration: \$275.00, which includes continental breakfasts both days, breaks, lunch on Monday and dinner on Monday evening. Guests are welcome to join us Monday evening for \$50 per person.

Meeting site: Hershey Lodge and Convention Center; 1077 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033

Phone: (717) 533-3311

Reservations: The Lodge has set up Passkey On-Line reservation and requests use of following link for members to reserve their rooms on-line. There is no reservation deadline, but 60 rooms have been set aside at the convention rate of \$170.00 per night (plus tax).

[https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome\\_ei\\_new&eventID=62659](https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=62659)

The Lodge has set aside rooms for a few days in advance and after the meeting dates to accommodate travel and extended stay. Hershey Park opening day is Saturday May 3, 2008. In addition, a tour guided by Will Longstreet, TF13 member from PennDOT, of Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, PA. (1 hour travel time) is available Tuesday afternoon for anyone interested. The tour begins at Gettysburg at 2:30pm. Hiking shoes a must!

For those flying into Harrisburg International Airport (HIA), the Lodge offers shuttle service for a fee to and from HIA. Anyone interested in Lodge shuttle must make reservations in advance to scheduled HIA arrival time, as use of Lodge shuttle is per request only. Taxi service from Hershey must also be arranged in advance as it is dispatched from Harrisburg.

If you have further questions, comments, or suggestions, please call Co-Chairs Pat Collins (307-777-4484), or John Durkos (330-346-0721). You are also most welcome to email me at the address noted above. We are all looking forward to another productive and informative meeting.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Artimovich, FHWA  
Secretary, Task Force 13

Enclosures: Draft Agenda and Registration Form

**DRAFT AGENDA**  
**AASHTO/AGC/ARTBA Task Force 13 Meeting**  
**May 5 & 6 Hershey Lodge and Convention Center**  
**Hershey, Pennsylvania**

**Monday, May 5, 2008**

- 7:30 a.m. **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Introductions, and Approval of Minutes from Fall 2007 Meeting** Collins
- 9:00 a.m. **Recap of Seattle Subcommittee Meetings** Artimovich
- 9:15 a.m. **Subcommittees - Breakout Session A** - Discuss Goals, Tasks & Assignments  
#1 - Publications and Website Maintenance - Pathak (and Longstreet )
- 9:45 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 a.m. **Subcommittees - Breakout Session B**  
#2 - Barrier Hardware - Longstreet & Takach  
(This subcommittee's activities and discussions of format will be of interest to all.)
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch** for all registered delegates –
- 12:30 p.m. **Subcommittees - Breakout Session C**  
#3 - Bridge Railing & Transition Hardware - Bligh  
#6 - Work Zone Hardware - Stephens & Fossier
- 2:00 p.m. **Subcommittees - Breakout Session D (may continue until 3:30)**  
#7 - Certification of Test Facilities - LaTurner & Shewmaker  
(Because all crashworthy hardware is subject to crash testing, all Task Force members will begin in this subcommittee breakout meeting.)
- 2:30 p.m. **Subcommittees - Breakout Session E (concurrent with last hr of Session D)**  
#4 – Drainage Hardware- Paul  
#5 - Sign, Luminaire & Traffic Support Hardware - Stenko & Fredrick  
#8 - Rail Highway Crossing Hardware - Hare
- 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. **Reports from Subcommittee Co-Chairs of Breakout Sessions C, D, and E**
- 4:45 p.m. **Reports from Special Subcommittee Co-Chairs**  
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New Standardization Areas,
- 5:00 p.m. **FHWA Issues Laboratory Accreditation, MASH08** Artimovich
- 5:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 5:30 p.m. Executive Session: Executive Board and all Subcommittee Co-Chairs
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner – Hershey Lodge “A memorable evening with a special local treat.”

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**Tuesday, May 6, 2008**

7:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **Update on Relevant NCHRP Projects** Neissner

9:00 a.m. **Affiliated Committee/Activity Reports**

AASHTO Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures	Fredrick
AASHTO Headquarters	McDonnell
ATSSA	Clark
NACE	Giancola
TRB Committee AFB20 Report (Seeking a member to make this presentation)	
New/Old Business	Durkos & Collins
Location of Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Meetings	

10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:15 a.m. **Technical Presentations –**

10:15 Dean Alberson - Recent Research at TTI

10:30 Ron Faller - Recent Research at MWRSF

10:45 Ken Opiela – FHWA R&D efforts and update on National Crash Analysis Center

11:00 John Durkos – Road Systems, Inc. New W-Beam Guardrail Terminal

11:15 Carl Ochoa – Vista Engineering. Selection Of Optimum Strong Post Guardrail Release Loads In Relation To Support Post Section Properties

11:30 Dick McGinnis – Bucknell U. Cable Barrier Systems

11:45 .

12:00 noon

12:15

12:30 Adjourn to Lunch on your own.

**AASHTO-AGC-ARTBA JOINT COMMITTEE**  
**Subcommittee on New Highway Materials and Technologies**  
**TASK FORCE 13**  
**Standardization of Details for Bridge & Road Hardware**

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Meeting: Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6, 2008, Hershey, Pennsylvania

**Registration Form**

Please return to John Durkos by April 5 for a \$25 discount on registration

Members should check here [  ] if this includes changed or new information.  
If you are **new** to the Task Force please check here [  ].

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname for Badge \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First and Middle Initial

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country if international \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will bring a spouse/guest (add \$50 per guest for dinner on Monday evening.)

Registration Fee of US \$275.00 per TF-13 attendee should accompany this form. Please include \$50 for each guest accompanying you to Monday's dinner. If this will be postmarked prior to April 5, 2008, take a \$25 discount on member registration fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Full registration includes: Breakfasts and breaks on days, plus lunch and dinner on Monday.

Make checks payable to "Task Force 13 Meeting Fund"

Please forward check with registration form to:

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