

NAHBA / All-State / FHWA Teleconference Call
October 27, 2016
2:00pm Eastern Time

Webinar: <https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/nahbaoct16/>

Call In: 877-336-1839: Passcode #5875482

Attending:

Arizona: Jennifer Cannon (DOT)

Delaware: Tom Coleman (DOT); Jeff Leonard (DOT)

District of Columbia: Alice Kelly (DOT)

FHWA: Dawn Horan; Melissa Corder; Bob Black; Allison Redmon; Chad Crawford; Rod Vaughn, Jayne Prescott; others

Florida: Rob Jessee (DOT); Ken Pye (DOT); Billy Benson (DOT)

Georgia: Neosha Lawhorn (FHWA); Michael Hester (DOT)

Illinois: Tim Hoesli, Mike Prater (DOT)

Indiana: Colleen Smith (FHWA); Mark Tidd (DOT);

Iowa: Brooks Glasnapp (DOT)

Kentucky: Transportation Cabinet Permits

Louisiana: Sheila Terrell, Barry Williams, Nickey Boudoin, Ann Robinson, Francis Nguyen, Travis Pulls (DOT)

Michigan: Melissa Staffeld (DOT)

Mississippi: Rick Mangrum (FHWA); Doug Hornbach (DOT)

Missouri: Joyce Musick, Jenny Hall (DOT); Dawn Perkins (FHWA)

Montana: Brian Hasselbach (FHWA)

Nebraska: Jean Todd (DOT)

Nevada: Charlton Pratt (DOT); Daniel Hawk (FHWA)

New York: Donna Masick (DOT)

Roy Grasse: North Carolina (DOT)

Ohio: Abraham G (FHWA)

Oklahoma: Derek Vinson (DOT)

South Carolina: Barbara Wessinger (DOT/GC); Steve Ikerd (FHWA)

Tennessee: Mark Whited (DOT)

Texas: Ron Johnson (DOT/GC); Chrisy Currier (FHWA)

Utah: Krissy Plett (DOT)

Virginia: Suzanne Ellison; Dwaine (DOT)

Washington: Vicky Thorniley (DOT)

Introduction of 2016 NAHBA Board

- Rob Jessee: Chair (Florida)
- Melissa Staffeld: Vice Chair (Michigan)
- Tim Hoesli: 2nd Vice Chair (Illinois)
- Wendy Knox: Past Chair (Texas)
- Mark Tidd: Host-State Chair (Indiana)
- Brooks Glasnapp: Secretary Treasurer (Iowa)

2016 NAHBA / AASHTO Conference

- Dates are April 30 – May 4, 2016.
- Location is Indianapolis.
- Contact board member if you have a topic for presentation.
- Contact board member if you are interested in presenting.
- Please check the ODA/OAC Manager's List on the NAHBA website and advise of any updates for your state.

NCHRP Research Proposal Update [Rob Jessee]

- NCHRP Research Project Proposals (Establishment of Effective Control Factors to Achieve Federal Enforcement Consistency with the HBA) have not been selected for NCHRP studies.
- Florida DOT has agreed to fund research in order to accomplish the same goal. Contact Rob Jessee if interested in the details.

FHWA Staffing Update [Dawn Horan]

- Melissa Corder is the new OAC contact (Dawn's former role) at headquarters. (melissa.corder@dot.gov)
- Cliff Pearson has promoted to another position in GSA. This leaves a vacancy for the P.O.C. in the Midwest region.
- Lindsey Svendsen is the new contact for the Western states.
- Peter Clark is the new contact for the Southern states.
- Hannah Needleman has joined the Chief Council office.
- Rod Vaughn and Chad Crawford have joined the Resource Center.

Scenic America Lawsuit Update [Melissa Corder]

- U.S. Court of Appeals for D.C. Circuit (Court) has ruled in favor of FHWA and OAAA.
- September 2007 Guidance remains in effect with no change.
- This was explained in an email released by FHWA on October 3rd, 2016.
- Email Melissa Corder if more information is needed.

Reed vs. Gilbert Fallout [Melissa Corder / Bob Black]

- SCOTUS did not rule on constitutionality of HBA; FHWA did file Amicus Brief
- HBA still in effect; No direct challenges yet; Likelihood of challenge remains unclear
- Court cases in Texas (Auspro vs. Texas DOT) and Tennessee (Thomas vs. Schroer) are being followed

FAST Act [Melissa Corder]

- Implemented Dec. 4th, 2015
- Provision made for pre-existing oversized church and service club signs up to 32 square feet. However, the signs must've been in existence on Dec. 4th, 2015, or removed within the three years prior, and the state must properly notify FHWA of the election. For more details visit FHWA's realty page (OAC tab) or contact your local FHWA division representative.

HBA Jurisdiction Maps [Melissa Corder]

- FHWA, with the collaboration of the States, has completed this project, showing controlled routes for the 6/1/91 system and the [enhanced] NHS.
- Visit the following website: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/uscode-2010-title23/pdf/uscode-2010-title23-chap1-sec131.pdf>

Railroads crossing Primary Highways: HBA Application [Melissa Corder]

- The context of the question is when advertising signs exist within both the railroad ROW and the ROW for the primary highway system.
- If the railroad has the underlying ownership and the state merely has an easement (or nothing at all) then the HBA applies.
- If the state has the underlying ownership and the railroad merely has an easement or subservient interest then it's considered ROW and the sign should not be allowed.

Call for Board Candidates (Rob Jessee)

- The board extends an invitation to anyone who might be interesting in serving on the board. Board members rotate chair positions annually, with the exception of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Host-State position.
- Email Rob Jessee to have your name added to the ballot system.

Minutes taken by Brooks Glasnapp