Highway Rail Safety Conference

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Lincoln Downtown/Haymarket
808 R Street I Lincoln, Nebraska

March 29 – 30, 2017
Planning Committee

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Bev Vonasek, NDOR
Wednesday, March 29th

11:30 – 5:00  Registration Desk Open  
Conference Room Hallway

1:00 – 1:30  Welcome
Moderator — Abe Anshasi, Rail & Public Trans. Engr., NDOR  
Kyle Schneweis, Director, NDOR

1:30 – 2:00  FRA Update
Ron Ries, Staff Director  
Highway-Rail Crossing & Trespasser Programs Division  
Federal Railroad Administration

2:00 – 3:00  National Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Inventory
Moderator — Bev Vonasek, Railroad Liaison Mgr., NDOR

UPRR Inventory Update
Melinda Dubay, Senior Manager  
Union Pacific Railroad

FRA Requirements, Updates and RIMS
Ric Cruz, Director of Trans. Information Services  
Tavla Solutions/Moffatt & Nichol

Iowa DOT’s Crossing Inventory Application & Process
Phil Meraz, Office of Rail Transportation  
Iowa Department of Transportation

3:00 – 3:15  Break
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Conference Room Hallway
3:15 – 4:00  **Federal Legislation/Requirements**  
*Moderator — Bev Vonasek, Railroad Liaison Mgr., NDOR*

**ENS Sign Requirements**  
William Cleveland, Crossing & Trespassing Regional Mgr.  
Federal Railroad Administration

**CFR 646.214 Requirements — Panel Discussion**  
Phil Meraz, Office of Rail Transportation  
Iowa Department of Transportation

Mitch Sothers, Coordinating Engineer  
Kansas Department of Transportation

Cody Wilbers, Transportation Engineer  
Federal Highway Administration

4:00 – 5:00  **Open Forum**

5:30  **Walking Tour followed by Reception**  
*Buffalo Wings & Rings*

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**Thursday, March 30th**

7:00 – 2:30  **Registration Desk Open**  
*Conference Room Hallway*

7:00 – 9:00  **Executive Continental Breakfast**  
*Conference Room Hallway*

7:30 – 8:45  **Concurrent Session A**  
*Scarlet/Front of Room*  
DOT Roundtable Discussion (DOT’s Only)
7:30 – 8:45  Concurrent Session B  
**Scarlet/Back of Room**  
Operation Lifesaver Executive Meeting (OL Only)

9:00 – 9:40  Operation Lifesaver Activities Update  
*Moderator — Abe Anshasi, Rail & Public Trans. Engr., NDOR*
Julie La Combe, Executive Director  
Kansas Operation Lifesaver  
Tim Hull, Executive Director  
Missouri Operation Lifesaver  
Francis Edeker, State Coordinator  
Iowa Operation Lifesaver  
Carol Daley, State Coordinator  
Nebraska Operation Lifesaver

9:40 – 10:00  Iowa Crossing Replacement Program  
Phil Meraz, Office of Rail Transportation  
Iowa Department of Transportation

10:00 – 10:15  Break  
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10:15 – 10:45  University of Nebraska Research Projects  
Aemal Khattak, Ph.D., Professor & Associate Chair  
Dept. of Civil Engineering & Nebr. Transportation Center  
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

10:45 – 11:15  Preemption – The Rest of the Story  
Jason Field, P.E.  
Moffatt & Nichol
11:15 – 11:45  **Rail Mapping as Part of Transportation Infrastructure**  
Dylan Liverman, DevOps Manager  
Tavla Solutions/Moffatt & Nichol

11:45 – 12:00  **Vendor/Sponsor Presentations**

12:00 – 1:00  **Lunch**  
*Hotel Lobby*

1:00 – 1:45  **Ethanol/Crude Oil Update**

*Ethanol Industry Update*  
Megan Grimes, Program Manager  
Nebraska Ethanol Board

*HDR Industry Intelligence Report on Crude Oil/Ethanol in 4-State Area*  
Tony Klaumann, P.E.  
HDR, Inc.

1:45 – 2:30  **Successful Partnerships**  
Roger Figard, P.E., Executive Director  
Railroad Transportation Safety District

2:30  **Wrap-Up/Adjourn**  
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