

**Lectern Session 3089**

## Highway Worker Safety: Research, Solutions, and Evaluations Related to Maintenance Equipment

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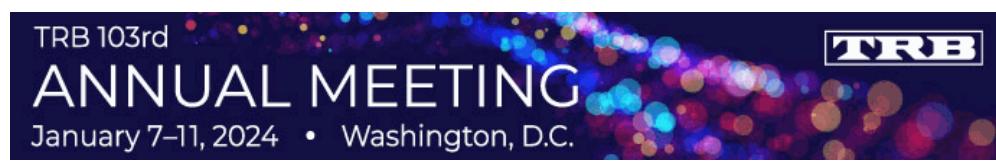
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No agenda available

| Title   | Presentation Number  |
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| <p><b>Warning Lights and Vehicle Markings: AIMing for Improved Safety</b></p> <p>John Bullough, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai</p> <p> <a href="#">Show Abstract</a></p> <p>Flashing warning lights and vehicle colors and markings are important contributors to roadway maintenance worker safety. These elements should not only alert (A) drivers about the presence of the vehicle and nearby workers, but also inform (I) drivers about the type of situation they are approaching, and help manage (M) driver behavior so they can adjust their speed and lane position appropriately for the safety of workers. This presentation will describe this AIM (Alert/Inform/Manage) framework and share research results on the use of warning lights and vehicle colors/markings to maximize safety by addressing each element in the AIM framework.</p> | P24-20364   |
| <p><b>Challenges and Solutions for the Use of Autonomous Truck Mounted Attenuators in Highway Applications</b></p> <p>Shima Nazari, University of California, Davis</p> <p> <a href="#">Show Abstract</a></p>   | P24-20365   |
| <p><b>Evaluating Applications of Mobile Work Zone Protection System (California Department of Transportation Balsi Beam) for Worker Protection in Highway Work Zones</b></p> <p>Bahram Ravani, University of California, Davis</p> <p> <a href="#">Show Abstract</a></p>  | P24-20367   |

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**Alternative Approaches for Rapid Evaluation of Frictional Resistance of Aggregates (TRBAM-24-04819)**

G. Sandeep Reddy/University of Texas, El Paso, Miguel Montoya/University of Texas, El Paso, Imad Abdallah/University of Texas, El Paso, Soheil Nazarian/University of Texas, El Paso, Richard Izzo/University of Texas, El Paso

**Freeze-Thaw Performance Trends of Short-Term Cured Cement Stabilized Aggregate Quarry By-Product Materials (TRBAM-24-04563)**

Taeyun Kong/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Chirayu Kothari/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Issam Qamhia/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Erol Tutumluer/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Nishant Garg/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Tim Peters/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Andrew Stolba/University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

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Bahram Ravani/University of California, Davis

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**Where the Weather Meets the Road: Time to Refresh?**

Paul Pisano, Paul Pisano LLC, presiding

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In 2004, the National Academies via the Board on Atmospheric Science and Climate published a seminal report entitled Where the Weather Meets the Road. A panel of experts across the transportation and meteorological communities worked together to examine the research opportunities and required services needed to support improved weather-related information for the nation's roadways. The resulting report provided a framework and recommendations to guide road weather research across the two communities, serving as an influential foundation for research conducted over subsequent years. Twenty years later, it is time to revisit the report and consider how best to refresh it and help guide future road weather research.

**History and Context of Where the Weather Meets the Road (P24-20092)**

Paul Pisano/Paul Pisano LLC

**The Future of Road Weather: Meteorological Policy Perspective (P24-20094)**

Paul Higgins/American Meteorological Society

**The Future of Road Weather: Transportation Perspective (P24-20093)**

Richard Nelson/American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

**The Future of Road Weather: Meteorological Research Perspective (P24-20095)**

Gina Eosco/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)