

FOURTH SENIOR EXECUTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMIT

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) hosted the fourth Senior Executive Transportation and Public Safety Summit at their headquarters in Washington, D.C., on June 14-15. Executive leaders from USDOT, state departments of transportation (DOTs), transportation associations and public safety stakeholders participated in the event to discuss the future of Traffic Incident Management (TIM) nationwide. Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) Director Vicki Kramer, who is also chair of the American Association of Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Committee on Transportation System Security and Resilience, was asked to speak on growing TIM awareness and strengthening TIM partnerships with local agencies and strategic partners. Her takeaways are quoted below:



NDOT Director Kramer

“Despite the advanced safety features in vehicles, innovative roadway designs, and operational strategies, serious injuries and fatalities from crashes are on the rise nationwide. Here in Nebraska, we have faced three catastrophic incidents involving our dedicated roadway workers in less than a year, tragically losing two employees. It’s clear that we need motorists to take greater responsibility for road safety. Our TIM partners are crucial to the success of Nebraska’s safety initiatives. The TIM program fosters strong relationships and sparks essential discussions about safety. These partners are our strongest allies, and we deeply appreciate their unwavering support. With their collaboration, NDOT is committed to exploring and implementing strategies to enhance safety in work zones and during incident responses.”

[Click here](#) to read more on the summit.

NEBRASKA TIM CRASH CLEARANCE DASHBOARD

NDOT has launched a [Crash Clearance Dashboard](#) for agencies to evaluate incident clearance performance across the state and elevate performance measure discussions. The dashboard uses data from the Nebraska Investigator’s Motor Vehicle Crash Report (DR-40) to average incident clearance times (ICT). Within the dashboard, you can filter the data to localize by county, city, agency or other crash metrics to fit your needs. Use this tool as a first step to analyze your agency’s performance measures and make data-driven decisions regarding all performance measures, including:

- Roadway clearance time (RCT)
- Incident clearance time, included in the dashboard
- Secondary crashes
- Responder struck-by

Read more on performance measures from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) [here](#). Interested in learning more? Join us for the next **Statewide TIM Virtual Meeting** on October 29 at 10 a.m. CT to discuss the dashboard in depth!

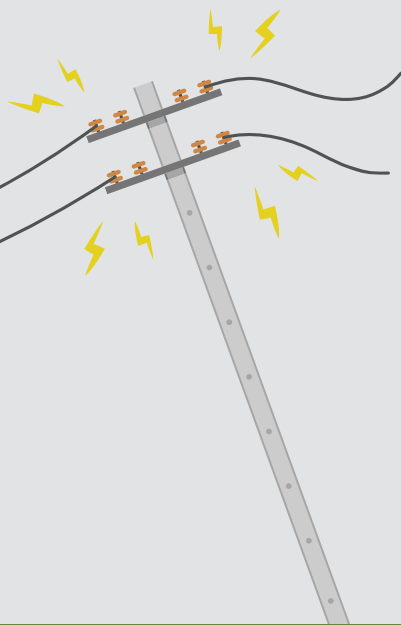


STATEWIDE VIRTUAL MEETING RECAP

The first Nebraska TIM Statewide Virtual meeting was held on July 17. Missed the meeting? No worries! Each topic is summarized below, and you can watch the recording anytime on [YouTube](#).

- **Multi-Disciplinary Construction Coordination:** TIM stakeholders in Central Nebraska shared their experiences coordinating construction incident response during I-80 head-to-head traffic conditions. This session was a panel discussion on best practices for interagency coordination and the importance of engaging all disciplines in planning efforts.
- **Training:** A multi-disciplinary training curriculum allows a coordinated response to traffic incidents with a focus on quick clearance and safety. This session focused on collaborating with you to identify opportunities for training classes, new trainers and making the curriculum Nebraska-specific.
- **EDC-7 Initiative - Next Gen TIM: Digital Alerting Technologies:** Every Day Counts (EDC-7) Next Gen TIM is a federal initiative focused on technologies that improve responder safety and incident clearance. Digital alerting technologies, like HAAS Alert, inform roadway users of incidents ahead and help them avoid or navigate around the incidents. This session featured a panel discussion answering questions on how the technology has been procured and is being used in Nebraska.

The next Statewide TIM Virtual Meeting will be held on October 29, 2024 from 10–11:30 a.m. CT / 9–10:30 a.m. MT. Please [click here](#) to register to attend!



DOWNED POWER LINE SAFETY

When responding to damaged areas following a weather event such as a tornado, responders may face a hidden threat from downed power lines and exposed underground wiring. Not only are the power lines a hazard, but they can also energize the surrounding area with a step potential of 20 feet or more. When working near debris, trees, or other areas where a power line may be hidden, slow down, move with purpose and be aware of potential electrical danger. Wearable devices, like the [Greenlee V-Watch Personal Voltage Detector](#), can help responders be more aware of potential electrical hazards. Remember to include utility service providers in Unified Command to ensure the safety of the area and aid in response.

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WORK ZONE SAFETY

As we reach the peak of road construction season, the safety of our road workers and responders remains a priority. Our partners with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) launched the Speeding Catches Up with You campaign in July. This is an opportunity to provide enforcement and promote safety within our work zones! Grant funding for overtime can be found online at the [Nebraska DOT Highway Safety Office](#) website.

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