



# SMARTER WORK ZONES



## MID-AMERICA REGION PEER EXCHANGE

Iowa DOT Motor Vehicles Division Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room  
6310 SE Convenience Blvd | Ankeny, IA 50021  
9 am October 22nd – 12 noon October 23rd

The Mid-America Region Peer Exchange Workshop is a forum comprised of work zone practitioners from federal, state, and local transportation agencies. These agencies may send staff from research institutes, consultants, and contractors that help these agencies in their work zone management efforts and will be involved in Smarter Work Zone (SWZ) implementation efforts. The gathering provides an opportunity to discuss SWZ strategies in the areas of project coordination and technology solutions, such as queue and speed management. The goal for the peer exchange is to promote the benefits of SWZ through education and application and to seek out opportunities to improve upon the methods that are used for implementation.

### How does the Peer Exchange Work?

The exchange covers 1½ days of SWZ presentations along with roundtable discussions based on the needs and interests of your region. Topics are flexible but could include:

#### Project Coordination Strategies (PC)

- Presentations on PC deployments from early adopters across your region, which could include:
  - » Multi-agency coordination efforts during planning
  - » Multi-agency coordination during day-to-day operations
  - » Interagency coordination efforts during planning
  - » Interagency coordination efforts during day-to-day operations
- Roundtable discussion of value, opportunities, and challenges of implementation examples
- Tools to assist PC which could include:
  - » Work Zone Impact and Strategy Estimator (WISE)
  - » Mobility Performance Monitoring Systems
  - » GIS-based systems to collate and track project efforts

#### Technology Applications (TA)


- Presentations on TA deployments from early adopters across your region, which could include:
  - » End-of-queue warning systems
  - » Real-time traveler information systems
- Roundtable discussion on the advantages, disadvantages, or other issues of importance related to TA needs assessment, concepts of operations/system design, procurement, implementation, and/or evaluation of effectiveness

**Interested in learning more about regional peer exchanges?**

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An interactive SWZ Resource Toolkit is available on the National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse SWZ webpage:

<https://www.workzonesafety.org/SWZ>