

NDOT/Industry Committee Conference Call

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Following a brief introduction by Rod and the rest of the committee members, the call was opened up for the following comments:

Ideally this committee would participate in 1-2 conference calls or meetings each quarter.

Would like to see the committee establish some specific goals relating to worker and work zone safety.

Cal-Trans established a similar committee several years ago to address the safety issues related to night work. This work product is available.

Would like to see if NDOT can elicit cooperation from NHP to patrol work zones and enforce the double penalty standard

Could we get an NHP representative to participate in this committee?

Discussed "Operation Hard Hat" in California that provided traffic enforcement imbedded in the work zone.

The safety training requirements for highway workers need to be standardized between agencies and contractors.

All highway workers need work zone and safety training, not just traffic control personnel.

Could we develop an approved training program that could be taught by contractor representatives to their employees after completing a Train the Trainer Course?

Explore having a video-conference for the next meeting. Is there a location in Las Vegas to do this? Las Vegas Paving? NDOT?

Any other suggestions could be provided to Rod or Kevin prior to the next quarterly meeting on May 28th.

Tentative dates for the next meeting, June 19, June 20, June 27.

