



Organization of Working Groups/Introduction of Teams

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Purpose for Working Groups

- Discuss current status of activities and research in the area of grade crossing safety.
- Formulate, by Intermodal and stakeholder consensus, an up-dated set of initiatives, strategies, programs, and research needed.
- Prepare these needs in a prioritized action item format, including appropriate modal agency designations.

Format for the Working Groups

- 1:15 – 4:45 PM
- Directed by the team leader and discussion facilitated by support staff
- Brainstorm initiatives, strategies, programs, and research project ideas within the topic area
- Prioritize recommendations
- Team leader to report back details on top 3-5 priorities to general session tomorrow morning

Logistics for Working Groups

- Color Coded Working Groups
 - Engineering/Technology - Yellow
 - Human Factors - Green
 - Community Outreach & Education – Orange
 - Enforcement (E) - Blue
 - Hazard Management - Purple
- Working group assignment color on attendee badges

Rules of Engagement

- Team Leaders and Facilitators Orchestrate the Groups
- Rules of Engagement
 - **Respect**
 - **Logistics**
 - **Group Dynamics**
 - **Outcome**

Rules of Engagement - Respect

- Turn off cell phones
- Minimize sidebar conversations
- Avoid digression
- Do not interrupt others
- War Story rule - 1-minute max.

Rules of Engagement - Logistics

- State name when speaking at first until group are familiar with each other
- Stick to facilitator's agenda
- Honor time limits of agenda

Rules of Engagement – Group Dynamics

- Consensus decision making unless otherwise mentioned
- Listen and respect other's viewpoint
- Diversity in opinion is valuable
- Be open-minded
- Be creative
- Don't be defensive
- Set aside baggage you carried into the room
- Have fun

Rules of Engagement – Outcome

- Consider alternatives on the basis of public interest
- Don't base discussions on current conventions, current standards
- Needs, perceptions, and potential more important than existing conventions
- Discuss possible research projects with different procedures, innovative technologies, new participants, changed responsibilities

Rules of Engagement – Outcome

- Prioritize Items by High Urgency and Other categories
- Prepare your Team Leader for the Summary Presentation for Thursday AM
- Team Leader will provide Summary and Discuss Priority Needs from your Working Group



Team Leaders/Room Assignments

- **Engineering/Technology**
 - Team Leader: Frank Frey, FRA (Location: Promenade)
- **Human Factors**
 - Starr Kidda, FRA (Location: Concourse)
- **Community Outreach & Education**
 - Robert Rohauer, CSX (Location: 9th @ Spruce)
- **Enforcement**
 - Ryan Gustin, CSX and Michail Grizkewitsch, FRA (Location: Plaza)
- **Hazard Management**
 - Debra Chappell, FRA (Location: Commerce)

Room Assignments



Breakout of Working Groups

- Lunch
- Meet at assigned room by 1:15 PM
 - Adjourn for the day from breakout session
- Good Luck on Your Deliberations
- Enjoy and Have Fun



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