

SaMS: Discussion Questions for 3rd Government Coordination Workgroup Meeting: Dec. 18, 2019

Purpose and Scope (see Handout #1):

1. Any questions about general direction indicated at the 2nd (July 31) Government CoordWorkgroup meeting?
 - a. Coordinate/share costs for (1) training and (2) alternative deicers
 - b. Recommend increased Pre-Season coordination (esp. public communications wrt levels of service) and a new Post-Season forum to share winter season experiences/lessons learned.
 - c. SaMS implementation coordination overall, and use of existing forums to support implementation
2. Any other suggested emphasis areas for the Government Coordination recommendations?

Follow up Actions (also Handout #1):

3. Any discussion needed on follow up items from Meeting 2?
 - a. Apogee deicer
 - b. MD MS4 permits (plan to circulate once permit is finalized)
 - c. Community Association's Institute (interest to discuss SaMS as strategy is completed?)
 - d. VDOT's Pre-Season Elected Officials briefing
 - e. Conceptual support for legislation (in light of DEQ constraints, how should interested SAC members coordinate?)

Government Coordination Recommendations:

4. Coordinated Training for Winter Maintenance Operators (and managers)
 - a. Do workgroup members support a recommendation for consolidated winter salt BMP training for local area government agencies?
 - b. Should recommendation identify desired timing (i.e., before 2020/21 winter season)?
 - c. Any other suggestions for content/delivery of operator training on BMPs?
 - d. Is there interest to recommend a NoVA Roadeo? If interest high, need volunteers who will flesh out a recommendation and identify next steps needed to pursue.
5. Pre-Season Coordination
 - a. Do workgroup members support recommending enhanced pre-winter season coordination for public communications and levels of service and winter operation plans?
 - b. What are specific suggestions to achieve this – virtual/in-person coordination forum, sharing resources/plans, etc.?
6. Post-Season Forum
 - a. Do workgroup members support a new in-person forum following the winter season to exchange winter season experiences, lessons learned, and future plans?
 - b. What timing and participation is envisioned?
 - c. What specific areas of focus are recommended?

7. Engaging Existing NoVA/Metro D.C. Forums (see **Handout #2**)
 - a. Which coordination forums are most important to engage for ongoing support to SaMS implementation? Identify specific aspects of SaMS that the forum can support.
 - b. Identify any existing forums that are priorities for additional SaMS engagement with prior to completion of the strategy (end of 2020).
 - c. Any forums that are important to engage, and less time sensitive?
8. SaMS Coordination leadership during implementation
 - a. The Northern Virginia Regional Commission has indicated it expects to provide some form of leadership support for SaMS implementation, and DEQ and NVRC will discuss this in a Dec. 16, 2019 meeting.
 - b. A potential list of SaMS implementation coordination roles includes:
 - i. Website Hosting
 - ii. SaMS Branding oversight
 - iii. Winter Salt Training
 - iv. Pre-Season Government Communications Coordination
 - v. Post-Season Lessons Learned Government Coordination
 - vi. SaMS Implementation Assessment Forum
 - vii. SaMS Reporting
 - c. What suggestions do workgroup members have for firming up emerging plans for NVRC coordination and leadership of SaMS implementation?
9. "Pooled monitoring" program water quality monitoring
 - a. Pooling monitoring efforts by local governments is recommended by the SaMS Water Quality Monitoring and Research (WQMR) workgroup to ensure that efforts aren't duplicated and resources are maximized.
 - b. Is there a structure or framework that could be set into place to facilitate this coordination? [most cities and Counties in the SaMS project area do not have ion or ion related monitoring programs, but many have indicated an interest to begin them.]
10. SaMS Pilot monitoring program
 - a. The WQMR workgroup also recommends a pilot program to measure the impact of BMP implementation on water quality. This will require partnerships between water quality monitoring agencies and winter maintenance operations (also academia and water authorities); promoting partnerships of government monitoring agencies and winter maintenance operations will be critical to implementing the pilot program.
 - b. What ideas are there for promoting and coordinating these partnerships?

Finalizing GC Workgroup Recommendations:

11. Are there other areas that warrant recommendations by this workgroup? If so, speak now.....
12. Is another workgroup meeting needed to complete our recommendations?
 - a. If only need to provide opportunity to fine-tune recommendations and conduct polling to gauge consensus, email and conference call communications may suffice.
 - b. If additional discussions are needed, another workgroup meeting will be warranted.