Dear Matthew,

I wanted to relay some information regarding a new USDOT program, entitled Solving for Safety Visualization Challenge. Please see the following information, which includes regarding upcoming webinars and application processes. NACE was represented at this meeting at DOT Headquarters regarding this and other programs a few weeks back by Andrew Avery, Public Works Commissioner for Chemung County, New York.

From the Office of the Under Secretary for Policy:

I want to share the news that Derek Kan, our Under Secretary for Policy, announced the launch of the Solving for Safety Visualization Challenge. You may be interested in watching the video of his keynote address, in which he discussed the USDOT Safety Data Initiative, and announced the Challenge.

We are inviting innovative minds to bring novel concepts and perspectives to develop analytical visualization tools that can provide life-saving insights and solutions for transportation safety. Your involvement along with the collaboration of a diverse group of stakeholders with expertise in safety, data, and technology is essential to successfully address the Nation’s significant transportation safety challenges. Individuals and teams are competing for $350,000 in cash prizes by developing innovative analytical visualization tools to enable insights, inform decisions, and reduce fatalities and serious injuries on U.S. road and rail systems. Tools can range from dashboards using disparate data sets, to spatial analysis via maps, virtual or augmented reality scenarios, image and image analysis, social media mining and beyond.

We hope you will become part of the solution! Please consider participating in the Solving for Safety Visualization Challenge as a Solver, submitting innovative ideas, or as an Innovation Agent, providing real-world knowledge, guidance, insight, issues, and data to participants. Uploaded your innovative idea for an Analytical Visualization Tool by the Stage I deadline on July 31, 2018, 11:59 PM ET. A fact sheet available on the USDOT website provides a good overview of the Challenge. Additional details about the Challenge, application and upcoming webinars are available on our Challenge website: https://www.transportation.gov/solve4safety. Also, please help spread the word on social media using the hashtag #solve4safety.

We hope you will join the Solving for Safety Visualization Challenge to improve transportation safety.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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