Pathfinder Initiative Overview

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Pathfinder Timeline

Feb. 2002
Salt Lake City Winter Olympics

2012
Document
Utah Success

2014
I-80
Expansion
Project

2016
Pathfinder
Guidance
Published

Jan. 2017
Every Day Counts
Weather-Savvy Roads
Pathfinder Core Partners

- **National Weather Service**: Experts at weather forecasts
- **Private Sector Weather Providers**: Experts at road weather forecasts
- **State DOTs**: Experts at operating and maintaining the roadways – knowledgeable about the state of the roadways and the impact to the traveling public
- **State Emergency Managers**
- **Local Agencies**

Source: FHWA
State Level Pathfinder Projects

These states range from having very mature relationships in place to having held in-person meetings between DOT, NWS, and Private Weather Providers and are implementing the process.
WSR Toolkit

Access the toolkit from FHWA’s Road Weather Management Exchange Website!

https://go.usa.gov/xnSqy