**FHWA Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation University Course**

**Module: 18 – Temporary Facilities and Maintenance**

**Assignment: Comparison of Policies**

**PROMPT**

Individually or in small groups, students should research and compare state and/or local policies related to snow removal, sidewalk maintenance, or work zone accommodations. Students may choose one type of policy and compare it across cities or State DOTs. Questions to consider for each type of policy include, but are not limited to:

* **Sidewalk maintenance:** Which agency, agencies, or individuals are responsible for sidewalk maintenance? What criteria are used to prioritize maintenance projects? Is there a publicly available maintenance schedule? Does the agency use a community input tool (such as SeeClickFix) to identify and address maintenance issues?
* **Work zone accommodations:** What are the policies or requirements for providing pedestrian and/or bicycle access through work zones? Do certain types of projects have different requirements (e.g., routine maintenance vs. a longer-term construction project)? How are pedestrians and bicyclists separated from traffic? What types of lighting, signage, and other treatments are used?
* **Snow removal:** Which agency, agencies, or individuals are responsible for snow removal? Does the snow removal policy include provisions for keeping sidewalks and bike lanes clear? How does the agency prioritize locations for snow removal? Is there a way for the public to report concerns or issues?

Student groups can report out their findings to the class or submit a short memo for grading by the instructor.