

Survey: Bi-directional Tow Plow Use (Through the EMTSP List Serve)

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SURVEY QUESTION:

Hello, has anyone tried the Bi-Directional Tow Plow and if so what benefits are you seeing over the standard tow plow? Here in Montana we are using the standard tow plow with a left wing on the truck and are considering a Bi-Directional. (August 17, 2016)

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State	AASHTO Region	Response	Respondent
AK- Alaska	4	Not Alaska.	diana.rotkis@alaska.gov
AL-Alabama	2		
AR-Arkansas	2	Same for Arkansas [see response from Tennessee]	Danny.Keene@ahfd.ar.gov
AZ- Arizona	4		
CA-California	4	We aren't using a bi-directional tow plow.	lisa.kunzman@dot.ca.gov
CO-Colorado	4		
CT-Connecticut	1		
DE-Delaware	1		
FL-Florida	2		
GA-Georgia	2		
HI-Hawaii	4		
IA-Iowa	3	Iowa currently uses standard Tow Plows but do have one (1) Bi-Directional Tow Plow on order with delivery expected in October so this will be our first winter using one.	Michael.Tjelmeland@dot.iowa.gov
IA-Iowa	3	Iowa's first bi-directional tow plow is on order. Delivery expected in November.	Bradley.Osborne@dot.iowa.gov
ID-Idaho	4		
IL-Illinois	3		
IN-Indiana	3		
KS-Kansas	3	In Kansas, we have several on order but to my knowledge, North Dakota is the only state that has any real experience with them since they were involved with working with Viking during the prototyping process and concept proofing. I believe South Dakota has one as well but it has not seen any winter yet.	TimC@ksdot.org
KY-Kentucky	2		
LA-Louisiana	2		
MA-Massachusetts	1		
MD-Maryland	1		
ME-Maine	1	Maine has 2 viking tow plows. We use them on a 2 lane highway with truck lanes.	Daniel.Rolfe@maine.gov
MI-Michigan	3	Jeff MDOT does not use bi-directional tow plows.	RatterreeS@michigan.gov
MN-Minnesota	3		
MO-Missouri	3	Missouri has not used bi-directional tow plows yet.	Amy.Niederhelm@modot.mo.gov
MS-Mississippi	2		
MT-Montana	4		
NC-North Carolina	2		
ND-North Dakota	4		
NE-Nebraska	4	Jeff, Nebraska doesn't have any Bi-directional tow plows in our fleet, just 1-way tow plows. We are looking into buying one of them for our Districts with many lanes. The price might dictate if we buy one or not. We heard they run around \$50,000 more than the one way tow plow....	Janie.Vrtiska@nebraska.gov
NH-New Hampshire	1	...Only one-way here in NH as well.	WDusavitch@dot.state.nh.us
NJ-New Jersey	1		
NM-New Mexico	4		
NV-Nevada	4		
NY-New York	1		
OH-Ohio	3		
OK-Oklahoma	4	We don't have any tow plows in Oklahoma!	CNORRELL@ODOT.ORG
OR-Oregon	4		
PA-Pennsylvania	1		

RI-Rhode Island	1		
SC-South Carolina	2		
SD-South Dakota	4		
TN-Tennessee	2	Tennessee does not use a bi-directional tow plow but would be interested in getting feedback from anyone who uses one.	Ken.Hampton@tn.gov
TX-Texas	4		
UT-Utah	4		
VA-Virginia	2		
VT-Vermont	1	...Only one-way here in VT.	Ken.Valentine@vermont.gov
WA-Washington	4		
WI-Wisconsin	3		
WV-West Virginia	2		
WY-Wyoming	4	Wyoming is not using bi-directional tow plows.	bernie.kushnir@wyo.gov
Saskatchewan		Saskatchewan does not use bi-directional tow plows.	Goran.Saric@gov.sk.ca
Alberta		Jeff: Alberta DOT does not use Bi-Directional Tow Plow.	Moh.Ashraf@gov.ab.ca