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- Bridge Engineering Center
- Center for Weather Impacts on Mobility and Safety
- Construction Management & Technology
- Iowa Local Technical Assistance Program
- Iowa Statewide Urban Design and Specifications
- Iowa Traffic Safety Data Service
- Midwest Transportation Consortium
- National Concrete Pavement Technology Center
- Partnership for Geotechnical Advancement
- Roadway Infrastructure Management & Operations Systems
- Traffic Safety and Operations



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Just for street and road workers

The first four articles in this issue are part of a series based on information in Iowa's new *Local Roads Maintenance Workers' Manual*. Additional articles will appear in future issues of *Technology News*.

Chapter topics include the following:

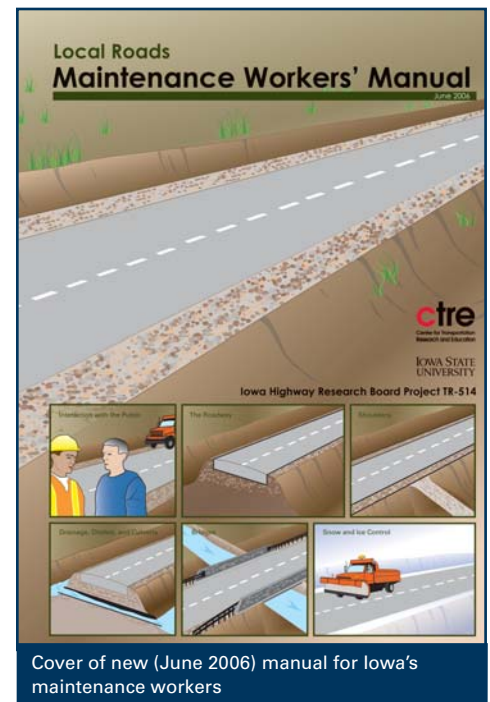
- Interacting with the public
- The roadway (level B and level C roads, gravel roads, asphalt pavements, concrete pavements)
- Shoulders
- Drainage, ditches, and culverts
- Bridges
- Snow and ice control

The manual is specifically for people whose everyday job is to work on Iowa's city streets and county roads. It was developed by CTRE and sponsored by the Iowa Highway Research Board (TR-514).

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Maintenance Supervisors Association also provided input.

The manual is intended as a general guide to best practices. Of course, every city and county is unique, with its own operating procedures and ways of conducting maintenance activities. Road workers should always follow their supervisor's instructions and their agency's policies and procedures.

To borrow a copy of the manual, contact Jim Hogan, Iowa LTAP librarian, 515-294-9481, hoganj@iastate.edu.

You can download a printable copy, www.ctre.iastate.edu/pubs/maint_worker ■