

BIWEEKLY RESOURCE PAGES

(All Times Central, 05/10/2022)

IOWA LTAP ON-SITE WORKSHOPS

Motor Grader Operator Workshops – Classroom Session, Tuesday, 5/3–Wednesday, 6/1 (various locations), **and NEW Field Session, Tuesday–Thursday, 6/7–6/9** (Ames) – Motor Grader Operator (MoGO) Training is a one- or two-day program led by experienced operators who teach other efficient and safe operating practices. The classroom session includes instruction and presentations, primarily focused on blading techniques for different tasks, snow removal, roadway/roadside cross-section elements, safety, and equipment. Participants are often from several cities or counties, which promotes discussion and exchange of ideas and techniques. For 2022, a NEW optional field session will be an opportunity for new operators to work one-on-one with an instructor in Ames. Limitations on the field session registration per agency are needed for planning purposes and for instructor/operator interaction. More details and registration for the classroom session and the NEW optional field session can be found [here](#).

Local Agency Bridge Innovation and Demonstration Days, Tuesday–Wednesday, 6/14–6/15 (Independence) – LTAP, along with the Buchanan County Secondary Roads Department and funding from the Iowa Highway Research Board (IHRB), will be hosting this special event (last held on-site in 2018). Local agency representatives and others from throughout Iowa and surrounding states are invited to attend. The tentative agenda is on the website (see the link below) but currently includes national/state perspectives, research discussions, and local agency implementation experiences with a wide variety of efforts. It also includes a tour of the bridge innovations that have been applied throughout Buchanan County. Registration is required. For more details, the mandatory prerequisites, and to register, please go [here](#).

Accessible Sidewalks and Curb Ramps: Design to Installation, Tuesday, 5/3 Rescheduled to 6/21 (Ames) – This workshop will benefit state and local professionals that plan, design, inspect, and construct Americans with Disabilities Act- (ADA-)related facilities within the Iowa public right-of-way. State and local agency staff, consultants, and contractors are encouraged to attend. For more details, please go [here](#). If you had planned to attend 5/3, please contact Keith Knapp (kknapp@iastate.edu) to share your intentions for 6/21. At this time, it is unknown if registration will be re-opened for new registrants.

IOWA LTAP WEBINARS AND ONLINE TRAINING

The Iowa LTAP hourly bimonthly webinars will be on hiatus during the summer (June–August) for retooling and reconsideration for the fall. If our webinar series has been valuable to you, please let us know.

Pavement Preservation Preventative Maintenance, Friday, 5/13 at 12:00 PM – Got pavement to manage? Preventative maintenance is the key. Want to improve your pavement quality over time and do so spending less money? The future condition of your pavement is determined by what you do today. Today, you have options. Tomorrow, you may not. Choose wisely. Your future self will thank you. For more information and to register, please go [here](#).

The Language of Leadership: Holding Difficult Dialogue, Friday, 5/20 at 12:00 PM – Meet the other two individuals on your team: *Steve Stink and Debbie Downer*. While they get their jobs done, they kill team

morale. Learn how to engage difficult employees before they negatively impact the morale and performance of your team. Discover the language of leadership needed to begin difficult dialogue in an array of situations. This is part two of a two-part series. The first part was held on 4/15. You are welcome to attend this webinar, even if you missed the first part. For more information and to register, please go [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: IOWA STREETS AND ROADS WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE

The Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Conference will be September 20–22, 2022 in Ames, Iowa, this year. This event includes a day-long workshop from our leadership series along with presentations for about 1.5 days. Vendors are also on-site, both inside and outside. All public employees are invited to attend. Anyone who is in a leadership position, such as a first-line supervisor or aspires to be in such a position, will especially benefit from the workshop. Secondary road and street maintenance supervisors and staff will especially benefit from the conference.

REMINDER: IOWA LTAP OFFERS ON-CALL, ON-SITE MUTCD SIGNING BASICS

As a reminder, Iowa LTAP offers an on-call, on-site *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways* (MUTCD) Signing Basics course as an introduction for new signing staff and a refresher for current staff. This class covers the basics of signing and is held at a location chosen by the requesting agency. There is no limit on the number of agency staff that can attend. For more information, please contact our Safety Circuit Rider, David Veneziano, at (515) 294-5480 or dvenez@iastate.edu.

LTAP PARTNER CONFERENCES, EVENTS, WEBINARS, AND WORKSHOPS

Dust Palliatives for Unpaved Roads – Case Studies and Lessons Learned (FHWA), *Tuesday, 5/17 at 1:00 PM* – Dust palliatives are agents or mixtures that are applied to unpaved roads to reduce airborne dust. The amount of dust, and therefore the type of palliative—or road stabilizer—depends on the climate, amount of precipitation, and surface disturbance. Fugitive dust is known for its impacts to human and wildlife health, yet palliatives also come at a risk of environmental harm. Palliatives can be expensive and can erode quickly if not applied correctly for the right soil conditions. For these reasons, the U.S. Geological Survey and practitioners from the field will provide lessons learned from research pilots and case studies. No registration is required for this webinar. Just go [here](#). The meeting ID is 160 215 1419, and the passcode is 693587.

Winter Pothole Treatments for Local Roads (OH LTAP), *Thursday, 5/19 at 12:00 PM* – This research was conducted to identify efficient and cost-effective pothole patching treatments and provide recommendations for optimal methods and materials that various local public agencies (LPAs) can use to enhance the performance and longevity of pothole patches installed during the winter season. This presentation will provide information on the findings and recommendations. To register for this research results webinar, please go [here](#).

Digital As-Builts Forum – Iowa DOT (FHWA), *Monday, 5/23 at 2:30 PM* – James Hauber, Chief Structural Engineer at the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT); Julie Rivera, Bridge Program Lead at HDR; and Grant Schmitz, Bridge Engineer at HDR, will present how the Iowa DOT is advancing Digital As-Builts. To register, please go [here](#).