

BIWEEKLY RESOURCE PAGES

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IOWA LTAP HOURLY WEBINARS

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

SEPTEMBER EVENTS – REGISTER!!!

Mid-Continent Transportation Research Symposium, Wednesday–Thursday, 9/14–9/15 (Ames) – Hosted by InTrans, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), this event usually attracts over 300 transportation researchers and professionals from the Midwest and beyond. This symposium provides an opportunity for participants to network with their peers, learn about advancements and applications in their respective fields, and anticipate future research directions. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Conference, Tuesday–Thursday, 9/20–9/22 (Ames) – 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. More information and registration can be found [here](#).

Save the Dates: MINK Conference, Wednesday–Thursday, 9/28–9/29 (St. Joseph, MO) – MINK is an annual meeting that brings together officials from local road agencies, state DOTs, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) divisions in Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas. The agenda covers timely and practical topics on maintenance, administration, innovative ideas, safety, and funding. It's a great place to share information, learn together, and talk shop. Attendees from any state are welcome. Watch for registration information coming soon.

OCTOBER EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!!!

Multi-Disciplinary Roadway Safety Series – This is an annual series that provides the most current information and advice for improving roadway safety to local agencies in terms of planning, law enforcement, education, and engineering. This is an opportunity to hear about the latest work and programs aimed at reducing fatal crashes from a wide variety of various safety partners in the state. Registration will open soon. Please save the date for the location closest to you. The series will be held on these dates at the following locations:

- 10/5 – Ames
- 10/6 – Iowa City
- 10/19 – Council Bluffs
- 10/26 – Storm Lake
- 10/27 – Mason City

NOVEMBER EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE!!!

Iowa Winter Maintenance Workshop – Snow and ice control can be the most demanding, challenging, and visible tasks performed by local public agencies. This workshop will cover many of the topics needed for operations staff to be prepared for the upcoming winter season. Some of the topics it might include are pre-season preparation, snow removal on county roads and city streets, the use of deicers, calibration, pre-trip inspection, and the importance of a healthy diet and physical activity for snowfighters during the long winter months. Registration will open in the coming months. Please save the date for the location closest to you. The workshops will be held on these dates at the following locations:

- 11/1 – Spencer
- 11/2 – Boone
- 11/3 – Independence
- 11/8 – Fairfield
- 11/9 – Greenfield

CONSIDER SUBMITTING A PAPER OR ABSTRACT AND SAVE THE DATE

TRB International Low Volume Roads Conference, Sunday–Thursday, 7/23–7/27, 2023 (Cedar Rapids, IA) – This conference is held every four years and has not been held in Iowa since the 1980s. It is a special opportunity for Iowa professionals. The conference is a global forum to examine new technologies and new techniques in the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, and administration of low volume roads. It includes full- and mini-workshops, a field trip, lightning poster sessions, and presentations. Typically, more than 20 countries are represented. For more information and to submit a paper or abstract (the deadline is 9/9), go [here](#). Registration will open in the next month or two.

FREE ONLINE TRAINING FOR LOCAL AGENCY EMPLOYEES!!!

Several transportation organizations have web-based training courses available, many of which are free of charge. The FHWA has a variety of National Highway Institute (NHI) online courses, and it has also partnered with the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) to offer free courses to public employees in smaller jurisdictions and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) to provide free courses through the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TC3). More information and links to these three opportunities can be found on the Iowa LTAP website [here](#).