LTAP MONTHLY WEBINARS

Highway Design and Maintenance for Horse-Drawn Vehicles, Thursday, 12/7 at 12:00 PM – This webinar will cover topics related to designing and maintaining roads in areas with large Amish populations based on experiences in Elkhart County, Indiana. Some of the topics covered will include: coordination with the Amish community, implementation of buggy plates and user fees for non-motorized vehicles, characteristic road distresses caused by horse usage and maintenance options to address these impacts, and adaptation of intersection sight distance design parameters for horse-drawn vehicles. Registration for this webinar can be found here.

INTERESTED IN BASIC WORK ZONE/FLAGGER TRAINING?

Survey to Show Your Basic Work Zone/Flagger Training Interest – Each spring, before the construction season, Iowa LTAP offers on-site basic work zone/flagger training to local public works and secondary road agencies in the state. If you are interested in this type of training, please go here and let us know. The only information needed is your contact information and an approximation of how many people you would like trained. We will use this information to organize and plan our trips to particular areas of the state.

PARTNER ACTIVITIES


Strategic Workforce Development: Fireside Chat on Funding Strategies (FHWA), Thursday, 11/30 at 12:00 PM – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is excited to invite you to participate in a virtual fireside chat hosted by the FHWA Every Day Counts (EDC)-7 Strategic Workforce Development team. The session will cover proven funding strategies from workforce development programs and how their impactful partnerships have resulted in access to invaluable resources. For more information and to register for this event, please go here.

Iowa Local Agency Pavement Management End of Year Workshop (InTrans), Tuesday, 12/5 (Ames) – The workshop will feature practical and relevant presentations on data-driven pavement preservation practices, geographic information systems’ (GIS’) role in pavement inventory, pavement management integration challenges, and success stories from city, county, and metropolitan planning organization/regional planning affiliation (MPO/RPA) perspectives, as well as networking opportunities. To register for this event, please go here.
County Roadside Vegetation Programs 101 Informational Meeting (UNI), Wednesday, 12/6 at 11:00 AM – Roadside weeds, brush, and soil erosion can create safety and legal issues for a county or city, and lead to resident complaints. The Iowa Department of Transportation’s (DOT’s) Living Roadway Trust Fund and the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) Tallgrass Prairie Center’s Iowa Roadside Management Program offer counties resources for addressing these problems to create safe, healthy, and functional roadsides. In this online informational meeting, learn about roadside vegetation resources available to counties and cities from representatives from these programs. There will be time for questions. To register, please go here.

Overview of the FHWA Lighting Handbook 2023 (FHWA), Tuesday, 12/12 at 12:00 PM – No additional descriptive information has been provided at this time. However, to register, please go here.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Strategies at Signalized Intersections (TN LTAP), Wednesday, 12/13 at 12:00 PM – This webinar will focus on how transportation professionals and practitioners can use traffic signals to make intersections safer and more comfortable for non-motorized road users. In this webinar, Peter Koonce will describe strategies for improving intersections through signal timing, cycle lengths, speed management, protected phasing, and more. The presentation will share the latest advances and trends in managing traffic signals to prioritize bicycling and walking. For more information and to register, please go here.

77th Annual Iowa County Engineers Conference, Wednesday–Friday, 12/13–12/15 (Des Moines) – This event will take place at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center. Each member of the county engineering staff will find this conference provides information of interest to aid them in the design, construction, and operation of the transportation system in the county. Consultants, equipment vendors, and material vendors will have direct contact with those directly in charge of county procurement of equipment and services. For more information and to register, please go here.

Federal-Aid Overview Seminars (Iowa DOT), Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1/24 and 1/25 (Boone), 1/31 and 2/1 (Hiawatha), and 2/21 and 2/22 (Denison) – The Iowa DOT Local Systems Bureau is hosting Federal-Aid Overview Seminars again in early 2024. This training is for anyone working on federal-aid projects for a local public agency, including cities, counties, consultants, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and regional planning affiliations (RPAs). The Federal-Aid Overview Seminar is broken into two days for each training. Day 1 focuses on project development through the letting. Day 2 focuses on construction inspection and contract administration. Attendees may attend Day 1, Day 2, or both, depending on each individual’s role in federal-aid projects. For more information, please go here.