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Training Opportunities this Month - With PWI

Level up your public works expertise this April with UTA EEC's Public Works Institute. Registration is now open for a slate of upcoming courses across Texas. From foundational skills to advanced leadership trainings, these open enrollment sessions offer a chance to sharpen your toolkit. Check out the upcoming opportunities coming this month.

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Featured Articles

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Supporting Safer Roads: Williamson County Receives \$20M Grant

Williamson County was recently awarded more than \$20 million in federal funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program, making it the only agency in Texas to receive this funding.



The grant will support a variety of safety improvements, including upgraded intersections, pedestrian safety features, and corridor enhancements aimed at reducing crashes and improving mobility across the county.

These improvements come as communities across Texas continue working to reduce serious crashes and improve roadway safety for all users.

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New Category for Build a Better Mousetrap!



This year, BABM introduces an exciting new category: **Putting Families First Innovation**. This category highlights programs, initiatives, tools, or processes that enhance transportation and mobility specifically for families in communities and Tribal areas. It reflects a growing focus on designing transportation solutions that prioritize everyday users and their safety, convenience, and accessibility.

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Agencies are encouraged to submit entries not only for the new Putting Families First Innovation category but also for BABM's existing categories, including Innovative Project, Bold Steps, Smart Transformation, and Pioneer. Multiple nominations are welcome, offering every agency the chance to showcase creative solutions and share their innovations with peers across the country.

[Learn more about BABM](#)

Grant Opportunities:

[FAA Aviation Research Grants Program](#) - Closing: September 7, 2027

[All Stations Accessibility Program](#) - Closing: May 1, 2026

National Work Zone Awareness Week April 20 - 24, 2026



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AI in Action: Detecting Road Hazards Across Texas

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The University of North Texas (UNT) is using a \$400,000 grant to develop artificial intelligence that helps the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) detect debris, animal carcasses, and other hazards on roadways.



The AI analyzes data from TxDOT's 3,500 cameras and traffic apps like Waze to spot potential dangers in real time, sometimes identifying hazards up to 16 minutes faster than traditional reporting methods.

The technology can identify objects such as tires, animals, pedestrians, and bicyclists, helping TxDOT respond quickly and keep Texas roads safer. Researchers expect the system to be fully functional and highly accurate by this summer.

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EDC-8 is Here

Every Day Counts

Proven innovations for efficient project delivery, innovative infrastructure management, and safer, efficient transportation.

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TxLTAP in Action

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If you're attending an event or conference, be sure to stop by the TxLTAP booth to meet our team, learn about our free training and resources, and see how we can support Texas cities and counties!

While you're there, pick up some TxLTAP swag, including:

- TxLTAP bags,
- Emergency Glass breakers,
- Multi-cord Chargers
- Other exciting items!

TxLTAP Will be at the following conferences:

- [NACE Annual Conference](#)
- [West Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association](#)



- UT Arlington EEC-



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