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## Workforce Training Opportunities

Exciting training opportunities are coming up across Texas! TxLTAP continues to offer free classes for city and county employees, providing practical skills and safety-focused training at no cost to your community. The Public Works Institute also has paid registration courses for those looking to advance into more specialized areas. You can find links for each class on the right.



### October Opportunities:

TxLTAP ELDT 801

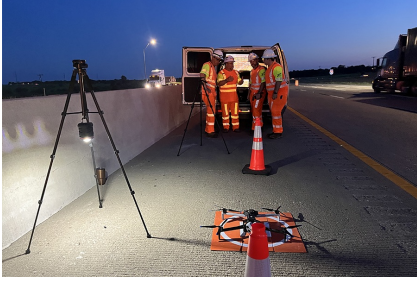
TxLTAP ELDT 802

Advanced Road Inspector

### Upcoming classes include:

- Free TxLTAP training for **Texas city and county employees**
- Public Works Institute **Advanced Road Inspector** courses (paid registration)

## Featured Articles



## Waco Crews Replace Highway Signs | TxDOT

TxDOT Waco crews recently replaced massive highway signs on I-35 and I-14 in a complex, high-stakes operation. The project required precise planning, heavy equipment, and even drones to keep traffic and workers safe. Find out how this team pulled it off and set the stage for future projects across Texas.

[Read More | TxDOT](#)



## The Psychology of Safety: how road design drives behavior | TxDOT

TxDOT is using smart design to make Texas roads safer, from wider pavement markings that subconsciously slow drivers to roundabouts that reduce severe crashes. Enhanced signage, LED chevrons, and pedestrian beacons are helping prevent run-off-road and mid-block incidents. Find out how these subtle design choices are shaping driver behavior and saving lives across the state.

[Read More | TxDOT](#)



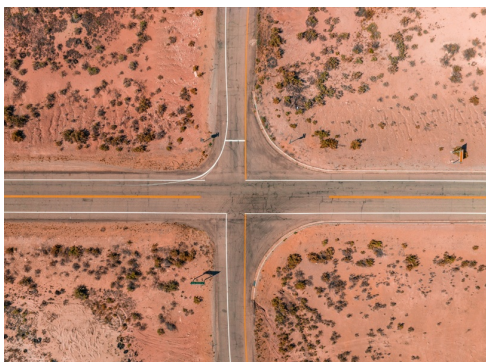
## October is National Pedestrian Safety Month

The U.S. DOT is spotlighting pedestrian safety all October, reminding drivers to watch for vulnerable road users. Each week highlights a different focus area: safer people, safer speeds and roads, safer vehicles, and post-crash care. With pedestrian fatalities on the rise, the campaign calls for renewed attention to equity and roadway safety for all.

[Learn more here](#)

Join the conversation by sharing how your community promotes pedestrian safety using #txltap on social media.

## Over \$40 Million Available to Improve Roadway Safety on Tribal Lands



The U.S. Department of Transportation is offering more than \$40 million through the Tribal Transportation Program Safety Fund to help Tribes enhance road safety and reduce serious crashes. Funding will support projects like lane-keeping measures, safer roadside recovery, and other safety improvements for federally recognized Tribes. This updated program emphasizes merit-based funding while removing prior environmental and social program requirements.

[Read More | FHWA](#)



## What about Roundabouts?

Learn about one of FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures, Roundabouts, and how they help reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries across all road types.



Roundabouts are designed to improve safety and traffic flow by reducing conflict points and lowering vehicle speeds. Unlike traditional intersections, they virtually eliminate the potential for high-speed, right-angle, and head-on collisions. They types most likely to result in serious injuries or fatalities (FHWA, n.d).

Converting intersection to roundabouts can lead to:

- Up to 90% fewer fatal crashes
- 76% fewer injury crashes
- 35% fewer total crashes

These benefits apply across a wide range of settings: from busy urban corridors, to low-volume rural roads. Roundabouts also improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists by simplifying crossings and calming traffic speeds (FHWA, 2008).

As Texas communities continue to address roadway safety across a diverse and growing transportation network, roundabouts offer a proven solution that aligns with statewide goals to reduce serious crashes and improve traffic operations (FHWA, n.d.). From rural county roads to busy urban corridors, roundabouts can play a valuable role in making Texas roads safer for everyone (FHWA, 2008).

Next time you're entering a roundabout, you're experiencing a design built to keep you safer and moving more efficiently.

Federal Highway Administration. (n.d.). Roundabouts. U.S. Department of Transportation. <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures/roundabouts>

Federal Highway Administration. (2008). Roundabouts: An Informational Guide (FHWA-SA-08-006). <https://highways.dot.gov/sites/fhwa.dot.gov/files/2022-06/fhwasa08006.pdf>

## TxLTAP Conference Schedule

FHWA

TxDOT

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## Visit Our Booth!

**NO COST TRAINING**

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**About TxLTAP**

TxLTAP provides NO COST Training, Technical Assistance, and Resources for Texas city and county employees working on our roadways.

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**Safety**

**Heavy Equipment**

**Work Zone**

**Infrastructure**

**Workforce Development**

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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HAVE A ROADWAY PROBLEM YOU CAN'T SOLVE? TxLTAP offers "one-on-one" Technical Assistance for specific issues you face with your roadways. If you call us about an issue, we will put you in touch with one of our technical specialists. We can provide a phone consultation, video chat or visit to your site.

**AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

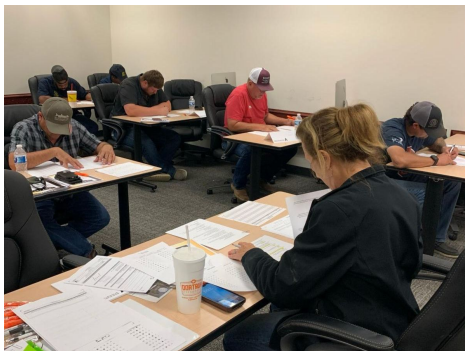
- LENDING LIBRARY
- MAGAZINES & NEWSLETTERS
- YOUTUBE VIDEOS
- EVERY DAY COUNTS
- BUILD A BETTER HOUSTON
- TAILGATE TALKS

REGIONAL TRAINING & WEBCASTS AVAILABLE

Keep an eye out for our booth at these upcoming Events!

- [Annual County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas Conference](#) - October 6-9
- [TACERA Annual Conference](#) - October 21 - 23
- [Texas Municipal League](#) - October 29 - 31

## Entry Level Driver's Training (ELDT) at UT Arlington EEC



Coming this fall, TxLTAP will be hosting our Entry Level Driver's (ELDT) series at UT Arlington EEC. Interested in getting your employees trained, or need to prepare for the CDL exam? Don't miss this opportunity! These classes are no cost for Texas city and county employees.

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