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TxLTAP December Newsletter

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Statewide Winter Readiness



From pretreating icy roads to coordinating with neighboring states, TxDOT crews are geared up to keep Texas roads safe this winter. Discover how their extensive planning and proactive measures ensure readiness for the cold months ahead!

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Crosswalk Visibility Enhancements

The FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasure initiatives (PSCi) included 28 strategies effective in reducing roadway fatalities and injuries. From high-visibility crosswalks to improved lighting and advanced pavement markings, discover how these key enhancements make crossings safer for pedestrians and drivers alike. Learn how agencies are tackling visibility challenges and improving road safety!

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Next-Gen TIM: Technology for Saving Lives



NLTAPA Tailgate Talks

These "Talks" offer supervisors ready-made materials on public works equipment and practices, enabling quick, focused safety discussions. Over time, they support a culture of safety within local agencies.

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Pave It Black - NAPA



The National Asphalt Pavement Association's (NAPA) official podcast *Pave it Black* covers people, challenges, technologies within the asphalt pavement industry, road construction, and research and development.

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NextGen TIM technologies are revolutionizing traffic incident response, enhancing responder safety, and minimizing delays through innovations like smart emergency lighting, digital alerts, and unmanned aerial systems. Discover how these advancements are saving lives, time, and money.

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Live Webinar with Walt Catlett-TxLTAP



Join Us - Secure Your Seat!

Topic: Road Safety Champion Program

Date: December 11, 2024

Time: 11:30am - 12:30pm CST

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

RSVP: Required

Cost: Free

[Register Here](#)

What You'll Learn in This Webinar:

- Overview of the RSCP: Understand the program's Purpose, pathways, and how it supports safer roads.
- Certification Process: Learn about the core modules, pathway option, and requirements to achieve RSCP certification.

Whether you're looking to achieve RSCP certification or want to learn more about individual course offerings, this free webinar is your chance to ask questions and gain valuable insights.

Road Safety Champion Program Highlights

The Road Safety Champion Program (RSCP) is a nationally recognized certificate program designed to develop a knowledgeable, safety-focused workforce responsible for operating, maintaining, and designing local roads. The RSCP prioritizes safety and aims to implement improvements that reduce fatalities and serious injuries. The program consists of seven core modules and two career-focused pathways, and is available for Texas city and county employees.

All participants must complete the core modules to establish a strong foundation in roadway safety. Upon finishing the seven core modules and one pathway, individuals will earn the Road Safety Champion Program Certificate from the National Center for Rural Road Safety, along with a digital badge from TxLTAP.



Road Safety Champion Program

The RSCP is a certificate program focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities by building a workforce skilled in road safety.

It includes seven main courses and two specialized paths, open to **Texas city and county employees.**

Core Module + One Pathway =



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CORE MODULES

- Introduction to Road Safety
- Understanding Human Factors
- Introduction to Traffic Safety Culture
- Overview of the MUTCD
- Intersection of Transportation with Public Health and Law Enforcement
- Reading the Roadway
- Safety Analysis Process

PATHWAYS

MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION PATHWAY

- Work Zones
- Worker Safety
- Take Action Now - Maintaining Safety
- Flagger Certification
- Maintaining a Safer Roadway
- Traffic Incident Management
- Work Zone Construction Site Safety (OSHA 10)

PLANNING & ENGINEERING PATHWAY

- Work Zones
- Overview of Local Road Safety
- Crash Reporting
- Countermeasures for Road Safety
- Systemic Safety Project Selection Tool
- Overview of Data and Tools for Safety

[Contact TxLTAP to Learn More](#)

2024 Transportation Pooled Funds Awards

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the American Association of State and Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) are pleased to recognize the outstanding work of the Transportation Pooled Fund Program (TPFP) participants in the inaugural TPF Excellence Awards. The YouTube video highlights projects that have demonstrated significant impact, innovation collaboration, and excellence in advancing technology in the field of Transportation Research. Nominations came in from across the country with projects that included partners from around the globe. Entries included research about safety transformational intelligent transportation system solutions, winter maintenance, infrastructure advancements, pavement materials design, Wildlife Collision Bridge integrity and safety, rural transportation solutions, carbon emissions and transportation, and new research technologies.

The 2024 TPF Excellence Awards Panel of Judges had their work cut out for them...**The first selected winner is the Clear Roads Winter Maintenance Research Project,** demonstrating the core values of the

Clear Roads Winter Maintenance Research Minnesota DOT



Transportation Pooled Funds Excellence Awards

and methods in real-world conditions. The Clear Roads Team has identified the most effective techniques and technologies to save agency money, enhance safety, and boost efficiency.

The group's latest projects and partnership initiatives have included a strong emphasis on implementing research results. 70% of TPS study members have implemented the findings from Clear Roads projects within their agency.

TPF Program. This study brought together 39 State Departments of Transportation, AASHTO, the FHWA, American Public Works and the Norwegian Public Roads Administration, for one common goal, developing best practices in Winter maintenance through rigorous evaluation of materials, equipment,

Clear Roads also created free training and more than 1,145 agencies, both public and private, have requested these training resources. Congratulations to the partners responsible for Clear Roads Winter Maintenance Research.

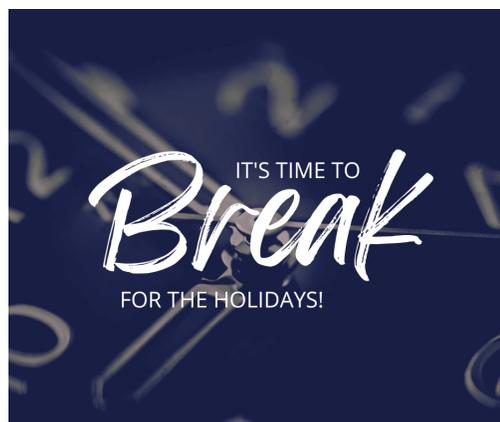
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Holiday Hours Announcement

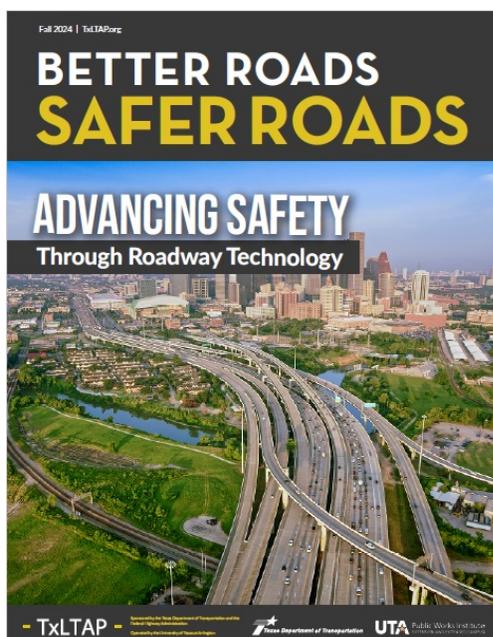
TxLTAP, Extension and Extended Campus: Our offices will be closed for the Winter Holiday Break from:

- **December 21, 2024 - January 1, 2025**

We look forward to assisting you when we return on January 2, 2025. Happy Holidays!



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Better Roads Safer Roads

Stay up to date with TxLTAP's Quarterly Magazine! Every quarterly magazine will feature articles pertaining to the four FHWA focus areas:

- Roadway Departure,
- Intersections,
- Pedestrians,
- Bicyclists

Additionally, included are updates on upcoming training activities, and the latest news regarding new developments from TxLTAP.

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Where TxLTAP will be!

Visit Our booths!

Check out where TxLTAP will be at the following events!

TX-APWA 2025 Public Workshop and Equipment Roadeo



- **When:** February 10, 2025 - February 12, 2025

VG Young Institute School for County Commissioners Court



- **When:** February 18, 2025 - February 20, 2025

- **Where:** College Station, Tx

- **Where:** Brazos County Expo Center

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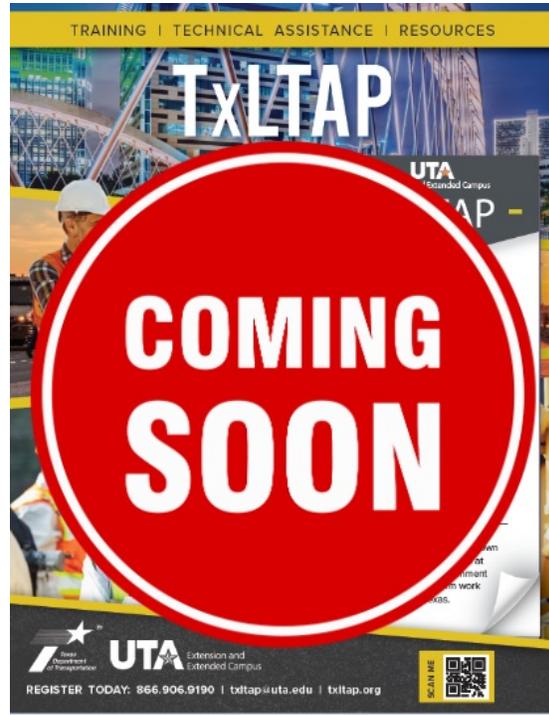
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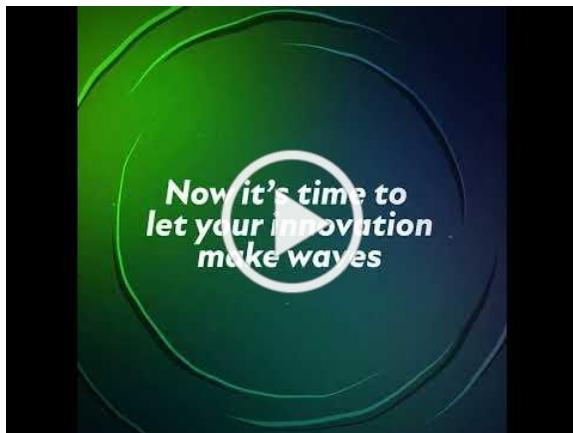
Get Ready for the New TxLTAP Course Catalog!

Exciting updates are on the way! The new TxLTAP Course Catalog is in its final review and will soon be ready for print. Packed with new courses, innovative programs, and more resources to enhance your skills, this catalog is a must-have for Texas city and county employees. Don't miss out—sign up for our mailing list today to get your copy as soon as it's available!

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Building a Better Mousetrap: Recognizing and Inspiring Innovation in Transportation Solutions



Identifying, documenting, and sharing innovative solutions not only fosters a sense of community but also cultivates a culture of creative problem-solving that is essential for addressing the complex challenges in transportation today.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) proudly recognizes state, local, and tribal agencies that harness these innovative solutions to enhance their transportation programs through the esteemed annual Build a Better Mousetrap Program.

This initiative highlights the remarkable achievements of these agencies but also inspires others to think outside the box, promoting collaboration and knowledge sharing that ultimately strengthens our transportation systems for the benefit of all.

More from our Partners

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over - [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Winter Holidays | Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over | Traffic Safety Marketing](#)



[Build a Better Mousetrap \(BAM\)](#) program by the FHWA showcases innovative solutions to everyday challenges faced by local and tribal transportation professionals.



The Every Day Counts (EDC) initiative by FHWA promotes innovations to accelerate highway project delivery, improve safety, and reduce costs with support for strategies.



"Texas has lost at least one person every day on Texas roads since Nov. 7, 2000." Join TxDOT and Texans on ending the streak of daily deaths on our Texas roads. #EndTheStreakTx

Instructors Wanted

TxLTAP is currently seeking instructors with extensive ASPHALT RELATED EXPERIENCE and METAL GUARD RAIL EXPERIENCE who are capable of traveling to various locations across Texas. Your expertise will play a crucial role in delivering high-quality training to local transportation professionals.

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- ✓ Flagging
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