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Hello readers,

We're in the last quarter of 2025; please be sure to take advantage of the training opportunities [scheduled](#) through the end of December. Now is as good a time as ever to earn some Certified Public Works Manager credits and Professional Development Hours.

There is also still time to register for the 27th Annual New Jersey Department of Transportation Research Showcase on October 29th. We are excited that this year's theme is Workforce Development! The event has both in-person and online attendance options. Please check the [event webpage](#) for all of the pertinent details and registration link.

If you are attending the League of Municipalities Conference during November, please stop by and say hello. The NJLTAP team will be in booth #145 near the cafe. We invite you to please join us as we co-host two educational sessions with the NJ Chapter of the American Public Works Association. These sessions will take place on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The two sessions are Work Zone Safety Overview for Road Departments (2:00 – 3:15 PM) and Making Sure Pavement Markings and Signage is Compliant (3:45 – 4:45 PM) in the Atlantic City Convention Center Room 310. Each provides Technical CPWM credit. We look forward to seeing you there!

FHWA Hosts Webinar Highlighting NJDOT's HPIC Pilot Program

On August 27, FHWA hosted a webinar highlighting NJDOT's pilot program for High Performance Internally Cured Concrete (HPIC) bridge decks. NJDOT Project Manager and Infrastructure Preservation CIA team lead Samer Rabie presented NJDOT's HPIC efforts to more than 300 participants nationwide.

During the webinar, Mr. Rabie discussed the importance of HPIC, how NJDOT used a \$125,000 STIC Incentive grant to enhance NJDOT's HPIC testing approach, and the implementation process for the HPIC bridge deck pilot projects.

NJDOT's next steps include a concrete plant outreach program in fall 2025, followed by HPIC workshops and centrifuge training in winter 2025/2026. The department will also continue to assess potential pilot projects through 2025–2026 and monitor the performance of active HPIC bridge deck projects.

To view the full webinar, as well as to read a transcript of the Q&A, [visit here](#).



Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program Resources Available

The newly updated [SS4A program website](#) provides funding and technical assistance to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries and to strengthen communities' approach to roadway safety for all users.

Our shared goal is zero roadway fatalities. The SS4A Clearinghouse provides information and resources to help communities successfully carry out their SS4A planning, demonstration, and implementation projects to save lives and prevent serious injuries on our nation's streets and roads. Some of the resources you can find are:

- **The SS4A Grant Recipient Roadmap** includes four main steps and helps grant recipients successfully navigate the program.
- The **Action Plan** section outlines the components of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and provides key resources to support SS4A grant recipients throughout the planning process.
- The **SS4A Resource Library** compiles relevant materials to support SS4A recipients aiding in knowledge transfer, such as videos, handouts, and social media strategies.





NJDOT Dredging and Channel Improvements named ATA Finalist

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) announced the Maintenance Dredging and Channel Improvements project has been named a finalist in the [2025 America's Transportation Awards Competition](#). The competition has two awards – a National Grand Prize and a People's Choice Award determined by [public voting online](#).

"Year after year, NJDOT has been named a national finalist in America's Transportation Awards, but this year is different," NJDOT Commissioner Fran O'Connor said. "The Department is often praised for the excellence of our work on state roadways and bridges. However, recognition for the Maintenance Dredging and Channel Improvements project demonstrates NJDOT's commitment to all forms of transportation and infrastructure that boosts the state's economy by moving people and goods more safely and efficiently. NJDOT's navigation dredging program is second to none."

Home Safely Podcast

Check out Home Safely, a podcast from the National Center for Rural Road Safety—where they put rural road safety in the driver's seat. Each episode, the NCRRS brings you stories, strategies, and solutions that are helping communities across the country make their roads safer for everyone.

Whether you're behind the wheel, designing the road, setting policy, or just a community member, you're part of the journey—so let's work together and get everyone home ... safely.

Don't miss an episode and [subscribe today!](#)

NJ STIC 2nd Triannual Meeting

The NJ State Transportation Innovation Council (NJ STIC) held its 2nd Triannual Meeting of 2025 virtually on August 6.

Attendees received updates from the Core Innovation Area (CIA) Teams on their progress towards the Round 7 Every Day Counts (EDC-7) initiatives and heard a featured presentation on workforce development and recruitment from NJDOT's Vicki Tilghman-Ansley, Director of Civil Rights and Affirmative Action.

To access the full recording, [click here](#).



Jacob's Junction

Question #1

Can a "project" be broken up into to multiple projects (Federal and Local \$) and still be acceptable per the BABA requirements?

NO. The Buy America requirements apply to all infrastructure projects receiving federal financial assistance, regardless of whether or not federal funds are being used for the entirety of the project. Artificially segmenting a project are not allowed under federal regulations.

Segmentation can only occur if the projects are functionally independent, documented, and there is no intent to circumvent these federal regulations.

As an instructor for NJLTAP, Lloyd Jacobs draws on four decades of experience when he teaches professional development courses and trainings. See what he has to say today!

Question #2

Would putting all the foreign parts together onsite of the project meet the intent of the "final assembly"?

If the on-site work is simple installation (e.g., bolting together pre-assembled parts), it does not qualify. A true final assembly process—where the product is fully built and made functional from its material components on-site may qualify, but only if it is substantial, not just fitting or wiring, and the product is not functional until this step is completed.

New Jersey's Build a Better Mousetrap Competition

People involved in the transportation industry often find better ways to do their job. Whether it's a new gadget that improves the quality and safety of a project, or an innovative process that reduces costs and improves efficiency, it is typically the people on the front lines that often realize the latest and best practices.

Now is the time to share those new ideas with others in New Jersey's **Build a Better Mousetrap Competition**. We are looking for submissions from any employee of a **local** or **state** public agency (municipalities, counties, parks commissions, NJ Department of Transportation,

NJ Transit) that has created an alternate or better way of doing something in a transportation project. We will gather the best ideas from around the state and judge them using a 5-point rating system. As a reminder, this competition is open to **any** local, county, or state transportation agency, including NJDOT and NJT employees. Two winners will be selected: one for the best local agency and another for the NJDOT/NJT submission.



<https://cait.rutgers.edu/mousetrap/>

Download the entry form today!

Upcoming Courses

NJLTAP - Traffic Signs and Pavement Markings (In-Person)

November 3, 8:30am – 12:30pm

This course reviews the basic regulations and engineering guidelines for the installation of pavement markings and properly establishing and posting regulatory, warning, and guide signs.

NJLTAP - Local Road Safety Plans (In-Person)

November 5, 8:30am – 12:30pm

This webinar will introduce attendees to the Local Road Safety Plan initiative (LRSP), a process designed by FHWA to help local public agencies (LPAs) strategically plan for and deploy proven safety countermeasures on their local road systems.

NJLTAP - Basic Math and Plan Reading (In-Person)

November 12, 8:30am – 12:30pm

This course provides an overview on basic math skills related to construction inspection and road maintenance, as well as how to locate information within a set of plans. The workshop is also good for those wanting a refresher. Math basics will be covered, as well as calculating length, area, volume, and quantities such as those in real world situations on public works projects.

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