

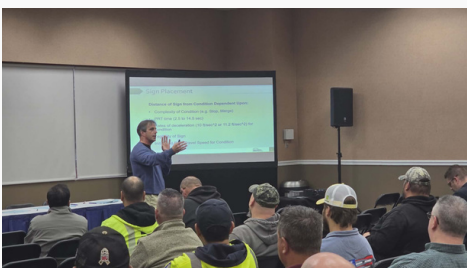
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the spring edition of our 2026 newsletter!

Our training season is well underway... please be sure to check online for the most current schedule of workshops sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration at this link:
<http://cait.rutgers.edu/cait/training>.

It's been a very busy few months for NJLTAP, with two significant events in April. In early April, we were at the Annual Work Zone Safety Conference and provided a panel discussion on the importance of traffic control plans.

Last week we participated in the NJ Public Works EXPO and Education Program hosted by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Hundreds attended our three workshops, earning credit toward their license CPWM renewal. Included in our offerings was a work zone safety session in observance of National Work Zone Awareness Week 2026. With nearly 1,000 in attendance, it was also an opportunity for us to network with the public works community through our display exhibit. We encourage anyone involved in their municipal or county road department to attend this valuable event in the future!



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**Join a class
today!**



Ask George!



**Send to a
friend!**



STIC Incentive Funding is Available

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) offers STIC Incentive Funding, along with technical assistance, to support the advancement of innovative practices. NJ STIC receives \$125,000 each year, and local public agencies are eligible to apply. Projects that advance FHWA-aligned initiatives, such as Every Day Counts (EDC) innovations, receive priority consideration.

For more information on eligibility, proposal requirements, and past funded projects, please click the green “learn more” button.

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Local Aid and Economic Development

Municipal Aid applications being accepted for \$165 million in FY27 grants

The Sherrill Administration announced the grant solicitation period for NJDOT’s Fiscal Year 2027 State Aid programs is now open. Starting today, Monday, April 20, applications will be accepted for Municipal Aid, Transit Village, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit programs through July 1, 2026. Municipal Aid is being increased by \$15 million in Fiscal Year 2027. On March 26, 2024, legislation was signed to renew the State’s Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) for five more years. With the renewal of the TTF, the funding for Local Aid programs to counties and municipalities will increase by \$15 million for the Municipal Aid program for this fiscal year.

“Governor Sherrill and the New Jersey Department of Transportation are committed to ensuring New Jersey’s entire transportation network is reliable, efficient, and modern, and that means investing in local infrastructure,” NJDOT Commissioner Priya Jain said. “Municipal Aid grants, along with our Transit Village, Bikeway, and Safe Streets to Transit programs, allow counties and municipalities to make safety enhancements that improve the quality-of-life for everyone.”

The grants are administered by the NJDOT Division of Local Aid and Economic Development. For more information, check out its Local Aid Resource Center providing a central warehouse for local government managers by providing hands-on resources for the application process.

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Every Day Counts Round 8 Initiatives Released



EDC is a State-based model that identifies and rapidly deploys proven, yet underutilized innovations that make our transportation system adaptable and safer for all. Proven innovations promoted through EDC facilitate greater efficiency at the State, Local and Tribal levels, saving time, money and resources to ensure our infrastructure is built better, faster, and smarter. FHWA works with State transportation departments, local governments, tribes, private industry and other stakeholders to identify a new collection of innovations to champion every two years that merit accelerated deployment.

This year, the latest round of EDC initiatives, EDC-8, was released. The initiatives include **Advancing Nighttime Work Zone Safety, Beyond Bid-Build – Innovative Project Deliver, Connected Corridors, Integrated Digital Project Delivery, Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE), and UAS 2.0 – Innovative Infrastructure Management.**

The EDC program targets new cohorts of innovations for each national rollout. To learn more about how you can adopt this programs in your community, visit the FHWA’s Every Day Counts portal.

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Planning for National Public Works Week (May 17-23, 2026)



It's that time of year to start planning for National Public Works Week (NPWW)! NPWW will be held on May 17-23, 2026. This year's theme, **Rooted in Service, Powered by Community**, re-cognizes the deep foundation of public works and its vital role in supporting thriving communities. From highly visible pro-

jects like roads and bridges to the behind-the-scenes work of maintaining water and sewer systems, public works professionals provide essential services that keep our communities connec-

Register for Upcoming Rural Safe System Approach Virtual Mini-Conference

Registration is now open for the National Center for Rural Road Safety (the Center) Applying the Safe System Approach for Rural virtual mini-conference. This half-day event delivers practical strategies to help practitioners apply the Safe System Approach in rural communities and save lives.

The mini-conference takes place April 30 and features three 1.5-hour sessions with 30-minute breaks between each. The event is free to attend and will be recorded and archived on the Center's website.



"We're excited to bring the second round of sessions to our mini-conference series," said Jaime Sullivan, the Center's director. "In the first sessions, participants explored an overview of the Safe System Approach and traffic safety culture, safer roads and safer road users. This time, we're focusing on the remaining elements of the Safe System Approach."

Attendees will learn directly from leading experts in transportation safety, technology, and human behavior who are advancing safer rural roads. Visit each session link to view featured speakers.



ted and functioning every day. APWA has a variety of resources available to help you plan and celebrate National Public Works Week. A new video released by the American Public Works Association, which shares light-hearted and candid reactions from children as they describe what public works teams do and why their work matters. From street cleaning and snow plowing to repairing roads and maintaining parks, children offer simple and sincere commentary that underscores the often-unseen roles these municipal workers play in keeping communities running.

May is National Bike Month

National Bike Month is a success because of the countless, diverse local events organized by dedicated bicyclists in their communities, organizations and workplaces. These events challenge people to ride bikes a little bit farther and others to bike a little bit at all. If we could get just one person inspired to make riding a bike a bigger part of their everyday life, we'd consider that a successful Bike Month event!

Visit to find resources from the League to promote biking and Bike Month in your community. For additional assistance or questions, please contact communications@bikeleague.org.



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US DOT Announces \$1 Billion in Safe Streets for All Grant Program



U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean P. Duffy today announced the availability of \$999.5 million in funding to upgrade America's crucial safety infrastructure and save more lives. The Safe Streets for All grant program will fund faster emergency response, more parking for truckers, modern rail crossings, and safer neighborhood streets for families.

The SS4A program helps improve roadway safety by investing in safety strategies that will reduce serious injuries and fatalities.

The SS4A program offers two types of grants: Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants. Planning and Demonstration Grants support the development, completion, or enhancement of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, while Implementation Grants fund projects or strategies aligned with an existing Action Plan to address roadway safety challenges.

Grant recipients are selected through a collaborative process led by the Department, bringing together experts from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The Notice of Funding Opportunity outlines the application criteria. Partners are encouraged to submit eligible projects as soon as possible but must do so by May 26, 2026.

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National Work Zone Awareness Week

Each year in the spring, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is held to bring national attention to motorist and worker safety and mobility issues in work zones. Since 1999, FHWA has worked with the

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to coordinate and sponsor the event. The 2026 National Work Zone Awareness Week was held starting on April 20 through April 24th. This year, the Connecticut Department of Transportation hosted the kickoff event on April 21 with the theme "Safe Actions, Save Lives". Agencies across the country participated in the event in a variety of ways, from in-person activities, to social media campaigns, and unveiling a variety of new resources for organizations and people to use. For links to fact sheets, videos, and to find out what state and local activities were held, visit the Work Zone Safety clearinghouse.

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I'M CURIOUS....GEORGE?

Curious about something? Ask our resident expert, George Fallat, LTAP instructor and Middlesex County Engineer, who will offer his best advice to you. Submit your questions by email [here](#)!

What is the distance of a traffic sign from the condition dependent on?

The distance a sign may be placed from a roadway condition is based on several factors. The complexity of the condition (stop, merge, etc.), the perception response time, rates of deceleration for a given condition, legibility of the sign, and the speed recommended for traversing the condition. All of these factors are weighed together when determining sign placement.

What are the four different types of sight distance?

The four key types include Stopping Sight Distance (minimum required to stop), Passing Sight Distance, (safe overtaking), Intersection Sight Distance, (view needed at crossings), and Decision Sight Distance (for complex decisions). These components are critical for the design and construction of roadways to ensure the safe operation of vehicles.

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 systems. 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.

Download the entry form today!

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Take an Upcoming Class....

Construction and Project Cost Estimating for Public Works Projects (In-Person)

May 7, 8:30am – 3:30pm

This course provides an understanding of practical applications for performing estimates on typical construction and maintenance projects. Various mathematical rules necessary to perform basic computations and formulas to perform cost and quantity calculations are reviewed.

Basic Communication Strategies for Local Agencies (Webinar)

May 14, 10:00am – 11:30am

Learn the basics of how to make a disciplined communication plan for your agency that will show you exactly what to do, when to do it, and what results you should get.

Engineering Economics for Transportation (In-Person)

May 20, 8:30am – 4:00pm

This workshop introduces core engineering economics principles tailored to transportation infrastructure planning and investment. It equips participants with the economic evaluation tools necessary for data-driven decision-making in public works and transportation projects.

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