



National LTAP/TTAP Association Annual Report July 2008 – July 2009 Annual Conference Edition

Hello NLTAPA Members,

The NLTAPA Officers and Executive Committee members are pleased to provide you our third annual Association report for the period of July 2008 to July 2009.

This has been a very busy year for our volunteer work groups. We are thankful for their service and hope the outcomes of their work will provide valuable tools to help each of you more effectively meet the needs of our local agencies.

At the meeting last summer in Breckenridge, Colorado, Kevin Burke, the newly elected NLTAPA President, noted that we would be looking to the following items as priorities for the coming year:

- ❖ Build on our formal partnerships with AASHTO, APWA, and NACE.
- ❖ Education of stakeholders in advance of the next reauthorization of the federal transportation bill.
- ❖ Continue to be a primary advocate for safety at the local level.
- ❖ Make LTAP and TTAP Centers the primary conduit for technology transfer to local agencies.

With these areas in mind, the NLTAPA Executive Committee and the Work Groups designed and implemented their work plans. The NLTAPA Work Groups continue to improve the LTAP/TTAP image on the national level.

Based on membership recommendations at last year's conference, the NLTAPA EC used the seminar room for monthly conference calls. The system worked great and helped reduce expenses incurred by the EC. The EC also met in Washington, DC in the fall, at TRB in the winter, and at the 2009 NACE Conference in the spring. These face-to-face meetings provided an excellent opportunity to meet with NLTAPA stakeholders and discuss the future of the association.



Sue Miller, NACE President, and Kevin Burke, NLTAPA President, sign the NACE/NLTAPA Partnership Agreement at the 2009 NACE Annual Conference in Peoria, IL.

REAUTHORIZATION: Action Needed Now

The House Transportation subcommittee approved a six year, \$450 billion surface transportation authorization on June 24, 2009. Now, the full committee led by Chairman James Oberstar (D-MN) will start marking up the bill. The research section of the proposed bill is currently blank – this will be the likely spot for LTAP/TTAP funding. The House Ways and Means Committee will ultimately have to determine funding for this substantial increase in highway spending. The Senate and the President will also need to agree with House recommendations.

NLTAPA encourages every LTAP/TTAP Center to use the educational guidelines and sample documents that were distributed at TRB. The goal of the material is to educate anyone who may have a role in drafting the next transportation authorization about the LTAP/TTAP community and our connection to local/tribal agencies.

The External Communications Workgroup is diligently working on reauthorization. Please contact this workgroup for more information or to volunteer your assistance.

WORK GROUP UPDATES

The External Communications Work Group Continues to Help Tell the LTAP/TTAP Story

External Communications Work Group

Chair, Dan Cady, NE LTAP

The External Communications work group continued to develop materials for LTAP/TTAP centers to use in outreach and educational activities and to highlight national successes of our program. A feature article was published in the November/December issue of Public Roads Magazine and copies of the article were distributed to each center to supplement their promotional materials. The work group members, in collaboration with FHWA and the staff of the Kentucky LTAP Center, developed a promotional brochure to highlight the 25 years of service by the LTAP/TTAP centers. This brochure includes an insert that can be personalized by each center. Work began on a new Public Roads feature article that will highlight the success of the TTAP centers. This article is anticipated to be published in the Fall/Winter of 2009.

Internal Communications: Linking NLTAPA and the LTAP/TTAP Community

Internal Communications Work Group

Chair, Janet Leli, NJ LTAP

Over the past year, the Internal Communications Work Group has responded to the membership's request for a new Association website. A Request for Proposals was distributed at the Transportation Research Board meeting in January 2009, and submissions were accepted only from LTAP/TTAP Centers.

Seven proposals were received, and a five member review committee scored and discussed the submissions; the review committee included three EC members, an Internal Communications Work Group member, and a Clearinghouse representative. The committee presented their selection to the EC in March; the project was given unanimous approval from the Executive Committee in April.

Indiana LTAP has begun working on the website and will be presenting a progress report at the 2009 NLTAPA Summer Conference. At this point in time many Centers have added their input into the design process for the new site, including Kentucky, Kansas, Connecticut, Nebraska, Illinois, New Jersey, Colorado, Indiana, Florida, New Mexico, New Hampshire, and Minnesota.

The work group has been re-writing and collecting new text for the new website, and ensuring that all of the content is correct and presented properly. Work group members have also been working on the NLTAPA 2008-2009 Annual Report.

National Partnerships

Partnership Work Group

Chair, Jim Grothaus, MN LTAP

In FY 2009 NLTAPA updated and resigned the partnership agreement with the National Association of County Engineers (NACE). The NLTAPA President Kevin Burke and NACE Executive Director, Tony Giancola co-signed at the 2009 NACE conference in Peoria, Illinois.

Currently the partnership work group is updating the American Public Works Association (APWA) partnership agreement. Many NLTAPA representatives are active with partners at both a local and national level. John Habermann (IN) is the working liaison with APWA. Along with John, David Orr (NY), Lisa Harris (KS), Heath Pickerill (MO), Dan Cady (NE), Kathleen Schaefer (MN), Ben Jordan (WI) are working closely with APWA technical committees.

Ken Skorseth will complete his NACE liaison role at the end of FY 2009. He will be missed and we have a replacement in mind. NLTAPA still has a partnership in place with the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO) and it will be updated in FY2010.

Please contact the Executive Committee Member in your region if you would like to participate more with the partnership workgroup.

Training Resources for LTAP/TTAP Centers

Product Needs & Resource Development Work Group

Chair, Ed Stellfox, MD LTAP

Currently, with the help of ARBTA, data entry is slowly taking place in the new training database. There has been a problem of centers not stepping up and submitting. I have been told that some instructors are not willing to give up their materials as teaching is a large source of income to them. We would still encourage centers to put their course information into the database along with the availability of their instructors to teach at other centers. Some of our members have accessed the database and have been pleased with its ease of use. This database seems to give us the information that we had a hard time getting from the prior database.

Most recently the workgroup discussed the recent email from Cheryl Cloud asking about training for private entities. The entire group agreed that as long as you are offering the programs to municipal governments as well, there is no real problem. Most of the group asks private industry to get a municipal government to host a session. Also any private entities are welcome to attend our programs. Some of us charge the private entities more to make up for the subsidy from FHWA and the state organizations.

The Asset Management Subcommittee will be setting up another meeting with members from industry and other centers.

The group also has discussed the possibility of making training videos “in House” using available University/State video resources and members of our group as “Subject Matter Experts” (SMEs). The FHWA had previously sponsored “Inspecting Asphalt Paving” from 1994 which was very well done, but shows older vehicles on the tapes which seems to turn off audiences (wow, how old is this film? Is what I get). Truthfully, they do have some very old equipment on both the videos I have used. We need to determine if FHWA has all the rights to these products. If so, there is a possibility that they can be effectively and cheaply updated by replacing the video clips with updated ones. If this is not possible we could use the existing script, update it, and have one of us do the narration. A similar thing was done by one state using the script from another state’s winter maintenance training video and replacing the video portion. Since the training is still 90% to 95% the same, this would seem to be an effective updating method that can stretch funds.

The group also discussed a request from Laura Melendy for one or two of our members to call the producers of videos currently purchase by LTAP centers and ask for a “group rate for 58 centers. The problem is that we would have to ascertain the need for such videos to be able to tell the companies exactly how many purchases are involved. We will be discussing this matter at a future meeting.

Enhancing LTAP/TTAP Personnel Skills

*Professional Development Work Group
Chair, Laura Melendy, CA LTAP*

The Professional Development Work Group worked closely with FHWA and the Clearinghouse on implementation of the Professional Development Program introduced last year. In July 2008, the first “Professional Development Round Tables” replaced LTAP 101 at the annual conference. This pre-conference facilitated peer-to-peer discussion was met with unanimously positive response from participants. In Fall 2008 the work group participated in two “New Director Orientation” sessions. In January 2009, the second “New Directors Forum” was held at TRB. Like the “Round Tables,” this session was also conducted as facilitated peer-to-peer discussion, with all participants – those old and new – agreeing that the time was well spent and that they learned something new. Ongoing efforts included working with FHWA and the Clearinghouse on the online LTAP Academy, which will replace the annual in-person orientation training formerly known as LTAP 101; working with the annual conference committee and the Clearinghouse to identify topics of interest to be presented at the annual conference

and via the Seminar Room; and managing selection and presentation of the association’s National Achievement Award.

Promoting the Safety Focus Area

Safety Work Group

Co-Chairs, Renee Koller, CO LTAP and Marie Walsh, LA LTAP

The Safety Work Group has hit the ground running since it was established as a formal NLTAPA work group at the 2008 conference in Breckenridge. The committee has expanded to include participation from 15 centers, about 25% of LTAP-TTAP, including participation from several FHWA Office of Safety and NACE representatives. The Work Group participates in monthly web-conference calls on the 2nd Monday of each month utilizing the FHWA’s seminar room. Since its insemination July 2008, the group has met 10 times including a face-to-face meeting during TRB in Washington DC. In the past year, the Safety Work Group has: coordinated 4 safety sessions for the NLTAPA Conference in Pittsburgh; designed and distributed a Center Safety Survey to benchmark centers’ current safety capacities, activities, and needs; and has responded to several requests from other associations and agencies including: coordinating sessions and speakers for ATSSA and APWA National conferences, participation in the SHSP Implementation Process Model Panel review process with FHWA and NHTSA, participation in AASHTO’s SHSP Peer Exchange in Chicago, and participation in the Highway Safety partner Venture Group meetings in Washington, DC.

Work Group members have actively coordinated outreach activities with the following associations: FHWA Office of Safety, NACE, the Center for Excellence in Rural Safety (CERS), AASHTO Subcommittee on Traffic Safety Management, Highway Safety Partners Venture Group, APWA, ATSSA, and the Governor’s Highway Safety Association (GHSA). The Safety Work Group will coordinate representation of NLTAPA at the following upcoming meetings- Fall: the National Safety Performance Function (SPF) Summit in Chicago, CERS Summer Institute, APWA Congress, Governor’s Highway Safety Association meeting, and the AASHTO Subcommittee on Traffic Safety Management meeting. Other activities to be completed include soliciting comments for FHWA and NHTSA on the SHSP Implementation Process Model; and analyzing data collected from the center safety surveys to develop focused areas of need for the work group’s 2009-2010 work plan.

The NLTAPA Safety Work Group continues to monitor, to the extent possible, implications of reauthorization on LTAP-TTAP’s safety efforts. Work group members plan to continue to communicate and advocate the importance of local road safety in the overall national effort to reduce injuries and fatalities on our local, rural, and indeed all of

our nation's roadways. Our message emphasizes the current and potential role that LTAP and TTAP centers can play in better engaging the local transportation community, LTAP-TTAP customers and stakeholders in this national effort. We urge each center to become a leader and/or primary advocate for local road safety in their state, not only during reauthorization, but also as each center prioritizes its future activities and resources. Lives depend on it.

FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

*Nebraska LTAP Director and the incoming NLTAPA President
- 2009/2010*

I will be installed as the 2009-2010 NLTAPA President at the Thursday business meeting Thursday, July 20th. Ken Skorseth, South Dakota LTAP Program Manager will be installed as the President-Elect and a new Vice President will be announced at the NLTAPA Business Meeting).

The NLTAPA Officers will meet for a planning retreat again in conjunction with the September EC meeting in Washington D.C. to discuss and finalize NLTAPA goals and to set the strategy for achieving those goals in the next year.

I offer the following focus areas for my next year's term in anticipation of discussion and action by the NLTAPA EC and NLTAPA members:

- ❖ Continue to educate lawmakers and other stakeholders as to the mission, activities, and importance of LTAP/TTAP Centers to the transportation infrastructure employee, manager and user in advance of the next reauthorization of the federal transportation bill.
- ❖ Enhance the efforts of the Safety Workgroup in achieving their mission as stated in their work plan "To establish the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP/TTAP) as a National leader in transportation safety by providing leadership, advocacy and improved resources to the local transportation community."
- ❖ Build on our formal partnerships with AASHTO, APWA, and NACE to achieve the goals in the items above.
- ❖ Strive to develop collaborative relationships (other than formal partnerships) with associations of mutual benefit such as The Governors Highway Safety Association, The National League of Cities and the National Association of Regional Councils.

- ❖ Make LTAP/TTAP Centers the primary conduit for the transfer of transportation technology developed through research to local agencies.

NLTAPA's Executive Committee will continue to be encouraged to adapt the Association goals and priorities to the needs of the LTAP/TTAP member Centers. The power of association is the opportunity for small entities to operate from a position of strength for the good of the members, large or small. I echo Immediate Past President Kevin Burke to say that "the new officers and the Executive Committee encourages everyone to get involved and direct the future of the association."

Dan Cady, Director Nebraska LTAP
University of Nebraska Lincoln - Extension

FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Kevin Burke III, Illinois LTAP Director

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the officers, elected representatives and other volunteers who assisted the NLTAPA Executive Committee for their dedication and extraordinary efforts over the last year on behalf of the Centers.

Officers

President-Elect: Dan Cady, NE LTAP

Vice President: Ken Skorseth, SD LTAP

Regional Representatives

Region 1: Janet Leli, NJ LTAP

*Region 2: Bernie Alkire, MI TTAP and
Cheryl Cloud, MI TTAP*

Region 3: Ed Stellfox, MD LTAP

Region 4: Larry Sellers, AL LTAP

Region 5: Jim Grothaus, MN LTAP

Region 6: Doug Wright, OK LTAP

Region 7/8: Renee Koller, CO LTAP

Region 9: Laura Melendy, CA

Other Volunteers

Conference: Donna Shea, CT LTAP

Treasurer: Laura Melendy, CA LTAP

*Secretary: Larry Sellers, AL LTAP, and
Valerie Pitts, KY LTAP*

EC members (present and past) extended their leadership and committed their valuable time to the NLTAPA Work Groups to accomplish the work of the Association. Everyone involved has made the duties of the President easier.

Thank you to all of the LTAP/TTAP staff members who served on our NLTAPA work groups and responded to requests for assistance. The Association exists for you, and we need your support and input to be relevant and productive. Please encourage all LTAP/TTAP staff to get involved at the national level. NLTAPA is always looking for talented volunteers.

I would also like to thank FHWA-TTP and the LTAP Clearinghouse for their continued support of the LTAP/TTAP program and for working closely with the Association in helping us to meet our goals:

Amy Lucero
Mike Burk
Clark Martin
Cameron Ishaq
Roger Dean
Alison Black, Clearinghouse Director
Lisa McCluskey, Clearinghouse Program Manager
Sarah Crane, Clearinghouse
Susan Monahan, Clearinghouse

Thank you for the honor of serving as NLTAPA president this past year. It has been a great experience representing the LTAP/TTAP community to our partners and stakeholders. While challenging, the work on behalf of the Association has been very rewarding. The LTAP/TTAP program is an excellent resource for local and tribal governments. I look forward to seeing the growth of the program over the next several years.

Sincerely,



Kevin Burke III, P.E.
NLTAPA President, 2008-2009

REGIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS 2009

Over the years, regional meetings have been a great way for Centers to share information and best practices. In recent years they have also provided an opportunity to communicate with the Centers about national LTAP efforts initiated by NLTAPA or FHWA and to get Center input on those efforts.

These highlights were prepared by the regional representatives. It is easy to see why LTAP has become such a valued partner to our local, state and national stakeholders.

Region 1.....

Region One met May 19-20 in Freeport, Maine. All of the eight centers had representatives present. The agenda included time for each Center to report on their current activities and highlight their new programs and/or marketing materials during a “show and tell” session. The program was opened with a roundtable about the “best” and “worst” parts of our jobs.

Training topics discussed included Road Scholar programs and the variations among them, bridge maintenance, safety, asset management, and work zone/traffic control. Instructor evaluation, DOT regulations and requirements, and software usage were reviewed.

FHWA and the Clearinghouse provided updates for the Region, among the hot topics were changes in Center work plans from six tasks to four focus areas, changes to the Program Assessment Reports, and the Clearinghouse resource databases. During the NLTAPA update, the group discussed the proposed dues increase and the current activities of the work groups and the Executive Committee.



The host Center, Maine LTAP, made arrangements for those interested to visit the site of a recent culvert collapse; everyone was shown a (and provided with a DVD) video of the actual collapse taking place. Maine also arranged for a guest speaker from their DOT to discuss ways Centers could work with their state DOTs on safety agendas, including participation in preparing Comprehensive Highway Safety Plans and crash data collection and analysis. We also had a special visitor, Ms. Monika Kowalska-Sudyka, who is developing a program modeled after LTAP in Warsaw, Poland, with the help of the Rhode Island T2 Center.

As we ran out of time to address everything we hoped to, the group discussed lengthening next year's regional meeting, which will be hosted by Vermont.

Region 2.....

The Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Centers met May 5-6, 2009 in Santa Rosa, California.

Discussion focused on the following issues:

- ❖ How to better leverage resources (financial, human, etc.) between the TTAPs.
- ❖ How to Improve the Sharing of Information between TTAPs.
- ❖ Better, more effective partnering methods.
- ❖ Developing a National TTAP Course catalog.

As a Regional Group we have also worked on a number of external communication efforts - Public Roads Articles and brochures (either thru the Clearinghouse or NLTAPA).



In addition, we've championed many safety efforts - Northern Plains TTAP is doing Tribal Safety Plans; Colorado TTAP is involved with the Safety Management System Committee jointly with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and FHWA; Michigan TTAP is doing a Roadway Safety Information and Education Campaign targeted at the tribal audience and is coordinating State Tribal Road Safety Summits, just as some examples of our activity.

Region 3.....

Region Three has not met this year.

Region 4.....

Region Four's annual meeting was hosted by the Puerto Rico Technology Transfer Center. The meeting was held June 3-5 at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico.



The agenda was filled with several speakers discussing many topics; however, the most popular discussion was funding. John Dewar, from the FHWA Office of Safety, presented on both stimulus package funding, and the status of reauthorization. Clark Martin, FHWA Technology Partnership Program, discussed the future of LTAP/TTAP. He indicated that LTAP/TTAP is still very high on the list of programs that FHWA is very proud of. He hopes funding will be increased in the next reauthorization bill. Tony Giancola, NACE, discussed that at the 2009 Annual NACE Conference in Peoria, IL the partnership agreement with NLTAPA was renewed. He also discussed the training needs of NACE Membership and how LTAP/TTAP's can help. Centers discussed the recession and how it has affected programs and how alternative funding is playing a major role in centers.

Larry Sellers presented the NLTAPA Executive Committee update, including the EC recommended dues increase. This was met with some challenge and will be continued at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh, PA in July. Most in our region were not in favor of the increase.

Due to travel restrictions, some centers were not available to attend and we held most of our meeting using the Clearinghouse Seminar Room; it worked well and allowed every center in our Region to participate.

The final morning was rushed as a general strike was predicted due to massive layoff of state workers.

Region 5.....

Region 5 did not have a face to face meeting in FY 2009. Instead, Region 5 opted to use the LTAP Clearinghouse seminar rooms. Two 2-hour seminar room sessions were used on June 19th and June 26th. Attendance was 100% for each call. Topics of discussion included: round robin discussion on center status, NLTAPA dues resolution, future meetings, FHWA update, LTAP Clearinghouse update and more. There was much discussion about reauthorization, PAR data and CAR data.

Overall, the meetings were a success and the region has agreed to meet on a quarterly basis in FY2010 to exchange knowledge and information. Two meetings will be held using the seminar rooms and two meetings will be held in person at either TRB/NACE/NLTAPA depending on regional attendance.

Region 6.....

Region Six held its annual meeting May 27 and 28, 2009 in Texarkana, TX which as the name implies, is a town straddling the Texas/Arkansas border. It is also only an hour from the northern border of Louisiana which makes it easy for three of the five states in our region to meet in spite of travel restrictions. The folks from Oklahoma drove the farthest and the New Mexico LTAP Center was unable to attend. Region 6 might be relatively small but we pride ourselves on service to our customers and in helping one another out as we can.

This year’s meeting included interesting and entertaining presentations from some of the Texas LTAP’s Advisory Board. That pioneering spirit was still evident in each of these folks. We heard from Cameron Ishaq about happenings at FHWA including the reorganization of OPCD and the update to the LTAP Strategic Plan. The impact of the change from Six Tasks to Four Focus Areas to the Centers varies because of different contract requirements but all vowed to work towards the goal of incorporating the new “focus” for future work plans. FHWA representatives from Arkansas and Texas also attended to provide their state level input.

Howard McCann’s guests from Texas enlightened the group on the needs of the locals they represent. They included perspectives from an elected county commissioner; loss control specialist from the Texas Association of Counties; administrator of the Texas County Engineer’s association; and a staffer from the Texas Council of Governments. The enormity of the challenges in such a large and diverse state were made clear. The Texas spirit of independence, ingenuity and tenaciousness was enthusiastically displayed.

The efforts of the Texas LTAP are obviously valued by all of these groups and the Region 6 Centers felt that similar presentations from other state organizations at future meetings would be very beneficial to all.

The Center sharing and show and tell was informative and exciting as always. Everyone came away with at least a short list of action items to follow-up on and materials and resources (or sources) were distributed. Howard McCann passed out CDs with a video of a pre-trip inspection for heavy equipment. This was filmed at the Texas LTAP’s first ever equipment rodeo which they had patterned after one that Oklahoma routinely hosts. The CD will be sent to all LTAPs. The Louisiana LTAP volunteered to work up some additional guidance and materials to use along with the video for “rainy day” training sessions. Bill Ryan the “new” LTAP” director in Arkansas is settling into his new position and working within his DOT to provide needed resources to the local communities. Doug Wright and Mikey Hinkston of the Oklahoma LTAP continue to work hard to provide high quality training opportunities such as the equipment rodeo; real life work zone safety training; hands-on surveying and more. Louisiana continues to have a strong focus on road safety as LTAP actively participates in the implementation of the LA Strategic Highway Safety Plan. New Mexico has reported that they are currently working on responding to ARRA topics, such as getting prepared to deliver training on grant writing, work zone safety, and flagging.

The Region 6 meeting closed with discussion about the LTAP 2010 national meeting which will be held in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Center is excited about hosting this event and has a staff that is experienced with conferences and in showing visitors a good time. The whole region will be on hand to help and look forward to meeting on the river in Oklahoma next summer.

Region 7/8.....

This was the first time the combined Region Seven and Eight LTAP centers have met together. There were 23 attendees, and we are proud to say that we had representatives from all nine states at the meeting in addition to local and national DOT and FHWA participants. The meeting started with lunch on day 1, and concluded at noon on day 2, to allow flexibility for all those travelling to Kansas City. Throughout the meeting, each center had an opportunity to discuss their Center’s highlights and challenges. A few of the topics included: responding to Center audits; Center reorganization; new staff and directors; successful partnerships with state DOTs, FHWA offices, local agencies and insurance providers; Center branding; successful Roads Scholar programs; local agency data collection; new training courses and week-long programs; technical assistance vs.

training; successful web-based training opportunities; alternative state funding opportunities; website upgrades; and a successful *Public Employees Leadership Academy*. There were 3 Special Topic Sessions. George Huntington presented on two projects under development in Wyoming - *Roadway Management Training* and *Gravel Roads Management Methodology*. Lisa Harris presented on *Kansas LTAP's Peer Exchange* that was held in December 2008. Duane Smith presented on Iowa LTAP's new "*Business Plan*". Our regional meeting was attended by several members and officers of the NLTAPA executive committee, work groups, and strategic planning committee.



Representatives from the NLTAPA work groups gave an update on their current activities; and NLTAPA officers discussed treasury, dues increase, and national conference operation. Mike Burk gave an update on reauthorization, and the status of work plans of FHWA, the LTAP-TTAP Clearinghouse, and Strategic Planning Committee. The meeting concluded with attendees breaking into planning discussions for our region's two conferences - MINK 9 and Local Road Coordinators' Conference. It was decided for the region 7 and previous region 8 states to continue with their respective conferences since they both have such a different focus and strong attendance. Detailed meeting minutes are available upon request.

Region 9.....

Region Nine met in Reno, Nevada on June 3-4.

During Center updates, Nevada reported that they have added new training coordinators and a flagger certification program; and their attempts at video conferencing and web based training have been unsuccessful thus far. The Alaska T2 Center highlighted their highly successful Construction Career Days program, which in its 2nd year had 1,000 students participate. The Center developed a video, "Building Rural Alaska" DVD and won several awards including FHWA's "Exemplarity Human Environment Award".

Idaho reported that their center recently moved from University of Idaho in Moscow to a Local Transportation Agency, LHTAC in Boise. The Center is updating its web page. Road Scholar Program has been active since 2003. A TIGER Stimulus Discretionary Grant is also being looked at to help put people to work during the Safety Fest and Construction Career Days. Hawaii has instituted a Bridge Inspection Workshop for 2 weeks. Construction Career Days is also provided for Work Force Development reaching out to high schools with training in the field. Center is assisting the DOT in developing a Statewide Training Program. Utah is working on bringing the national focus down to the local level, and initiating a Road Scholar Program. Construction Career Days is on hold for one year due to slowdown in the economy. On hands heavy equipment operators training is offered. The California Center reported that they produce an annual T2 Center Calendar as a marketing tool, which provides schedules, contacts, training course dates etc. The Center is more focused on Professional Development than Workforce Development. Center packages training into various curriculums and offers a Traffic Signal Engineering Academy. Washington highlighted that their Center priorities are 1) Training, 2) Technical Assistance, 3) Safety and 4) Newsletter. They are providing Engineering support for Traffic Services, Pavement Preservation, and Ped/Bike Design.

The region discussed the possibility of doing a Regional Road Scholar Program. This would include sharing common instructors and courses across states. An option the region is considering is looking at 4 Core Courses with standardized materials, classes and instructors. FHWA HQ is willing to assist with funding development of Core Courses for the national level, but discourages assisting with development of courses for individual centers. The LTAP/TTAP Clearinghouse may assist with doing a survey of the Centers to determine which 4 core courses would be considered.

