

## **Western Region Update**

### **Washington LTAP**

One of the more beneficial things we did in Washington this year was to forge a stronger relationship with our APWA chapter in the area of maintenance. Our staff helped to organize the equipment "Rodeo" at their fall APWA conference, is in discussions about setting up a "roads scholar" type training program for maintenance staff, and serves as a key point of contact with the DOT maintenance office and the APWA maintenance group.

**Reported by:** Matthew Enders

### **Oregon T2 Center 2016:**

- The new safety circuit rider began his role in January 2016, and has been very successful in his outreach to agencies during this first active year of the program.
- Through partnerships with ODOT Maintenance, we have been able to offer more specialized one-time courses on request.
- In partnership with Marion County, APWA Oregon Chapter, and OACES, the T2 Center co-hosted the first Enhanced Gravel Roads Treatment Workshop, which had a higher success than hoped for.
- The Roads Scholar Level 2 program development is complete.

**Reported by:** Rebekah Jacobson

### **Idaho T2 Center**

We received a STIC grant to host a Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) workshop on site. The workshop contained a few hours of classroom instruction led by the design engineer and the construction manager from Defiance County, Ohio. After lunch the group visited the site of the bridge where they were able to witness the contractor constructing the abutments. 120 people attended two one-day workshops. The grant covered the cost of attendance for the local jurisdictions including per diem, hotel, meals and travel.

We completed another successful year of courses including hosting our first live on-line training course. We will continue to offer additional on-line courses. We developed three new classes offered in Spring 2016. We also had a record number complete both of our programs: Road Scholar – 75, Road Master - 88.

**Reported by:** Laila Kral

### **Arizona LTAP**

Our new website will finally be launching January 2017. We utilized our DOT website team along with Arizona Department of Administration web team. Our new website will be easier to update and have now easy access for support when needed. The most exciting thing is that later this year we will have capability to take payment via our website. This is all thanks to utilizing ADOA (Dept of Administration) web services.

We updated our logo with the thanks of our Dept of Transportation web designer.

**Reported by:** Rebecca Mayher

### **Hawaii LTAP**

Annual Superintendents & Overseers Conference just held end of November on Kauai. Took advantage of conference to hold Advisory Board meeting to discuss maintenance training opportunities for upcoming year, shared resources, and common issues and needs.

**Reported by:** Robert Miyasaki

### **Nevada LTAP**

We have used the services of the FHWA Resource Center in Lakewood CO to teach ADA courses. We have found that there is a real interest in the regulations and how they affect design and construction. Brooke Struve has been quite helpful in presenting very practical courses for engineers, planners and construction personnel. Also, we have become very involved with the STIC in Nevada and have been encouraged by the state to actively participate in the EDC program.

**Report by:** Jim Nichols

### **California LTAP**

In addition to the classroom and online training we offer or subsidized, we also this year:

Implemented new contact management and online email system to enhance communication and outreach to local agencies. Moved from old state email list server to Constant Contact, which offers email templates and messaging, contact management, metrics tracking (opens/clicks/link tracking), email scheduling and contact subscription services.

Created online on-demand training videos on Procuring Architecture and Engineering Contracts (a big issue in California). Moved the full 8+ hour training to 5 on-demand training modules. These voice-over PowerPoints were created using the software Camtasia. Also continue to hold classroom training but less often.

Revamped our Caltrans Division of Local Assistance blog and began marketing as our main hub for local agencies to find out information on the federal-aid funding process. The blog is also an archive of communication to local agencies. It has the option of being a forum as well but have not launched that effort yet. <http://www.localassistanceblog.com/>.

Hosted 2 workshops for local agencies on the characteristics and benefits of a Road Diet.

Hosted 2 one-day trainings for local agencies on Guardrail and End Treatments Design, Inspection and Maintenance.

**Reported by:** Pauline Cueva

**Utah LTAP**

Western Region Meeting will be held from June 6-7, 2017 in Salt Lake.

**Reported by:** Rebecca Mayher