



ROAD BUSINESS

A newsletter for municipal employees, public and private road-related organizations, and citizens.

How Can NH LTAP Help You?



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The road system in NH represents an extremely important and expensive asset. Roads are one of the first things people see when they enter a community. People will form opinions about a town government based on the road condition. A deteriorated road system can create the perception that a town is not a pleasant place to live or do business. In contrast, a well-managed road system can create a favorable impression.

NH municipalities are not alone in their quest to achieve a safe, efficient, cost-effective and environmentally sound transportation system. The NH Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) was established in 1986 as a non-profit organization to help provide local government agencies in NH with training and technical assistance for their transportation infrastructure and workforce. The NH LTAP Center is funded by both FHWA and NHDOT and operates at the University of New Hampshire.

There is a LTAP Center in every state. The National LTAP mission is “to foster a safe, efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally sound surface transportation system by improving the skills and increasing the knowledge of the transportation workforce and decision makers.” To accomplish this mission, NH LTAP offers an organized Roads Scholar (training) Program that is designed to teach all levels of transportation managers, technicians, and maintenance personnel to safely and cost-effectively manage their municipal assets. The Roads Scholar Program gives supervisors a way to assess their personnel for consideration in job promotion and annual performance evaluation. Students are given a certificate of completion for each training they attend

and each level in the Program they achieve and managers are alerted as their employees progress in the program.

To date, we have offered 124 different topics, such as flagging operations, grader operations and safety, pavement preservation, OSHA 10 Hour Construction, employee safety, construction inspection and winter maintenance. There are currently 3,842 students in our Roads Scholar Program.

Our trainers are highly experienced and come from a variety of technical and practical backgrounds. We have local road managers, consultants from private firms, NHDOT, NHDES, and FHWA staff, other state department officials, and others from a variety of disciplines, instruct our trainings.

NH LTAP also offers a quarterly newsletter, retroreflectometers for rent to measure sign retroreflectivity, free videos and publications, and technical assistance.

We invite you to use NH LTAP as an important resource for the technical and training needs in your municipality.

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