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# **On-Demand Flagger Training**

As we continue to go through the unknown of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the IDOT T2 staff is finding new and innovative ways to bring you the training you need. Our very own Stephanie Stoverink has created an On-Demand Flagger Training which local public agency employees are able to access any time, any day, by logging into IDOT's Learning Management System (LMS) - https://www.ildottraining.org/ihtml/application/student/interface.idot/index.htm?dvar=1 - selecting "Course Catalog" on the left-hand side of the screen, then "View" to the right of Illinois Technology Transfer Center courses, and then "Select" to the right of BLRS - Flagger Safety.

Initially, many of the T2 customers had expressed, "We don't have enough computers for our crew to take the whole training all at once. This will not work for us. We have always trained all our crew together in one meeting, that is what works for us." However, one of the good things we have been able to point out is that since this training is available on demand, all the crew members do not have to take it at the same time. If an agency

has even just a single computer for their crew members to share, one person can take the test first thing in the morning, and when they are done, they can switch places with someone else in the work crew, and that person can go through the training, and so on. The online training should take a little less than 2 hours, including the test, so it should be easy to train 15 crew members in a week without ever having to take the entire crew out of service.

The accessibility of this format has also provided additional benefit: many agencies were happy to see an On-Demand training option for their summer temporary workers. Agencies from further counties around the state will be able to save money as well with implementation of the new On-Demand training. T2 is trying to make Flagger training as accessible and flexible as possible local public agencies.

In addition to the Flagger On-Demand Training, T2, along with Dean Mentjes of FHWA, has been hosting several Flagger Q&A sessions. Attendance in these ses-

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Please pass this on to other interested parties in your office.





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sions is optional, as the intent is to provide an informal setting for local public agency employees to ask questions pertaining to anything flagger or in relation to work zones. One thing we would like to emphasize - this online training is for LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY WORKERS

ONLY. The IDOT T2 Flagger Safety Training is not intended for contractors, and it does not meet IDOT's requirements for contractors doing work for IDOT.

The staff at T2 cannot wait to return to in-person training; however, we

are very excited for local public agencies to partake in this On-Demand Flagger Training and to have it as an additional option for the future. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Stephanie Stoverink at <a href="mailto:stephanie.astoverink@illinois.gov">stephanie.astoverink@illinois.gov</a>.

## **On Demand Classes**

If you did not know already, T2 is offering On Demand Training classes that you will be able to access 24/7! These classes will be located on LMS, under the course catalog tab. Once you are there all you need to do is select "BLRS - Bureau of Local Roads and Streets", then you will be able to view all of our On

Demand training classes that we will be offering. The current classes that might interest you are National Work Zone, ADA Self Evaluation and the role of an ADA Coordinator, ADA Transition Plans - Part 2, Flagger Safety, Snow and Ice control, STTP S-11 HMA Field Inspection, and Work Zone Safety. As well we

will be implementing new classes every month. If you have any questions concerning the classes that are posted onto LMS please reach out to Barry Kent at <a href="mailto:barry.kent@">barry.kent@</a> illinois.gov



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| BLRS - STTP S-11 HMA Field<br>Inspection                      | BLRS - STTP S-11 HMA Field Inspection More info                         | Select |
| BLRS - Work Zone Safety                                       | BLRS - Work Zone Safety 7 video parts More info                         | Select |



107<sup>th</sup> Annual IACE Fall Meeting
October 6-8, 2021
Embassy Suites by Hilton East Peoria Riverfront Hotel &
Conference Center, East Peoria, Illinois

# **Discover Home-Grown Innovations from Around the Country**

Are you interested in homegrown innovations being used by your peers in other parts of the country? Check out the National STIC Network Showcase, a component of the EDC-6 Virtual Summit. Over 200 innovations, submitted by State DOTs, Local Agencies, and other STIC members, are grouped into eight topic area categories for easy navigation. This site features a convenient one-time registration that will allow you to continue accessing information throughout 2021.

The showcase prominently features several innovations focused on pedestrian planning. Learn about the Florida DOT Safe & Accessible Pedestrian Inventory Model (SAP-FIM), a low or no-cost web-based geospatial tool for data collection, assessment, mapping, and programming of pedestrian facilities needing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or safety improvements; Illinois DOT ADA Sidewalk Templates, which use automated

spreadsheet templates to aid in ADA sidewalk ramp design, reducing time and design iterations; and the Michigan DOT Gateway Treatment for Pedestrian Crossings, an inexpensive signing strategy which saw driver yield rates for pedestrians increase from less than 10 percent to greater than 90 percent, and drivers reduce speed by an average of five miles per hour at crossings.

Celebrate the ingenuity of your peers and read about these innovations-developed and deployed in-house at transportation agencies nationwide. Additionally, we invite you to watch the one-hour presentations on-demand that feature many of these and other innovations.







# States reach 98% of their goals - EDC-5 Report

From 2019-2020, FHWA promoted 10 innovations that helped States shorted project delivery, enhance safety, reduce congestion, and integrate automation. In this cycle, collectively States achieved 98% of their goals to reach demonstration, assessment or institutionalized implementation. That is the highest implementation attainment since the program began in 2009. In the EDC-5 Final Report, learn more about the 10 featured innovations, see which innovations your State implemented over the last two years, and read spotlight features from around the country highlighting agencies that successfully used each innovation in their programs.





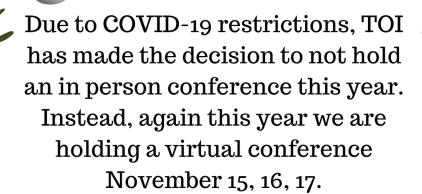


# **Every Day Counts:** Innovation for a Nation on the Move

**EDC-5 Final Report** April 2021

# The 2021 TOI Annual Educational Conference will be held *Virtually*!

VIRTUAL PROGRAM YEAR 2021







October 13-14, 2021



Washingon, DC

January 9-13, 2022

Transportation Research Board **101st Annual Meeting** 



# **Newly Elected Official Virtual Training Courses**

**AUGUST 12 AUGUST 26** 

Register at https://my.toi.org/events/upcoming-eventsl

Download the Form at: link url



# **Federal Highway Administration** LOCAL AID SUPPORT



# **Online Training**

New online training available for transportation professionals:

- · Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP) for Local and Tribal Locations
- Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS)
- Gravel Roads Construction and Maintenance
- Construction Inspection of Rockeries
- Project Bundling
- · Value Capture

Courses provide anytime, anywhere access to hundreds of training topics designed to meet your individual transportation needs. Start your training today! Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/CLAStraining">http://bit.ly/CLAStraining</a>.



## **Build a Better Mousetrap**

Build a Better Mousetrap (BABM) is a national recognition program celebrating the use of innovation in transportation. Innovations can range from the development of tools and equipment modifications to the implementation of new processes that increase safety, reduce cost, and improve efficiency of our transportation system.

Nominations are now open for the 2021 awards. Visit the BABM website at http://bit.ly/CLASBABM for entry details and to view innovations from previous years.



# **Coordinated Technology Implementation Program Publications**

The Coordinated Technology Implementation Program (CTIP) provides innovative solutions for transportation program challenges. Increase your transportation knowledge and expertise in the areas of project development, maintenance, construction, geotechnical, unpaved road dust management, and traffic monitoring by visiting http://bit.ly/CLASCTIP.



## **Partnerships**

To better serve the transportation community, FHWA has teamed up with various transportation partners to expand training options for transportation professionals. Visit http://bit.ly/CLASPartner today.

Be sure to contact your State Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) for information on training and technical assistance.

Stay up to date on CLAS activities by subscribing to the e-Newsletter at this link:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOTFHWA/subscriber/new?topic\_id=USDOTFHWA\_153

View the most recent newsletter at this link:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/training\_tools/clas\_newsletter\_spring2021.aspx



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**Federal Highway Administration** 



## IPSI THREEYEAR CURRICULUM

## July 11-16, 2021 Focus on Leadership

- · Ethics and Leadership
- Generational Differences
- Garnering Employee Loyalty and **Motivation**
- How to Successfully Lead Through Change
- Hot Topics
- It's a Matter of Your Style
- Legal Update
- Training Techniques and Approaches for Today's Workforce
- Eureka to Action

OCTOBER 3 - 8, 2021 April 24 - 29, 2022 Service Excellence

- Organizational Culture and Service Excellence
- Legal Update FOIA Drug and Akohol Policies
- Communication Skills
- Business Communication
- Maximizing Social Media
- Conducting Performance Appraisals
- Keys to Employee Development
- · How to Build Dynamic Team Cohesiveness
- Organizational Culture
- Creating an Action Plan

October 3 - 8, 2021

April 24 – 29, 2022 Personal Supervisory Skills

- Supervisory Do's and Don'ts Understanding the
- **Budgeting Process**
- Managing Problem Employees
- Using Technology to Manage
- Legal Update focus on HR issues
- Managing Lead Positions
- Managing the Boss
- Successful Communication
- Master Time and Stress
- Eureka to Action



JULY 11 - 16, 2021 Focus on Leadership Keller Convention Center, Effingham, Illinois

## INSTITUTE REGISTRATION

\$725.00

Early Registration

PAYMENT RECEIVED BEFORE DEADLINE

\$775.00

Late Registration

PAYMENT RECEIVED AFTER DEADLINE

Institute registration includes classes, materials, breaks and these meals:

- Breakfast Monday through Friday
- Lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
- Dinner on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday

Class size for Year 1 is very limited. Contact Mary Bender to verify availability before registering. Mbender 102 was l.com

## IPSI GRADUATES ONLY

\$125.00 PER DAY

Choose Single or Multiple Days

ADD \$25 LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER THE DEADLINE

Please note on registration form the day(s) you plan to attend.

## IPSI DIRECTOR'S DAY

\$125.00 THURSDAY

ADD \$25 LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER THE DEADLINE

"Director's Day" as an opportunity for directors or bosses that want to get an idea of what IPSI is all about.

includes dynamic speakers, materials, breaks and lunch.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

- CECs will be based on the hours of instruction
- International Society of Arboriculture requires participants to sign-in at IPSI sessions
- Illinois Environmental Protection Agency preapproves IPSI Courses

Fall and Spring Institute deadline is 14 business days prior to the start of IPSI.

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- Cancellation requests received in writing by the deadline will receive a refund minus a \$50 administrative charge.
- Cancellation requests received after the deadline and "no shows" will not be entitled to any refund.

## LODGING INFORMATION

Call for reservations and mention that you are with IPSI.

Do not make reservations on the websites.



## Holiday Inn Effingham

Connected to Keller Convention Center 1301 Ave of Mid America \$115.00 plus applicable taxes 217-540-7777



## Country Inn & Suites

Adjacent to Keller Convention Center 1200 North Raney \$75.00 plus applicable taxes 217-540-5555

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The Technology Transfer (T2) Program is a nationwide effort financed jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and individual state departments of transportation. Its purpose is to transfer the latest state-of-the-art technology in the areas of roads and bridges by translating the technology into terms understood by local and state highway or transportation personnel.

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