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OCTOBER MEETING

Held virtually

Join us to hear Celeste Gilman and Pamela Vasudeva present on how WSDOT's TSMO toolbox and partnerships help achieve Complete Streets objectives.

Tuesday October 11th
11:30-1PM

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November 10th

Renton Community Center

watch for details!

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Hello members,

We hope you all enjoyed the summer and are ready for more section meetings this fall!

So far we have an exciting line up. We hosted our September kick off meeting on September 13th at Anthony's at Pier 66. This lunch meeting included a panel of presentations from the City of Bellevue. In October we will be hosting a virtual meeting about updates to WSDOT's complete streets and TSMO initiatives. Finally in November, we will be hosting the annual Safety Conference (moved from January). Keep an eye out for some upcoming announcements!

We also are excited to share that we are launching a new committee: Awards Committee! We are hoping to bolster participation and representation of Washington Section in the Western District and International ITE awards, so we are putting together a committee to help with the nomination process. Jeanne is leading the effort to kick off this committee. See the ITE WA website and announcement for more information. We encourage you to submit a project!

As we transition to a mix of virtual, hybrid and in-person meetings, we are also looking for volunteers to fill with meeting technical assistance. If you are familiar with hosting Zoom meetings or hybrid meetings and would like to get more involved, we are looking for people to help run the meetings "behind the scenes". Please contact me if you are interested!

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The **ITE Washington State Section** is soliciting our transportation planning and engineering community to submit your best nominations for recognition! We are looking for your exceptional project work that has contributed to the success of our transportation programs, infrastructure, and organization.

At the local level, we will award projects, plans or studies in each of the 5 categories identified by the ITE International guidelines. All selected programs/plans/studies in these five categories will receive the ***"ITE Washington State Section Transportation Achievement Nominee"*** award in their given category at our **January Section Meeting and Recognitio**n program. One of these projects/plans/studies will be selected as our state sections **Project of the Year**. These nominees will go on to compete against other top programs/projects in the Western District and potentially ITE International. This gives our Washington State Section a chance to show off our best transportation projects at the international level.

These awards are intended to reflect success in achieving objectives such as:

- Development of an innovative concept;
- Implementation of a challenging transportation program through perseverance in its development and promotion;
- Having a significant effect on transportation;
- A multi-faceted transportation program or project that combines many innovative and/or well-applied concepts; or,
- A program or project promoting a major advance in the efficiency and/or economy of transportation.

Professionals that are nominated should be involved with ITE and promote advancement of the organization or transportation objectives in the industry. There is no cost for entry or limit to number of nominations that may be submitted for consideration. Definitions of the awards are listed below and due at ***5:00 PM on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2022***.

The 5 categories for these project/program/study awards are:

- Complete Streets
- Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)
- Safety
- Planning
- Traffic Engineering

You may submit a project/program/study for more than one category. In addition to these 5 award categories, the highest scoring applications in ***all*** categories will also ***automatically*** compete for the ***Washington State Section Project of the Year.***

Winners will be announced in December and celebrated at our January 2023 Meeting.

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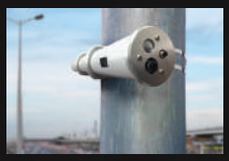

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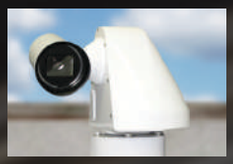

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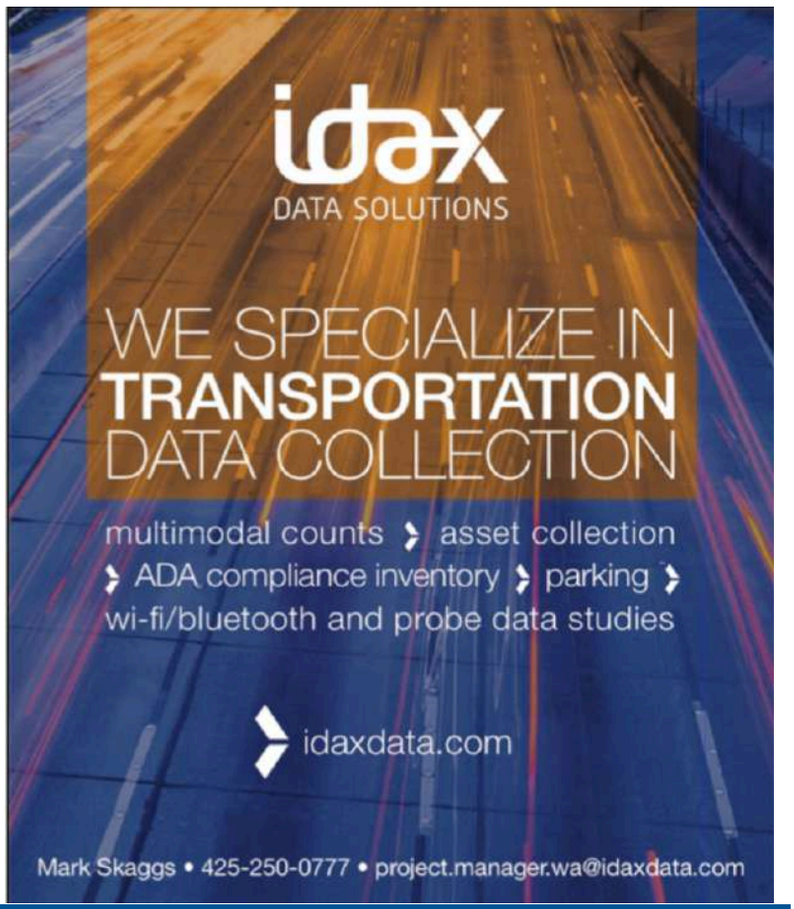

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The Section Safety Committee has been working over the last several months on the development of our annual Safety conference and Training. This year's theme is ***Safety Solutions: Effective Investing to Reach Target Zero.*** We have invited Section members to present projects which have demonstrated a positive improvement to safety. We have also included national and local speakers to provide insight into the current issues of traffic safety. This years conference will be held on November 10th at the Renton Community Center. The conference will be a hybrid of virtual and in-person. Please mark the date.

PACTRANS-CSET REGION 10 2022 TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE

Date: 10/14/2022, Friday
Location: Alder Hall, 1315 NE Campus Parkway, Seattle, WA 98105

Jointly organized by the Pacific Northwest Transportation Consortium (PacTrans), the Center for Safety Equity in Transportation (CSET), and the University of Washington's Mobility Innovation Center (MIC), the Region 10 Transportation Conference is the premier transportation conference in the Pacific Northwest. This one day event brings together transportation professionals from public agencies, private industry, and academia to share and learn about the state of practice and critical research needs, establish and build relationships with potential collaborators, and showcase practical solutions on smart and integrated mobility solutions. Please come to join us!

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Daniel Sperling

Distinguished Blue Planet Prize Professor of Civil Engineering and Environmental Science and Policy, founding Director of the Institute of Transportation Studies, and founding chair of the Policy Institute for Energy, Environment, and Economy at the University of California, Davis.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

7:30 AM	Registration and Check-In
8:30 AM	Welcome
8:45 AM	Keynote Address
9:30 AM	Plenary Session on the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Bill
10:30 AM	Break
10:45 AM	Parallel Session #1 (1. Mobility; 2. Safety; and 3.Transformative Solutions)
12:00 AM	PacTrans Award Ceremony and Elevator Pitches
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Poster Session
2:00 PM	Parallel Session #2 (1. Mobility; 2. Safety; and 3.Transformative Solutions)
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 PM	Closing Remarks
3:45 PM	Social Hour and Networking
5:00 PM	Conclusion

humor

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To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

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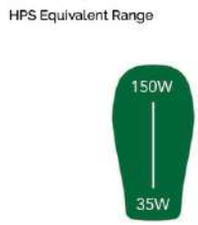

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Date	Subject	Location
OCT 11	October Meeting	VIRTUAL
NOV	November Meeting	TBD
NOV 10	Annual Safety Conference	Renton
JAN 7	ITE/IMSA Conference	Bellevue

ITE WA October Meeting

October 11th, 2022
11:30AM-1PM

Join us to hear Celeste Gilman and Pamela Vasudeva present on how WSDOT's TSMO toolbox and partnerships help achieve Complete Streets objectives.

In order to improve the safety, mobility, and accessibility of state highways, the legislature directed WSDOT to incorporate the principles of complete streets in state transportation projects. This new requirement provides a tremendous opportunity to build partnerships between WSDOT and local jurisdictions to provide mobility options across the state. TSMO (Transportation Systems Management and Operations) is an adopted solution WSDOT uses to advance the efficiencies, safety and mobility of our streets. The tools within the TSMO toolbox can be used to achieve Complete Streets objectives. Come learn the latest on the Complete Streets project development process, partnership opportunities, and how you can use the TSMO toolbox to plan and operate for Complete Street improvements in your community as part of future state transportation projects.

October at a Glance

ITE Events (including District, Section, and Chapter Meetings)

OCTOBER 2022

10/02 - 10/03: 2022 MASITE Annual Meeting
10/11 - 10/13: MOVITE Fall Meeting
10/12 - 10/14: Deep South ITE Fall Meeting
10/13: ITE Michigan Fall Technical Session
10/15: Houston Area Section ITE Annual Shrimp Boil
10/16 - 10/18: 2022 Florida Puerto Rico District ITE Annual Meeting
10/26 - 10/28: TSITE & TAPA Joint Fall Meeting
10/27: AZITE - 2022 Annual Business Meeting
10/27: Industry Council Product Showcase Webinar: Next Generation Ecosystems for Intersection Control

2022 ITE Associate Events

OCT 5-7	APWA WA Fall Conference	Spokane WA
OCT 14	PACTRANS Conference	Seattle WA

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ITE Washington Annual Meeting

June15th, 2022

To wrap up our 2021/2022 year, we kicked things off by providing an update on the ITE Washington Section Business. In particular, the financials for the past year have been looking good, with revenue exceeding expenses thanks to an increase in overall membership and reduced facility/ venue costs with the move to more virtual meetings. All that was on top of $8,000 that were provided in scholarships! We also took this opportunity to thank our committee members for their hard work this year, and also to hand out some awards. Congratulations to Claudia Hirschey with Transportation Consulting Services for receiving the 2022 Outstanding Service Award! As for the 2022 Outstanding Young Professional Award, I am extremely honored to not only be nominated, but to actually receive this year's award!

Next, we moved on to the Annual Meeting's presentation topic, which this year was on the Bellevue/Seattle Strategic Vision for Automated Vehicles (AV), presented by Daniel Lai with the City of Bellevue, and Sam Van Hecke with Cambridge Systematics. The overall goal for this project was to plan for AV technologies, with a focus on regional development. Separated into a few different tasks, it involved developing the overall strategic vision, conducting an industry scan, and stakeholder outreach with both policymakers and technology providers alike.

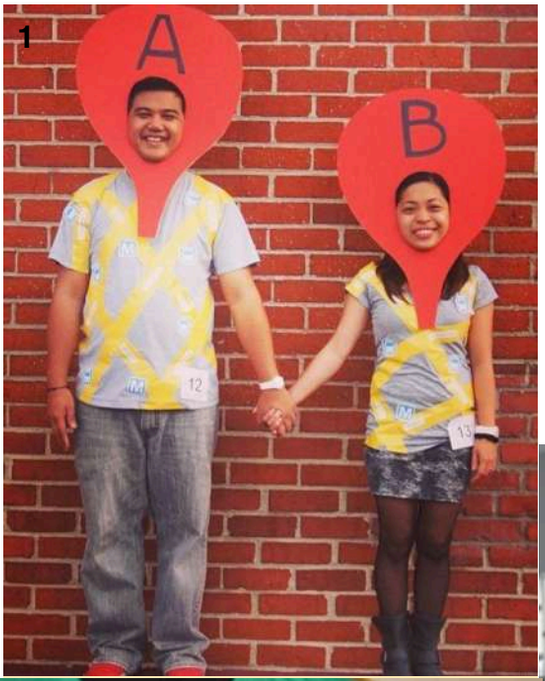
Based on already-published plans and documents within the region, as well as outreach with local stakeholders that had included the City of Bellevue, City of Seattle, WSDOT, and PSRC, the regional goals are to: improve safety, invest in innovation, ensure transportation equity, leverage strategic partnerships, increase mobility options, and enhance sustainability. AVs can be a powerful tool in achieving these, given that they can serve a variety of modes, including personal travel, freight, for- hire/ride-hailing services, transit, and more. However, before AVs can be widely adopted, there needs to be changes to the policy and regulatory environment to ensure, for example, that: AVs can operate safely, permit requirements and regulations are clear and consistent across jurisdictions, the public is informed and educated on AVs, and the infrastructure is capable of supporting AVs. Additionally, discussions were also held with technology providers to help better understand what their needs are to help increase AV adoption.

As part of the industry scan, Daniel and Sam also presented on several case studies that highlighted what efforts other agencies have undertaken within the AV realm. In particular, there has been a focus on partnerships with AV technology providers to evaluate potential solutions, as well as to test and demonstrate these technologies, both in controlled environments and in the real world. Some examples have included the City of Portland's evaluation of how AVs can benefit its existing transit system, the City of Chandler's closed-track testing for AVs as it relates to emergency responders, a pilot AV shuttle deployment in Las Vegas' Medical District, and Waymo's robotaxi Trusted Tester Program in San Francisco.

That concluded another year at ITE Washington! Shortly after the Annual Meeting, we had our annual golf tournament, followed by a summer break before we reconvene for our in-person Kick-Off Meeting in September.

See recap of the September meeting on page 10

Though you can't tell by the weather, fall is upon us! That means Halloween is right around the corner. Whether you need a costume for the office, or plan to hit the streets with your family for some trick-o-treating here are a couple of traffic(ish) related costume ideas for you! Please send in photos of any of your own costumes!



1. A great partner costume for your duo. What would we do without google maps?

2. A classic traffic signal

3. Something with a bit more imagination, a roundabout!

ITE WA Golf Classic #34

The Classic Golf Club – Spanaway, WA

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022

Mark Poch and Darcy Akers – Tournament Chairs

Tournament Recap

The 34th annual Classic was held at The Classic (Golf Club, that is) this year. We ended up having a seasonally pleasant day (a rarity this June) with no rain and a great golf course featuring beautifully large undulating greens and tucked pins. A first for the Classic was the Awards Banquet held in a cart barn due to construction around the clubhouse, but the weather was so nice that we moved tables outside

This year saw a repeat of last year's champion team – the Advanced Traffic Product team creamed the course and all those tucked pins with a score of 55 – 16 under par. The All Traffic Data team took second with a fine score of 57. There was a tie for third place, and the Kimley-Horn team won the tie breaker to secure the spot. All 11 teams performed well on the difficult track.

So the ITE Washington Classic (not-so-traveling) trophy remains with the Advanced Traffic Products team of Mike Singson, Steve Haugen, Tom Brandes, and Bret Tredway. Congratulations to the All Traffic Data team of Eric Boivin, Darek Brown, Brian Walters, and Mark Poch for 2nd, and the Kimley-Horn team Brad Lincoln, Matt Palmer, Chris Miller, and Brendan Mason for 3rd.

Competition hole winners included Darek Brown and Matt Palmer for Longest Drives, and Darek Brown, Kai Antrim, Tom Brandes, and David Skinner for closest to the pin awards. Speed putt winner was Justin Chan – his second time! Many golfers also won some great raffle prizes thanks to our sponsors!

The ITE Washington Golf Classic is important because it gets professionals together to not only enjoy a great day of golf, but to see friends and colleagues. It is also a fantastic way to connect with some the great companies and folks that support our industry through the products and services they provide:

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We are already looking forward to next year's Classic….until then, may the wind be at your back!!

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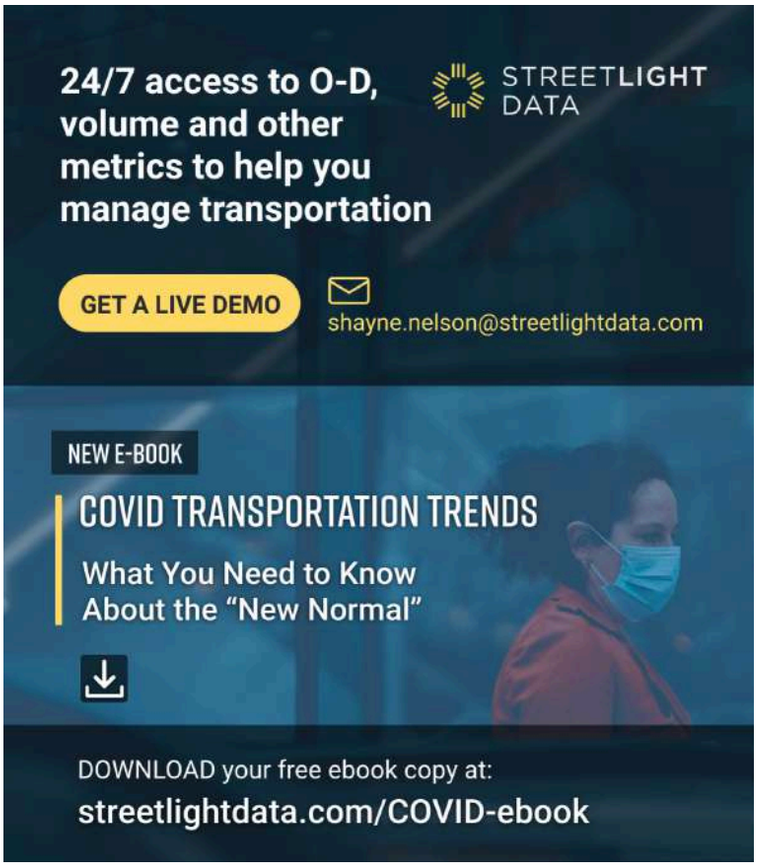
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September Kickoff Meeting

September 13th, 2022

To kick off our 2022/2023 year, we held our kick-off meeting at Anthony's Pier 66 in Seattle. For those keeping track, this was our first in-person kick-off meeting in three years! For this, we had a trio of presenters from the City of Bellevue – Chris Iverson who presented on their Curb Management Plan, Kevin McDonald on their Mobility Implementation Plan, and Katie Kuciemba Halse on their experience with State and Federal Funding.

To start things off, Chris provided a general overview of curb management and the need for it within the City of Bellevue. With the City's continued growth, the increasing use of shared mobility services, deliveries, and new uses for the curb in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the curb has become a major public resource that serves a variety of uses. To address these needs, the City has been undergoing its Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process. As part of this, several policies are being repealed, modified, and adopted. At the same time, the City is developing its Curb management Plan, which aims to address the supply and demand of curb usage. For the supply side, curb typologies are being developed, which will address the curb uses and priorities, based on factors such as the curb type and function, adjacent land uses, and future needs. For the demand side, a curb programs framework is being developed, which will include curb pricing as a demand management tool. A draft plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Next, we heard from Kevin McDonald, who started by providing a brief history of mobility policy in Bellevue. Originally, the Comprehensive Plan was very vehicle-centric, but through the years it has evolved to become more multi-modal. Culminating now with the Mobility Implementation Plan that is being developed, which has goals centered around safety, equity, growth, and access/mobility. These goals need to consider the multi-modal layered network within the City, which includes considerations for land use, pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles, and transit. Together, they reveal how modes and land uses work together, or where conflicts might exist. From this, projects can be identified and prioritized. Also in support of the Mobility Implementation Plan is the multi-modal concurrency program, which ensures that travel demand from land use is supported with an adequate supply of transportation capacity for all modes. The Mobility Implementation Plan is expected to be completed by the end of the year, while the multi-modal concurrency program will be adopted later this month.

Lastly, Katie discussed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – which was signed into law on November 15, 2021 and provides $1.2T in total funding – and Move Ahead Washington – which provides $17B of transportation-focused funding over 16 years – and how they relate to the City's Legislative Agenda. To take advantage of these historic funding opportunities, the City has established an interdepartmental team to prioritize infrastructure needs, identify funding programs, ensure consistency with local and regional plans, build relationships with stakeholders, and ultimately develop strategies to leverage these funding opportunities to achieve the City's priorities. ■

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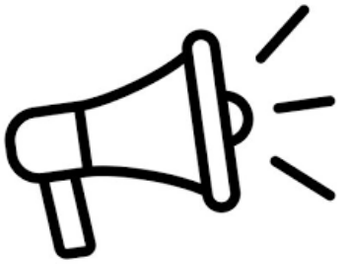

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Tuesday, February 7, 2023

The ITE Washington Section and the IMSA Northwest Section invites members to present at the 2023 ITE/ IMSA Annual Conference and Exhibit. The ITE/IMSA Annual Conference and Exhibit is one of the premier events in Washington State for transportation engineers, planners, and operations and maintenance personnel.

Location/Date

The in-person conference will be held at the Hilton Bellevue on February 7th, 2023.

Technical Program/Presentation Format, Topics and Length

The technical program will consist of four (4) 55-minute technical sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. Presentations should be about 15 to 20 minutes long and topics should have a transportation engineering, planning, traffic safety and/or operations theme and demonstrate how the information presented can be utilized by conference attendees. Presenters can share project experience, lessons learned, innovative solutions, pilot programs, testing of new ideas or technologies, state of art practice and/or collaboration with others.

Submittal Procedure

Please download and fill out the Call For Abstract form from ITE Washington Section's website and submit the form to Lawrence Guan, ITE/IMSA Annual Meeting Committee Chair, at lawrence.guan@wsp.com. Please include "2023 ITE/IMSA Conference Presentation Abstract" in the subject line of the email.

Deadline

Deadline to submit abstracts for presentation is Friday, December 3rd, 2022.

Additional Questions

Please contact Lawrence Guan Lawrence.Guan@wsp.com at the email address above for questions about the technical program and conference.

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Rural Safety Issues, IIJA Funding, and Challenges for Public Agencies with Bill Lambert, New Hampshire DOT

Dr. Shawn Wilson, Louisiana DOT Secretary: Perspectives on Transportation Funding, Safety, Workforce Issues, and More

Rob McInerney, International Road Assessment Program – Improving Global Roadway Safety with the Safe System Approach

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Washington State Department of Transportation

Washington State Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)

Training for Local Agencies

The Washington State Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is a partnership between WSDOT's Local Program Division and FHWA, providing training opportunities and a coordinated technology transfer program for local agencies in Washington State. LTAP offers courses directly targeting the training needs of local agencies receiving Federal funding. All in person sessions are cancelled due to COVID19, but there are plenty of online opprotunities to take advantage of.

Types of Training for Local Agencies:

LTAP Classes/Webinars

Training by Our Partners

This is a listing of other programs and training offerings through WSDOT and LTAP Partners.

Online Training

Links to many online training courses, including construction and material testing.

Free Access to AASHTO-TC3 Training (American Assoc. of State Hwy & Transportation Officials - Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council)

GIS Training Opportunities -New Mexico LTAP

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For more information:

Contact the LTAP Training Center : 360-705-7355 : LTAPtraining@wsdot.wa.gov

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Postings should include company, position, brief description of responsibilities, requirements, contact information and posting timeframe.