



National Association County Engineers

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### NACE UPDATE

The almost bi-weekly newsletter for Board members, Committee Chairs, and Members  
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## **Remember that Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is April 19-23**

**Hot off the presses!** Public Roads article just published on the **first decade of National WZ Awareness Week**. Please consider sharing it as part of your respective National WZ Awareness Week events this week and beyond.

### A Decade of Success!

The national effort to raise awareness of dangers near roadway construction passes a major milestone. <http://www.tfhr.gov/pubrds/10mar/08.htm>  
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### April is National County Government Month

It's not too late to celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) in April. This year's theme is "Healthy Counties." A NCGM booklet full of ideas to celebrate can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#). The NCGM media tool kit is available by clicking [HERE](#).

### Local Public Agency (LPA) website launched

FHWA has announced the debut of the Local Public Agency (LPA) Public Website at <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/lpa/index.cfm>. The purpose of the website is to provide pertinent information, other Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) public website links, and outside entity links to better assist LPA's and State Transportation Agency (STAs) officials in the administration and oversight of Federal-aid funded projects that are being delivered by LPAs. The site will offer reference information, contact information, training information, etc. as well as other aids to assist public officials in meeting Federal-aid program/project requirements. This Website is envisioned to be an evolving website so your suggestions for improvement will be most welcome. If you have questions or comments for my office on this topic, please direct them to Mr. Robert (Bob) Wright (202-366-4630).

### **NACE 2010 CONFERENCE SET TO START ON APRIL 25<sup>th</sup>.**

This Sunday April 25, 2010 the NACE annual conference commences in Fort Worth Texas. For those interested the NACE Legislative and Membership Committee do meet on Sunday morning starting at 10:30 am in the Sheraton Fort Worth Hotel (Cap Rock and Pheasant rooms).

The NACE Board of Directors meets from 12:30 – 3:30 pm in the Fort Worth Convention Center rooms 202A/B. At 4 pm join the NACE officers and board in opening Exhibit Hall A.

NACE 2010 conference information is now available on the NACE website:  
[www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org) (under NACE Events).

Delegate & Guests can register on-line:

[http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE\\_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/delegateapp.cfm](http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/delegateapp.cfm)

Exhibitors can register on-line:

[http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE\\_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/exhibitapp.cfm](http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/exhibitapp.cfm)

In addition to on-line registration and PDF files of brochures, see information on conference overview, travel, hotel, golf outing and more!

American Society of Civil Engineers magazine *Civil Engineering* has a great feature article on the construction of the Super Span of the Dallas Cowboys new stadium. To view the article go to the following link. [http://pubs.asce.org/magazines/CEMag/2010/Issue\\_01-10/article1.htm](http://pubs.asce.org/magazines/CEMag/2010/Issue_01-10/article1.htm)

**Listen to NACE President Chris Bauserman Discuss Critical Issues in the New Authorization of the Surface Transportation Program! Visit Our Local Roads Matter website!**

Chris E. Bauserman, NACE President & County Engineer, Delaware County OH discusses the important issues associated with the next transportation authorization in this important PODCAST. To view his presentation visit the NACE Local Roads Matter Campaign site <http://countyengineers...org/LRM/index.html> (click on Social Media Center).

**The Safety Compass, 2010 Spring edition is available at the following link.**

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/newsletter/safetycompass/2010/spring10/>

**IN THIS ISSUE OF SAFETY COMPASS:**

- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act...Saving Lives on America's Highways
- Accelerating Safety Activities Program –Project Selection, p 4 Toward Zero Deaths
- 2009 National Roadway Safety Award Winners
- Road Safety Audits Video Wins 2009 Bronze Telly Award
- NOW AVAILABLE:
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program Manual
  - 3rd Edition of Intersection Safety Briefs Available
  - Nine Intersection Safety Case Study Success Stories
  - Implementing the High Risk Rural Roads Manual Available
  - Local Roads Resource CD
  - Maintenance of Signs and Sign Supports A Guide for Local
  - Recognize, React, Recover Educational DVD
  - Updated Transportation Planner's Safety Desk Reference & Course
- Roadway Hardware Frequently Asked Questions
- Check Out Safety Items in R&T NO
- Work Zone Awareness Week Poster
- Events Calendar (Apr-June, 2010)

### **FHWA Focus Magazine: March 2010**

Articles in the March 2010 issue of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA's) Focus magazine explore National Work Zone Awareness Week, work zone safety training, the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program, and more. [\[More\]](#)

### **New Web-based Training! 381001 TCCC Safety Orientation**

This training was prepared by the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council (TCCC) in partnership with NHI to provide a general safety awareness orientation. This training will teach that safety is everyone's responsibility. Remember the motto: "Do it safely, or don't do it!" This training is recommended for the Transportation Curriculum Coordination Council levels I and II.

Prevention of injury and safeguarding health is the responsibility of both management and employees. The safety and health of employees is the overriding concern in all phases of operations. Completion of the first module will provide you with a general awareness of policy, responsibilities, what to wear, tools, hazards, and personal protective equipment (PPE). The second module will cover proper housekeeping practices, critical elements of hazard communication, confined spaces, procedure for lockout or tagout, and components of health and safety policies.

We hope that you find this Web-based training course to be of significant value to your organization. All of the no-cost Web-based training developed by the TCCC/NHI is made possible through contributions to the TCCC pooled fund (TPF-5(209)). If you find the Web-based training courses to be useful and would like to see future training courses then we would like to request that you encourage your organization to make a contribution to the pooled fund. For additional information regarding other TCCC products, the pooled fund, or to suggest future Web-based training courses, please contact Chris Newman in the FHWA, Office of Asset Management at (202) 366-2023 or [christopher.newman@dot.gov](mailto:christopher.newman@dot.gov).

### **9th National Conference on Access Management**

TRB is cosponsoring the 9th National Conference on Access Management on October 10-13, 2010, in Natchez, Mississippi. The conference will explore a variety of issues including program operation, access design, program administration, and corridor management. Interested individuals or groups are encouraged to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the meeting by June 30, 2009. [\[More\]](#)

### **Access Management in the Vicinity of Intersections**

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration's Office of Safety has released a technical summary that is designed as a reference for professionals who may be involved in the design, selection, and implementation of access management near traditional intersections such as signalized, unsignalized, and stop controlled intersections. [\[More\]](#)

### **Improving Traffic Signal Management and Operations: A Basic Service Model**

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration's Office of Operations has released a report that is designed as a guide to achieve a basic service model for traffic signal management and

operations. The basic service model is based on operational objectives that consider the staffing level, expertise, and priorities of the responsible agency. [\[More\]](#)

### **Mini-Roundabouts**

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration's Office of Safety has released a technical summary that is designed as a reference for professionals who may be involved in the design, selection, and implementation of mini-roundabout intersections. The summary plus an accompanying slide presentation are available on our website at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/roundabouts/>. Because experience with mini-roundabouts is limited in the United States, the information presented draws primarily upon guidance and experience from other countries, with reference to American guidance as appropriate.

This technical summary explores the unique characteristics of mini-roundabouts while reinforcing the need to apply a principles-based approach common to all roundabout design. It provides an overview of the key considerations for planning, analysis and design of single-lane mini-roundabouts. In addition to a discussion on characteristics, the document contains sections on the benefits of mini-roundabouts, user considerations, location considerations, operational analysis, design considerations, and costs. [\[More\]](#)

### **Status of the Highway Trust Fund as of March 31, 2010**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/highwaytrustfund/index.htm>

### **New FHWA Livability Initiative Page**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/>