



## National Association County Engineers

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### *The Voice of County Road Officials*

#### **NACE UPDATE**

The almost bi-weekly newsletter for Board members, Committee Chairs, and Members  
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#### **Clyburn Encourages Congress to Act on Bill This Fall**

Congress needs to act quickly when it returns from recess next month to pass a key multiyear surface transportation reauthorization bill aimed at creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. "I really believe we ought to find a way to get the transportation bill passed," said House Democratic Whip James Clyburn, D-South Carolina. "It has always been a big job creator. Not only that, it also provides a tremendous service" to states and communities that rely on federal funds to help pay for transportation.

Congress returns to session the week of Sept. 13. It is scheduled to meet until Oct. 8, then adjourn for the remainder of the year. Many Capitol Hill observers have said, however, they expect a lame-duck session after November's midterm elections. The current extension of federal surface transportation authorization law expires Dec. 31, 2010.

#### **MEET WITH YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THIS SUMMER**

Members of Congress will be departing Washington, D.C. during the August District Work Period and most will be spending a good portion of that time close to their home states and districts. Take advantage of these opportunities to visit with your lawmakers without making a trip to Washington, D.C. The August district work period is: August 2 - September 13.

##### Tips to get you started:

Check local media and/or your elected officials' websites for Town Hall Meetings, local appearances and office hours – these are great opportunities to meet lawmakers in a casual setting and pose a few questions to start a dialog.

Gather a small group of State Affiliate members to request a meeting with your Congressional member/staff. Visits help raise the profile of County Engineers among lawmakers and provide members with the opportunity to develop relationships with their elected officials. Through these visits, you have the opportunity to:

- Educate your lawmakers on county transportation issues and issues in your state;
- Establish yourself as an expert on these issues;
- Offer your expertise to lawmakers and staff.

These visits have advantages over meetings with legislators in Washington, D.C. because they typically are 30 to 40 minutes in length, as opposed to meetings in Washington that generally don't exceed 10 minutes and have minimal interruptions.

In preparing for the meeting NACE recommends you prepare one or two specific issues to discuss any more than this and you risk losing focus and your message won't be as strong. The NACE legislative priorities are a starting point on issues to raise. The Transportation authorization and its funding, safety

programs to push in the new authorization, and the continuing concern over the need to improve federal aid program execution through streamlining and the use of best practices from other states.

After the meeting, it is a good idea to send a follow-up message thanking the Representative and/or staff members for their time, restating your positions on the issues discussed and if appropriate press for a commitment from the Congressional member on an issue.

### **Road Safety 365: A Safety Web-Workshop for Local Governments.**

FHWA invites NACE members on Tuesday September 14, 2010 at 11:00AM – 12:30 PM EST for a web-conference presenting the *Road Safety 365: A Safety Workshop for Local Governments*. The workshop was developed with input from local, state and federal partners with a focus on local and rural roadway safety. Details to join the web-conference are provided below.

LINK TO JOIN THE WEB CONFERENCE

<http://fhwa.na3.acrobat.com/safety365a/>

TELECONFERENCE NUMBER TO ACCESS AUDIO PORTION

888-810-6809

Pass code: 2649821

(Please note: this number may change, a new number will be provided upon log-in)

Background:

*Road Safety 365: A Safety Workshop for Local Governments* is a one & one half hour workshop, that focuses on processes for incorporating safety into all aspects of local and rural road projects, and on making safety a priority through inclusion in the traditional decision-making process—365 days a year. The main goal of this workshop is to raise the safety awareness of practitioners on how to incorporate safety into project development and everyday work. It stresses the importance of road safety, and illustrates how it can be integrated into rural/local transportation project development at all stages: planning, design, construction, implementation, operations, and maintenance. After completion of the workshop, participants should be able to identify problems and solutions. The intended workshop audience ranges from decision-makers to road crews. This webinar will introduce the workshop and summarize the main modules.

### **CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2011 Registration Open**

The advanced registration deadline for CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2011 is quickly approaching. **Registering before February 21, 2011 saves you 40% on your registration fee.** [Register today!](#)

We are proud to support this important event by being an Official Supporting Organization. CONEXPO-CON/AGG is *the* source for what's new in construction in 2011. This is an important event for you, our members, and we don't want you to miss it. The show will take place March 22-26, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada and features:

Thousands of top construction equipment manufacturers and service providers showcasing:

- New Products and Technologies
- Technical Experts
- Environmentally-Friendly Solutions

A comprehensive Education Program with new focuses on:

- Certification Programs

- Site Development Topics
- Asset & Equipment Management Topics
- Sustainability Topics
- Workforce Development Topics

Co-locations with IFPE 2011 and ICON Expo 2011, to create your complete resource for the construction industry:

- IFPE 2011 is the leading international exposition and technical conference dedicated to the integration of fluid power with other technologies for power transmission and motion control applications.
- ICON Expo 2011 is designed to serve the needs and interests of all producers, suppliers, designers, architects, specifiers and others involved in the concrete products industry.

For more information, visit [www.conexpoconagg.com](http://www.conexpoconagg.com) and sign up today!

### **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day October 10**

**"Towards Zero Fatalities" is both a phrase and a goal that federal and state agencies and many organizations are promoting. Let's everyone support it and join in the effort to reduce deaths on our highways**

October 10, 2010 is the tenth anniversary of the Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day program. During the second anniversary of the program, or in 2002, there were over 43,000 fatalities on our highways and streets. This number has been relatively constant until 2007 when a down turn began and continued into 2008. For 2009 the projection is approximately 34,000, an average reduction from 118 to 93 fatalities per day.

The Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day program in the last ten years has promoted reducing all fatalities, very similar to the promotion of the "Great American Smoke Out" efforts to reduce smoking, that an initial fatality free day would be the seed leading--"Towards Zero Fatalities" on our roadways.

We want you to become an advocate of our 2010 theme "Don't be Driven to Distraction – Drive to Arrive" and join us in making a special commitment to reducing fatalities by becoming involved and changing your driving habits and encouraging others to do the same. **We must change our driving habits as evidenced by statistics that indicate nearly 34,000 traffic fatalities occur every year. That's about 93 fatalities every single day—one fatality every 15 minutes.**

### **You can participate!**

If you are viewing this web site for the first time or scanning it for new material, this home page includes tabs for you to click on to find a toolkit, the two previous years' local events list, fact sheets, press information, safety tips, partners and various links. Use this information to initiate and create your own 2010 event or program. Get involved!

Obtain a [proclamation](#) that October 10th is Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day in your county or state! In addition, media information, PSA's, posters, brochures, logos and a sample PowerPoint presentation can also be found in the Toolkit.

The Transportation and Development Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers (T&DI), who oversees this program, requests existing partners, other private corporations or public organizations who want to become more involved in financial sponsorships to fund events, develop PSA's, web site information or other activities to contact the T&DI call 703-295-6395 or visit the website by clicking below.

## Put the Brakes on Fatalities



"Don't Be Driven to Distraction –  
Drive to Arrive"

[Click to learn more](#)

### **THE NORTHWEST PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> thru OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> 2010 IN VANCOUVER WASHINGTON**

*WITH BUDGETS AND RESOURCES BEING REDUCED, IT IS NOW MORE IMPORTANT TO SEEK OUT NEW INFORMATION REGARDING INNOVATIVE COST EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES AND BE A PART OF A LARGE GROUP THAT CAN SHARE INFORMATION IMPORTANT TO US ALL.*

The NWPMA Executive Board and conference committee is happy to announce that the 2010 conference will be held at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington again this year. For reservations at the Heathman Lodge please visit their Web Site at

[https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g\\_reservation.cfm?groupID=429826&hotelID=6457](https://reservations.ihotelier.com/crs/g_reservation.cfm?groupID=429826&hotelID=6457) .

On Tuesday October 26th we will begin our conference with FOUR exciting ½ day classes on Pavement Design, Pavement Management, Pavement Preservation and Asset Management at no additional cost. The remaining conference days will be filled with presentations on funding, maintenance treatments, structural testing, pavement management software, construction techniques and round table discussions on innovative cost effective treatments for roadways. We have incorporated a flavor of the spring conference into the agenda because of its elimination after 20 years. This year we are offering a \$100.00 reduction in the registration fee (Regular registration is \$250.00) to attendees who register before September 1<sup>st</sup> 2010 and a \$50.00 reduction for registrations received before October 1<sup>st</sup>. The agenda, registration, vendor details and additional information is available online at <http://nwpma-online.org/> Please mark your calendars and take advantage of the reduced registration fees. We are looking forward to your participation in this year's conference.

### **Listen to NACE Past 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 Past 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).

### **Asphalt Academy ISSA/AI Webinars**

## **Introduction to Crack Treatments & Best Practices**

October 19, 2010 (1.5 PDHs)

## **Introduction to Slurry Seal & Microsurfacing & Best Practices**

October 26, 2010 (2 PDHs)

## **Introduction to Chip Seals & Best Practices**

November 9, 2010 (2 PDHs)

All begin at 12 noon EDT - **Cost: \$85**

Each session is broadcast live and will be recorded for playback later only to registrants.

### **Who Should Attend**

These webinars are designed for technicians, engineers, facility and asset managers, planners, or others who need to enhance their knowledge of these topics. This includes contractors, consultants, engineers, federal agencies such as FAA, FHWA, and military as well as DOD contractors, state, city and county officials, Metropolitan Planning and similar officials and academia.

### **Instructors**

Introduction to Crack Treatments & Best Practices - Bryan Darling, Crafc0, Inc. and Pat Peterson, Fahrner Asphalt Sealers

Introduction to Slurry Seals & Microsurfacing & Best Practices - Instructors: Barry Dunn, Viking Construction, Inc. and Pierre Peltier, Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc.

Introduction to Chip Seals & Best Practices - Instructors: Mark Ishee, Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions, Inc. and Bryan Horner, E.D. Etnyre & Co.

### **Fees & Registration**

The registration fee is \$85. The fee includes downloads of presentation slides before each session and access to a recording of each session after it is completed. A question and answer will be included at the end of the session. Early registration is recommended. Please log in 10 minutes before the session begins. We would encourage you to visit <http://support.webex.com/support/system-requirements.html> to ensure your system is compatible with our webinar system before you register or as soon as possible afterward. Group registration is encouraged. [Click here for further details and registration.](#)

**For more information contact:**

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### **Road Safety Work Zone Products to be mailed to NACE members**

Products developed under the FHWA Work Zone Safety Grant, by ATSSA, will be mailed to all NACE members by the end of August 2010. In 2006 FHWA awarded ATSSA a Work Zone Safety Grant. This grant covered the development of 14 new products. NACE, as a supporter of the effort has arranged for shipment of the products to our members. These 14 products include:

1. Guidelines (Decision Tool) for When to Use Positive Protection in Temporary Traffic Control Zones
2. Field Guide for the Use and Placement of Shadow Vehicles in Work Zones

3. Work Zone Positive Protection Toolbox
4. High Visibility Apparel in Work Zones Characteristics of High Visibility Safety Apparel
5. Increasing the Work Zone Worker's Visibility Through High Visibility Apparel (poster)
6. High-Visibility Safety Apparel In Highway Work Zones – When Does My High-Visibility Apparel No Longer Protect Me and Need to be Replaced?
7. Pedestrians Checklist and Considerations for Temporary Traffic Control Zones
8. Guidance Sheet – Temporary Traffic Control Zone Pedestrian Access Considerations
9. Work Zone Safety Performance Measures Guidance Booklet
10. Guidelines for Treating Potential Back-of-Queue Safety Hazards
11. Considering Work Zone Impacts: Planning for Safety, Mobility, and Constructability
12. Field Guide on Installation and Removal of Temporary Traffic Control for Safe Maintenance and Work Zone Operations
13. Work Zone Safety: Temporary Traffic Control for Maintenance Operations
14. Maintenance Work Zone Safety – Pocket Guide of MUTCD's Guidance on Temporary Traffic Control

### **ATSSA Launches Bumper Sticker Campaign**

ATSSA has recently begun a bumper sticker campaign that will help to spread the message of the need for highway investment. Two free and removable bumper stickers are available for ATSSA members to put on their personal and work vehicles. The first slogan is "Sick of Traffic? Invest in Highways!" and the second version is "Highway Investment - Putting America Back to Work!" If you would like stickers to be sent to your home or office, please feel free to reach out to ATSSA's Manager of Government Relations Nate Smith at [nathan.smith@atssa.com](mailto:nathan.smith@atssa.com).

### **Accelerating Transportation Project and Program Delivery: Conception to Completion**

TRB's National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) Report 662: Accelerating Transportation Project and Program Delivery: Conception to Completion explores the experiences of eight state departments of transportation that made improvements in their project delivery and examines the lessons to be learned from their experiences. [\[More\]](#)

### **Traffic Control Devices, Visibility, and Highway-Rail Grade Crossings 2010**

TRB's Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board, No. 2149 contains 13 papers that explore school traffic control devices, speed control at rural intersections, innovation in temporary pedestrian signing, chevrons with full retroreflective signposts on rural horizontal curves, protected-permissive left-turn signal control, reducing speed with converging chevron pavement markings on freeway ramps, rumble strips, and pedestrian countdown signals influence on vehicle speed. [\[More\]](#)

### **Highways for LIFE: Videos Spotlight Modern Roundabouts, Road Safety Audits, Performance Contracting**

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hfl/videos/>

**NACE Wishes Everyone a Safe & Enjoyable Labor Day Weekend.**  
**Please Drive Safely!**