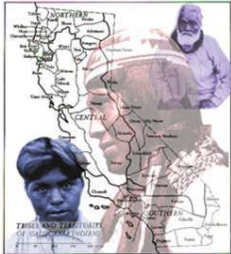


# Tribal Transportation News



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## TRIBAL ROAD SAFETY AUDITS (RSA)

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Safety is a major concern for road owners across the United States, and while the number of fatalities on our Nation's highways decreased in 2008, the number of deaths remains unacceptable to the Nation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and partners such as Tribal transportation agencies. One initiative to reduce and eliminate crashes is through the use of road safety audits (RSAs). An RSA is a proactive means of reducing deaths and injuries and is one of nine proven safety countermeasures identified by FHWA. An RSA is defined as a formal safety performance examination of an existing or future road or intersection by an independent, multidisciplinary team.

### Nine Proven Safety Countermeasures

1. Road Safety Audits
2. Median Barriers
3. Safety Edge
4. Roundabouts
5. Walkways
6. Yellow Change Intervals
7. Rumble Strips and Rumble Strips
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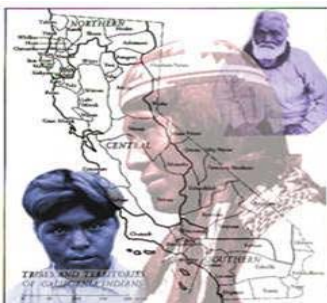
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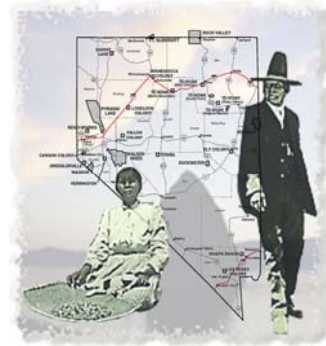
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## LOCAL AND RURAL ROADS PEER TO PEER PROGRAM

In order to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on our Nation's road network, local and rural highway practitioners have to routinely integrate safety in their projects and programs. FHWA established the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Program as a form of technical assistance for local and rural highway agencies to adequately address safety problems on the roads they maintain. Experts with knowledge in various local and rural road safety issues volunteer their time to provide assistance to their peers requesting help. Whatever the safety issue your local agency is facing, there is a Peer ready and willing to help.



The FHWA Peer network provides access to valuable guidance and information as well as input from people who share a similar background and have faced the same challenges. The list of benefits is long, but here are just a few that you can expect.

- Free and convenient access to professionals experienced with local and rural road safety.
- Expert assistance to recognize local and rural road safety issues and identify solutions.
- Increased understanding of how to improve safety on local and rural roads.
- The biggest benefit of all is safer roads that result in a reduction in crashes ultimately saving lives, time and money.

The first step to using the P2P Program is to let us know you need assistance. There are several ways to reach us; you can call, email, or even send us a note by fax. Whichever method you use, an FHWA sponsored P2P Coordinator will be ready to assist. The coordinator will determine your specific question or issue and match you with the best Peer for your case.

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## Conducting an RSA

### Responsibilities

-  RSA Team
-  Design Team/Project Owner



RSAs involve people from diverse disciplines who have not been involved in the project's design and they focus specifically on safety issues while considering all road users (e.g., motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, etc.). RSAs involve the following basic steps.

- Step 1: Identify the project or in-service road to be audited.
- Step 2: Select an independent/multidisciplinary RSA team.
- Step 3: Conduct a pre-audit meeting to review project information.
- Step 4: Perform field reviews under various conditions.
- Step 5: Conduct an audit analysis and prepare a report of findings.
- Step 6: Present the audit findings to the Project Owner/Design Team.
- Step 7: Project Owner/Design Team prepares a formal response.
- Step 8: Incorporate findings into the project when appropriate.

The major quantifiable benefits of RSAs can be identified in the following areas:

- Reconstruction costs to correct safety deficiencies identified once roads are in-service are either avoided or substantially reduced.
- Lifecycle costs are reduced due to lower maintenance costs associated with safer designs.
- Societal costs of crashes are reduced with safer roads.
- Liability claims are reduced, which are a component of both agency and societal costs.

Some other benefits of RSAs are that they:

- May help produce safer designs that reduce the number and severity of crashes.
- Promote awareness of safe design practices.
- Integrate multimodal safety concerns.
- Consider human factors.

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# Every Day Counts

## Innovation Initiative

Federal Highway Administration

Prepared for the AASHTO Spring Business Meeting, May 2010

Every Day Counts (EDC) is designed to identify and deploy innovation aimed at shortening project delivery, enhancing the safety of our roadways, and improving environmental sustainability.

These goals are worth pursuing for their own sake. But I also think it's imperative we pursue better, faster and smarter ways of doing business because of the many challenges we face – as an industry and a society.

The list of challenges is really unprecedented. Because of our economy, we need to work more efficiently. The public wants greater accountability in how we spend their money. We need to find ways to make our roads safer. And we have an obligation to help preserve our planet for future generations.

But it's not enough to simply address those demands. We need to do it with a new sense of urgency. It's that quality – urgency – that I've tried to capture in the name Every Day Counts. This initiative is designed to focus on the deployment of a finite set of initiatives. Performance measures will be developed, and EDC Implementation Teams will work with our State, local, and industry partners to deploy.

The EDC round one initiatives described in the following pages represent what I hope will lead to a sea change about how we are deploying innovation. Invention, ingenuity and imagination round out the framing of the EDC logo above – but they along with innovation are not new words in the transportation community's lexicon. The Nation's transportation agencies and industry have long been associated with innovation. The difference I want us to make together is the commitment to focus on rapid deployment of proven solutions that can make a difference. Our customers, the taxpayers, deserve no less. Secretary LaHood has set a high bar for USDOT. He not only expects all of us to think innovatively, he understands the times demand it. This is FHWA's effort to provide national leadership in the quest to meet the demands of the 21st Century.

Victor Mendez  
Federal Highway Administrator

### EDC Initiatives

We received many thoughtful, creative and interesting ideas from people inside and outside FHWA. Narrowing the list was a difficult process. Ultimately, we've decided to focus on this initial series of technologies and innovations as we look to meet the transportation needs of the American people.

#### Accelerating Technology and Innovation Deployment

21st century solutions must be leveraged to improve safety, reduce congestion, and keep America moving and competitive in the world market.

#### Shortening Project Delivery Toolkit

This toolkit is being developed to guide and support State and local agencies in the use of underutilized flexibilities in the law and in the development of processes and agreements that minimize duplication of effort and reduces delays in project implementation.

#### Accelerated Project Delivery Methods

Building projects more quickly depends on the highway community advancing innovative practices to a level of routine use by highway agencies and contractors. EDC focuses FHWA's efforts to make innovative contracting everyday standard business practice.

#### Accelerating Technology and Innovation Deployment

##### Warm Mix Asphalt

Warm-Mix Asphalt (WMA) is the generic term for a variety of technologies that allow the producers of hotmix asphalt pavement material to lower the temperatures at which the material is mixed and placed on the

road. Temperature reductions of 30 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit have been documented. In most cases, the lower temperatures result in significant cost savings and reduced greenhouse gas emissions because 30 to 35 percent less fuel is required. By 2009, WMA projects had been constructed in more than 40 States, and at least 14 State highway agencies had adopted specifications to accommodate WMA.



##### Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems

With Prefabricated Bridge Elements and Systems (PBES), many time-consuming construction tasks no longer need to be accomplished sequentially in the work zone. Instead, PBES are constructed concurrently, off-site, and brought to the project location ready to

erect. Because PBES are usually fabricated under controlled climate conditions, weather has a smaller impact on the quality, safety, and duration of the project. Through the use of standardized bridge



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elements, PBES offers cost savings in both small and large projects. The use of rapid onsite installation for PBES can reduce the environmental impact of projects in environmentally sensitive areas.

### **Adaptive Signal Control Technology**

Adaptive signal control systems coordinate control of traffic signals across a signal network by adjusting the lengths of signal phases based on prevailing traffic conditions to improve travel time reliability, reduce congestion, and provide smoother flow. Adaptive Control Software Lite (ACS-Lite) is an example of specific technology that provides adaptive control for small groups of traffic signals. Conventional signal systems use pre-programmed, daily signal timing schedules. ACS-Lite measures traffic flow and adjusts the signal timing, within intersection control equipment, based on those measurements. The main benefits of using adaptive control over conventional signal systems are to:

- Continuously distribute green time equitably for all traffic movements.
- Improve travel time reliability by progressively moving vehicles through green lights.
- Reduce congestion by creating smoother flow.
- Prolong the effectiveness of traffic signal timing.

ACS-Lite was specifically designed to be deployed using conventional control equipment, communications, and traffic sensors on arterial streets, making it a cost-effective alternative to existing adaptive technologies.

### **Safety Edge**

The Safety Edge is an uncomplicated but extremely effective solution to reduce pavement edge-related crashes and to help save lives. By simply shaping the edge of the pavement to 30-35 degrees, the Safety Edge helps eliminate the problem of vertical drop-off. Research has shown this is the optimal angle



to allow drivers to re-enter the roadway safely. The asphalt Safety Edge provides a strong, durable transition even for vehicles that are particularly vulnerable, such as smaller, lighter cars. Even at higher speeds, vehicles can return to the paved road smoothly and easily. In the next 19 months, FHWA's goal is to accelerate the implementation of the Safety Edge technology, working with States to develop specifications

and adopt this pavement edge treatment as a standard practice on all new and resurfacing pavement projects.

### **Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil**

Instead of a conventional bridge supported on a pile cap abutment, Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil (GRS) integrated bridge system technology uses alternating layers of compacted fill and sheets of geotextile reinforcement to provide support for the bridge. GRS is also used to construct approach ways and transitions onto the roadway. This bridge system alleviates the "bump at the bridge" problem caused by differential settlement between the bridge abutment and approaching roadway. The technology offers unique advantages in the construction of small bridges, including:

- Reduced construction time.
- 5 percent to 30 percent less cost than standard pile capped abutments with 2:1 slopes.
- Less dependence on weather conditions during construction.
- Flexible design—easily field modified for unforeseen site conditions.
- Easy to maintain because of fewer parts.
- Can be built with common equipment and materials.

### **Shortening Project Delivery Toolkit**

It is a commonly held perception that it takes an average of 13 years to deliver a major highway project from planning through completion. This perception is based partly on the experiences of State DOTs and FHWA, and partly on data collected on projects that require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. FHWA believes that several opportunities exist in the current project delivery process where innovative approaches will improve project delivery times.

### **Planning and Environmental Linkages**

Planning and Environment Linkages represent an approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the planning stage and carries them through project development, design, and construction. This can lead to a seamless decision-making process that minimizes duplication of effort, promotes environmental stewardship, and reduces delays in project implementation. This initiative will increase incorporation of planning documents and decisions into the environmental review process.

### **Legal Sufficiency Enhancements**

Decisions made early in planning and project development are often the root causes of problems identified when NEPA and Section 4(f) documents are reviewed for

legal sufficiency later in the environmental review process. Consultation with FHWA environmental attorneys at early decision points can help decision-makers avoid problems later, saving time and costs. This initiative will also identify the most common problems in document development, their root causes, and measures preparers can take to avoid the problems.

### **Expanding Use of Programmatic Agreements**

The continued and expanded use of programmatic agreements (PAs) has been very effective in producing time savings as coordination and procedures have been standardized and agreed upon. When prior agreements exist for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating impacts,



projects are reviewed quicker and trust is developed resulting in improved relationships between DOTs and regulatory agencies. The goal of this initiative will be to identify and assist in the expansion of new and existing programmatic agreements to a regional or national level.

### **Use of In-Lieu Fee and Mitigation Banking**

The 404 permitting process currently constitutes a major component of the project development / project delivery process. Significant time savings can be achieved by expanding the use of “in-lieu” fees and mitigation banking currently allowed under existing statute, FHWA regulations, State law and court decisions. This initiative will expand the use of in-lieu fees and mitigation banking to create a more streamlined process to expedite project delivery.

### **Clarifying the Scope of Preliminary Design**

This initiative will identify the amount of design work allowable under current law prior to NEPA completion regardless of contracting mechanism and develop guidance to provide consistency in applying this definition.

### **Flexibilities in Right of Way**

The Right of Way (ROW) process currently constitutes a major component in the project development process. Significant time savings can be achieved by employing flexibilities already provided for in statute and FHWA regulations. The initiative will underline opportunities for improved coordination of ROW activities with other key

project development actions in preliminary design; land acquisition for utilities accommodation and relocation project activities; NEPA mitigation land needs; and a number of other areas where streamlined approaches may prove beneficial. The proposed initiative deals only with flexibilities allowed under existing regulations and statutes. Legislative changes required for additional flexibilities will need to be addressed separately.

### **Flexibilities in Utility Accommodation and Relocation**

The often-conflicting priorities of State transportation agencies and utility companies can adversely affect the timely completion of transportation projects. Potential utility conflicts exist on most transportation projects. It is estimated that half of all highway and bridge projects eligible for Federal funding involve the relocation of utility facilities; and construction generally takes longer and costs more when utilities need to be relocated. The initiative will spotlight existing flexibilities currently in place under Federal law and regulations, and describe techniques that foster effective utility coordination during project development which warrant more widespread use.

### **Enhanced Technical Assistance on Delayed EISs**

This initiative will provide additional FHWA technical assistance to identify major challenges on ongoing Environmental Impact Statement projects and implement solutions to resolve project delays where feasible. Candidate projects would ideally be those where 60 months have elapsed since issuance of the Notice of Intent (NOI) without issuance of a Record of Decision (ROD). FHWA teams will focus on facilitating inter-agency coordination and collaboration to resolve outstanding issues and provide peer-to-peer activities, workshops, training, or specialized on-site assistance.

### **Accelerated Project Delivery Methods**

#### **Construction Manager/General Contractor**

Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC) is an alternative project delivery method in which the owner places the responsibility for design review, design modifications, system integration, and construction with a single contractor. Typically, a CM/GC contract stipulates that the construction manager (CM) is responsible for costs over the guaranteed maximum price. It may consist of two separate contracts: pre-construction services and construction. In a typical CM/GC scenario, the owners of a project hire either a general contractor or design firm to serve as the CM. CM/GC allows State DOTs to remain active in the design process while assigning risks to the parties most able to mitigate them. CM/GC occupies the middle ground between design-bid-build and design-build.

Additional benefits include:

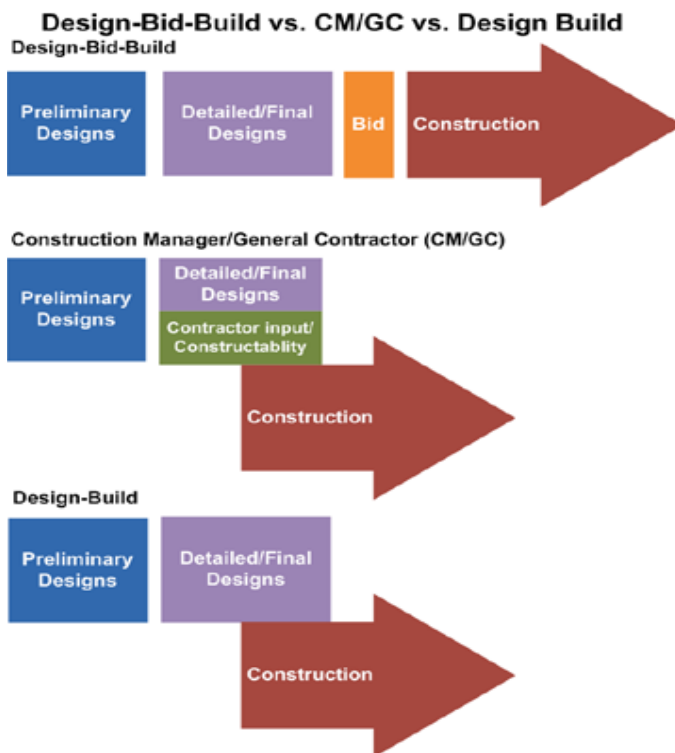
- Potential for lower project costs, primarily due to risk identification and allocation during early project develop-

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ment.

- Enhanced cost certainty at an earlier point in design than either design-build or design-bid-build, because of real time costing information inherent to method.
- Value engineering savings accrue to owner in CM/GC arrangement. Change orders, indicator of design quality, are also low.
- Enhanced ability to accelerate the project's delivery schedule due to activities that can occur concurrently.
- Increased partnership and team building fosters an environment where innovation can be nurtured, rewarded, and flourish.
- Owner has control over design details as a member of the design team.



## Design Build

Design-build (DB) is an alternate method of project delivery in which the design and construction phases of a project are combined into one contract, allowing for certain aspects of design and construction to run concurrently. This can provide significant time savings compared with the more traditional design-bid-build approach where the design and construction services must be undertaken in sequence. With DB project delivery, the design-builder assumes responsibility for the major-

ity of the design work and all construction activities, together with the risks associated with providing these services. This provides the DB with an increased flexibility to be innovative. Along with the increased flexibility, the design-builder also assumes greater responsibility and risk. The owners of the project usually retain responsibility for financing, operating and maintaining the project. Because both design and construction are performed under the same contract, claims for design errors or delays are significantly decreased and the potential for other types of claims are greatly reduced. From a State highway agency perspective, the potential time savings is a significant benefit.

The successful execution of a DB contract provides several benefits, including:

- Time savings through:
  - Early contractor involvement.
  - Elimination of a separate construction contractor bid phase.
- Cost savings from:
  - Reduced construction engineering and inspection costs to the contracting agency when these quality control activities and risks are transferred to the design-builder.
  - Fewer change and extra work orders.
- Improved quality through:
  - Greater focus on quality control and quality assurance through continuous involvement by design team throughout project development.
  - Project innovations uniquely fashioned by project needs and contractor capabilities.



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## Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Cindy McKim Director of Department of Transportation

*From the Office of the Governor*

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the appointment of Cindy McKim as director of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

“Cindy McKim is committed to improving our roads and infrastructure to meet the needs of future generations,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “With many years of experience with Caltrans, she understands the impact that our transportation system has on businesses and job creation. Cindy shares my desire to see California grow and change to meet the needs of an ever growing population.”



McKim has served at Caltrans since 1985, most recently as chief deputy director, a position she has held since 2009. Prior to that, she held the positions of chief financial officer from 2004 to 2009, accounting division chief from 2001 to 2004, supervising transportation planner from 1999 to 2001, acting director for the administrative service center in 1999, assistant director for the administrative service center from 1996 to 1999, deputy director for rail, transit and aeronautics from 1992 to 1996, chief for the division of rail from 1990 to 1992, chief for the division of mass transportation from 1988 to 1990 and assistant director for management and policy planning from 1985 to 1988.

“I am grateful for the opportunity to continue serving Caltrans and California,” said McKim. “The needs of our state are continuously changing, and I look forward to working with the Governor to make sure transportation and infrastructure improvements stay on track because they are vital to job creation and commerce.”

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Under the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Caltrans constructs, operates and maintains the state's highway and freeway lanes. The department also provides intercity rail passenger services under contract with Amtrak and assists local governments with the delivery of transportation projects, as well as other transportation-related activities. The director is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of California's state transportation system, including more than 50,000 lane miles of state highways stretching from Mexico to Oregon and from the Pacific Ocean to Nevada and Arizona.



# RECENT TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

**This information is provided expressly for educational purposes. The CA/NV TTAP hopes to inform and educate tribal communities about legislation that may impact California and Nevada tribal communities and their tribal transportation programs. The following legislation was current at the time of publication. Legislation may change or be repealed. For further information, please check the status of the legislation at the respective website sources noted below.**

## STATE LEGISLATION



## CALIFORNIA

(For more information, go to <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>)

**State Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Economic Recovery Pothole**  
Go to: <http://www.recovery.ca.gov/>

### Assembly Bill No. 35

Assembly Member Jefferies, introduced 7/16/09.  
Status: 7/17/09 from printer.

Existing law gives the Department of Transportation full possession and control of all state highways, describes the authorized routes in the state highway system and establishes a process for adoption of a highway on an authorized route by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), and authorizes the commission to relinquish state highway segments to local agencies that have been deleted from the state highway system by legislative enactment.

This bill would generally authorize the

CTC to relinquish any portion of a state highway within a county or city to that county or city, subject to an agreement between the department and the local agency, without requiring a legislative enactment deleting the state highway segment from the state highway system. The bill would also require the department to expeditiously consider and respond to each request it receives from a city or county relative to an agreement relating to the proposed relinquishment of a state highway segment within the jurisdiction making the request, and would require the department to recommend to the Legislature any revisions to the statutory descriptions of state highway routes occasioned by relinquishments approved by the CTC.

### Assembly Continuing Resolution No. 56

As amended Assembly Member Huffman.

Status: 8/25/09 Senate Committee on Governmental Organization.

This measure would call upon the Governor to refrain from negotiating a tribal-state gaming compact, with respect to specified gaming proposals on nontribal lands, until the land upon which the gaming will occur has been taken into trust for the tribe, the tribe has jurisdiction over the land, and the local jurisdiction and the local community in which the tribe's proposed gaming project would be located actually support the project.

### Assembly Bill No. 508

Assembly Member Torlakson, introduced 2/24/09.

Status: 2/2/10 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to rule 56.

This bill would require the DMV to collect an additional fee of \$10 for each provisional license application, create in the State Treasury the Young Driver Education and Safety Fund and would further require the additional fee to be deposited into that fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature,

support the Young Driver Education and Safety Fund Advisory Group and to fund automobile driver's education and training in the public schools, including providing grants to local educational agencies to provide driver education and training programs in the public schools, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Instruction in consultation with the Director of DMV. The bill would require the State Department of Education to establish a program to provide the grants to local educational agencies.

### Assembly Bill No. 672

Assembly Members Bass and Eng, introduced 2/25/09.

Status: 10/11/09 Referred to Committee on Appropriations. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, authorizes the issuance of \$19.925 billion of general obligation bonds for various transportation purposes. This bill would authorize a regional or local agency that is a lead agency for a project for which bond funding has been programmed, or to apply to the administrative agency for a letter of no prejudice that would make the regional or local agency eligible to be reimbursed from bond funds for expenditures of funds under its control for the project.

### Assembly Bill No. 726

Assembly Members Nielsen and Arambula, introduced 2/26/09.

Status: 7/7/09 Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

This bill would state that local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for transportation capital improvement funds pursuant to state transportation improvement programs (STIP) process.

### Assembly Bill No. 798

Assembly Member Nava, introduced 2/26/09.

Status: 10/11/09 Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations. Chap-

# RECENT TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION

tered by Secretary of State.

This bill would create the California Transportation Financing Authority with specified powers and duties relative to issuance of bonds to fund transportation projects backed by various revenue streams of transportation funds, and toll revenues, in order to increase the construction of new capacity or improvements for the state transportation system. The bill sets forth the requirements for a project sponsor to obtain bond funding from the authority, would allow the authority to approve the imposition and collection of tolls on a proposed project under certain conditions, and would require the authority to report to the California Transportation Commission annually beginning June 30, 2011.

## **Assembly Bill No. 970**

Assembly members Block and Bass, introduced 2/29/09.  
Status: 6/18/09 Senate referred to Committee on RLS.

This bill would encourage the State Board of Education and the Curriculum Development and Supplemental Materials Commission to ensure that the history-social science framework, evaluation criteria, and instructional materials include information about American Indians.

## **Assembly Bill No. 1220**

Assembly Member Huffmann, introduced 2/25/09.  
Status: 2/2/10 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to rule 56.

This bill would additionally require that the supervising licensed driver have held his or her license for at least a year.

This bill would require, on and after January 1, 2011, for a driver's license to be issued to a person at least 18 years of age but under 25 years of age, the person to complete 50 hours of supervised driving practice, not less than 10 of which is required to include driving during darkness. The bill would require the person to record and maintain a supervised driving log, provided by the department, in

the vehicle while the person is practicing.

## **Assembly Bill No. 1300**

Assembly Member Fletcher, introduced 2/27/09.  
Status: 7/06/09, Referred to Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Water.

This bill would authorize the department to develop and implement a fuels reduction program that provides competitive grants or other financial incentives to communities located in the wild land-urban interface or very high fire hazard severity zones to conduct fuels reduction efforts that minimize the risk or decrease the intensity of a wildfire in or around a community.

## **Assembly Bill No. 1464**

Assembly Member Smyth, introduced 2/27/09.  
Status: 10/11/09 Senate Committee on Appropriations. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

This bill would enact the California Bicycle Routes for State or Regional Significance Act, which would authorize the department to establish a process for identifying and promoting bicycle routes of national, state, or regional significance as specified.

## **Assembly Bill No. 1522**

Assembly Member V. Manuel Perez, introduced 2/27/09.  
Status: 2/2/10 Filed with the Chief Clerk pursuant to rule 56.

This bill would authorize a local authority in a rural area, to designate a school zone to include a state highway if the highway is within 1,000 feet of a school building or the grounds of a school building, including school grounds that are not separated from the highway by a fence, gate, or other physical barrier while the grounds are in use by children and the highway is posted with a school warning sign that indicates the

posted speed limit.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2098**

Assembly Member Miller, introduced 2/18/10.  
Status: 4/22/10 Referred to Committee on Transportation.

This bill would enact provisions to govern the expenditure of the 2nd round of federal transportation economic stimulus funds that maybe awarded to the state in 2010 pursuant to an unspecified federal act, subject to appropriation by the Legislature. The bill would provide for an unspecified division of the available funds between state and regional agencies. The bill would restrict allocation of the state portion of funds to projects in areas defined as economically distressed under federal law.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2124**

Assembly Member Villines, introduced 2/18/10.  
Status: 3/4/10 Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation has full ownership and control of all state highways and associated property.

This bill would require the department, with respect to state highway maintenance activity or a state highway construction project undertaken by the department, to be responsible for any damage inflicted on any public highway under the jurisdiction of a local agency from activities associated with the maintenance activity or construction project by the department's own forces or by contractors of the department.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2147**

Assembly Member Perez, introduced 2/18/10.  
Status: 3/4/10 Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, in consulta-

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tion with the California Highway Patrol, to establish and administer a "Safe Routes to School" construction program and to use federal transportation funds for construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming projects. Existing law requires the department to make grants available to local agencies under the program through a competitive grant process that considers various factors in rating the proposals. This bill would additionally require, in rating a proposal, the consideration of the proposal's benefit to a disadvantaged community.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2324**

Assembly Member Perez, introduced 2/19/10.

Status: 6/20/20 referred to Senate Committee on Public Safety

Existing law prohibits a person from knowingly possessing specified weapons and other items within any sterile area of an airport or passenger vessel terminal, except as specified. This bill would make it a misdemeanor, punishable as specified, for any person to knowingly possess at a public transit vehicle facility specified weapons, if a notice is posted at the facility. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2499**

Assembly Member Portantino, introduced 2/19/10.

Status: 6//16/10 referred to Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

Existing law authorizes a court, in lieu of adjudicating a traffic offense committed by a person who holds a specified class of driver's license, to order or permit a person to attend a licensed traffic violator school, licensed driving school, or other court-approved program of driving instruction. Existing law also permits a court to order a continuance against a person who receives a notice to appear in

court for a violation of a statute relating to the safe operation of a vehicle, in consideration for attendance at a licensed school for traffic violators, a licensed driving school, or any other court-approved program of driving instruction, and after that attendance, to dismiss the complaint, as specified.

This bill would revise these provisions and, instead, would authorize the court, after a deposit of bail and bail forfeiture, a plea of guilty or no contest, or a conviction, to order a continuance of the proceeding against a person who receives a notice to appear in court for a violation of a statute relating to safe operation of a vehicle, in consideration for attendance at a licensed school for traffic violators and order that the conviction be held confidential. The bill would prohibit the record of certain convictions from being confidential under these provisions.

The bill would also require that no violation point count be assessed if the record of conviction is confidential, unless other specified conditions apply.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2520**

Assembly Member Solorio, introduced 2/19/10.

Status: 3/18/10 Referred to Committee on Transportation.

Existing law designates an administrative agency that is responsible for programming these bond funds for the various categories of projects funded by the act. Existing law authorizes a regional or local agency that is a lead agency for a project to be funded under the act to apply to the administrative agency for a letter of no prejudice that permits the applicant to spend its own resources on the project and then to be reimbursed at a later date when bond funds become available, subject to various requirements and conditions.

This bill would enact similar provisions applicable to regional or local agencies relative to projects to be

funded by the Clean Air and Transportation Improvement Act of 1990.

## **Assembly Bill No. 2703**

Assembly Member Perez, introduced 2/20/10.

Status: 6/3/10 referred to Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

Existing law establishes special procedures and formulas for allocation and expenditure of federal transportation economic stimulus funds awarded to the state in 2009. Under these provisions, the Department of Transportation, with the approval of the Department of Finance, may make a loan or loans from a specified portion of those federal funds for the purpose of advancing projects meeting certain criteria that otherwise would be funded from the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006, a general obligation bond measure approved by the voters in November 2006 as Proposition 1B.

This bill would provide similar authority to advance those projects with loans of federal funds awarded to the state in 2010 under the 2nd round of federal transportation economic stimulus funds. In order to be eligible for an advance, a project would need to have been programmed for Proposition 1B bond funds by an unspecified date *May 1, 2010*, and be ready to be awarded within 90 days of federal apportionment. Upon repayment of the loans, these funds would be available for appropriation by the Legislature for the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

## **Assembly Constitutional Amendment No. 15**

Assembly Member Arambula, introduced 3/10/09.

Status: 6/22/10 inactive file.

The California Constitution conditions the imposition of a special tax by a city, county, or special district upon the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city, county, or special district voting on that tax, except that certain school entities may

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levy an ad valorem property tax for specified purposes with the approval of 55% of the voters within the jurisdiction of these entities. This measure would alternatively condition the imposition, extension, or increase of a special tax by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation projects upon the approval of 55% of its voters voting on the proposition. The measure would also make conforming and technical, nonsubstantive changes.

## **Senate Bill No. 240**

Senator Wright, introduced 2/24/09.  
Status: 10/11/09 Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

Existing law until January 1, 2010, requires a person driving a vehicle on a freeway approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying emergency lights or a stationary tow truck that is displaying flashing amber warning lights, to approach with due caution, and before passing in the lane immediately adjacent to the stationary vehicle, absent other direction by a peace officer, to move into an available lane that is not immediately adjacent to the stationary vehicle or if that lane change would be unsafe or impracticable, to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed. Violation of the requirements is an infraction.

This bill would extend this provision indefinitely. The bill, except as specified, would also apply these requirements to a person driving a vehicle on a freeway that approaches a stationary marked Department of Transportation vehicle displaying flashing amber warning lights. By extending indefinitely, and expanding the scope of, an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

## **Senate Bill No. SBX3**

Senator Ducheny, introduced 1/05/09.  
Status: 2./20/09 Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

Existing law, pursuant to Proposition 116 of 1990, creates the Public Transportation Account as a trust fund in the State Transportation Fund, provides that revenues are to be deposited in the account from specified portions of the sales taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, and provides that moneys in the account are available for expenditure only for transportation planning and mass transportation purposes. Existing law specifies various transportation programs that are eligible to receive funds.

This bill, for the 2009-10 to 2012-13 fiscal years, would suspend the State Transit Assistance program as an eligible recipient of Public Transportation Account funds, and would provide that certain revenues in the account shall be available only for other specified transportation planning and mass transportation programs. The bill would also revise the authorized uses of Public Transportation Account funds to include regional center transportation and home-to-school transportation.

## **Senate Bill No. SBX8 36**

Senator Lowenthal & Correa, introduced 2/5/10.  
Status: 3/11/10 in Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

Existing law generally provides for programming and allocation of state and federal transportation capital improvement program funds pursuant to the state transportation improvement program process administered by the California Transportation Commission. Under these provisions, 25% of available funds are available for interregional improvement projects nominated by the Department of Transportation, subject to a requirement that 60% of these funds be available for projects in nonurbanized areas on the interregional road system and for intercity rail projects. The remaining 75% of available funds are available for regional improvement projects nominated by regional agencies. All funds programmed through the state

transportation improvement program process are subject to the north-south split, and the regional improvement funds are further subject to the county shares formula.

Existing law establishes special procedures and formulas for allocation and expenditure of federal transportation economic stimulus funds received by the state in 2009.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to work with local transportation agencies to develop a list of potential projects that may be awarded within a 90-day period of the award to the state of 2nd round federal transportation economic stimulus funds. The bill would require the department to submit a monthly status report to the Legislature, as specified, with respect to certain milestones for expenditure of these funds.

## **Senate Bill No. 358**

Senator Ducheny, introduced 2/25/09.  
Status: 2/1/10 Returned to the Secretary of the Senate per Joint Rule 56.

This bill would require the secretary to establish the Native American Business Revolving Loan and Guarantee Program for the purpose of providing nongaming business loans and loan guarantees to qualified Indian tribes, as defined.

## **Senate Bill No. 607**

Senator Ducheny, introduced 2/25/09.  
Status: 8/6/09 Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Imperial County Transportation Commission. The governing board may include one member representing any federally recognized Native American Tribe in Imperial County as a non-voting member.

## **Senate Bill No. 675**

Senator Steinberg, introduced 2/27/09.  
Status: 2/11/10 Referred to Committee on Education.

This bill would enact the Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Act of 2010 and would create the Clean Technology and Renewable

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Energy Job Training, Career Technical Education, and Dropout Prevention Fund (fund) in the State Treasury. The bill would provide that the moneys in the fund would be available in the form of competitive grants that would be administered by the State Allocation Board and awarded to qualifying entities for the purposes of the construction of new facilities or the reconfiguration of existing facilities to enhance the educational opportunities for program participants to provide them with the skills and knowledge necessary for careers directly related to clean technology, renewable energy, or energy efficiency that may also contribute to California's goal in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

## **Senate Bill No. 716**

Senator Wolk, introduced 2/27/09. Status: 10/11/09 Read second time and amended to Committee on Appropriations. Chaptered by Secretary of State.

Existing law requires that 1/4% of the local sales and use tax be transferred to the local transportation fund of the county and be allocated for transportation purposes. Existing law specifies the allowable uses for local transportation funds, and generally requires these funds to be used for transit purposes in urban counties, while in counties with a population under 500,000 as of the 1970 census and certain other counties, these funds may also be used for local streets and roads.

This bill would instead authorize those local transportation funds to be used for local streets and roads in those circumstances and for those other specified purposes in counties with a population under 500,000 as of the 2000 census, and each decennial census thereafter, and in certain other counties. The bill, in those counties where local transportation funds may be allocated to local streets and roads, would also authorize use of those funds for specified farm worker van-

pool purposes upon a finding by the transportation planning agency that there are no unmet transit needs or no unmet transit needs that are reasonable.

## **Senate Bill No. 734**

Senator Lowenthal, introduced 2/27/09. Status: 10/11/09 Chaptered by the Secretary of State.

Existing law provides that every person riding a bicycle upon a highway has all the rights applicable to the driver of a vehicle and is subject to specified provisions in the Vehicle Code, including the rules of the road and specified equipment requirements. Existing law also does not prohibit the operation of bicycles on any shoulder of a highway. This bill would define a "bicycle path crossing" as either that portion of a roadway included within the prolongation or connection of the boundary lines of a bike path, as defined, at intersections where the intersecting roadways meet at approximately right angles or as any portion of a roadway distinctly indicated for bicycle crossing by lines or other markings on the surface, except as specified. This bill would also permit the operation of bicycles on any sidewalk, on any bicycle path within a highway, or along any crosswalk or bicycle path crossing.

## **Senate Bill No. 964**

Senator Alquist, introduced 2/5/10. Status: 3/26/10 Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

This bill would require the authority to contract with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office to develop a labor market assessment of the workforce and identify the education and skills needed for high-speed rail, and to develop a comprehensive workforce training and certification program or programs to facilitate the availability of that workforce. The bill would require the authority and the chancellor's office to form a Jobs Advisory Task Force, as specified, to advise the authority and the chancellor's office on the establishment and operation

of training and certification programs required to produce an adequate skilled workforce for this project. The bill would require the labor market assessment to be incorporated into the authority's biennial revised business plan.

## **Senate Bill No. 1299**

Senator Lowenthal, introduced 2/19/10. Status: 3/4/10 Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

This bill would require the Department of Motor Vehicles to develop and implement, by January 1, 2012, a pilot program designed to issues related to implementing a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee in California.

## **Senate Bill No. 1371**

Senator Lowenthal, introduced 2/19/10. Status: 3/4/10 Senate Committee on transportation and Housing.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to work with local transportation agencies to develop a list of potential projects that may be awarded within a 90-day period of the award to the state of 2nd round federal transportation economic stimulus funds. The bill would require the department to submit a monthly status report to the Legislature with respect to certain milestones for expenditure of these funds.

## **Senate Bill No. 1475**

Senator Simitian, introduced 2/19/10. Status: 3/19/10 Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing.

This bill would require the DMV to include a test of the applicant's understanding of the distractions and dangers of handheld cell phone use and text messaging while operating a motor vehicle. Existing law establishes that specified convictions and violations under the Vehicle Code and traffic-related incidents count as points against a driver's record for purposes of the suspension or revocation of the privilege to drive. Under existing law, it is an infraction for any person to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless that telephone is designed

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and configured to allow hands-free listening and talking operation, and is used in that manner while driving. A person under 18 years of age is prohibited from driving a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, even if equipped with a hands-free device, or while using a mobile service device. Under existing law, a person is also prohibited from driving a motor vehicle while using an electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication.



## NEVADA LEGISLATION

**The Nevada Legislature meets every two years. The 76th Session is scheduled to begin on February 7, 2011.**

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### **State Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Nevada's Federal Stimulus Funds Website Go to:

<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/75th2009/federalstimulus/>



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### **House Continuing Resolution No.74**

Sponsor: Rep Wexler [FL19], introduced 3/16/09.

Status: 9/24/09 Referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Supports the goals of a decade of action for road safety with a global target to reduce by 50% the predicted increase in global road deaths between 2010 and 2020.

### **House Resolution No. 140**

Sponsor: Rep Gallegly [CA24], introduced 1/06/09.

Status: 1/06/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to withhold specified graduated percentages of a state's apportionment of certain federal-aid highways funds for FY2010 and thereafter if driver licenses or personal identification cards issued by the state do not meet with certain minimum federal standards .

### **House Resolution No. 259**

Sponsor: Rep Jackson-lee [TX18], introduced 1/07/09.

Status: Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Michael Jon Newkirk Transportation Safety Enhancement Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to withhold a graduated percentage of federal-aid highway funds of states for FY2012 and thereafter that do not enact or enforce a law that requires the annual inspection of registered motor vehicles so that they meet or exceed state motor vehicle standards (including the operability of vehicle seatbelts and speedometers).

### **House Resolution No. 687**

Sponsor: Rep Foxx [NC5], introduced 1/27/09.

Status: 1/27/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Highway Trust Fund Reform Act of 2009 - Repeals the Davis-Bacon Act (which requires that the locally prevailing wage rate be paid to laborers and mechanics working on federal-aid highway construction projects and public transportation construction projects).

### **House Resolution No. 737**

Sponsor: Rep Hoekstra [MI2], introduced 1/29/09.

Status: Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

State Temporary Economic Priority (STEP) Act - Authorizes states to transfer or consolidate funds made available to them under certain federal transportation, education, and job training programs: (1) beginning with the calendar quarter after the United States experiences economic growth at an annual rate of less than 1% for two consecutive calendar quarters; and (2) continuing until 18 months after it experiences economic growth at an annual rate of 1% or more for two consecutive calendar quarters.

### **House Resolution No. 1028**

Sponsor: Rep Roybal-Allred [CA34], introduced 2/12/09.

Status: 2/12/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce.

Support 21 Act of 2009 - Requires the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, to establish a program under which at least two campaigns in support of enforcement of the minimum legal drinking age will be implemented per year 2010-2014 to: (1) educate the public about the public health and safety benefits and basis for age-21 minimum legal drinking age laws; and (2) build public and parental support for, and cooperation with, enforcement of such laws.

### **House Resolution No. 1071**

Sponsor: Rep Thompson [PA5], introduced 2/1/09.

Status: 2/14/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Keeping America's Freeways Free Act - Prohibits, with a specified exception, the imposition or collection of a toll on any portion of a federal highway facility: (1) that is in existence upon enactment of this Act; and (2) on which no

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toll is imposed or collected under a tolling provision on such enactment.

## **House Resolution No. 1333**

Sponsor: Rep Grijavla [AZ7], introduced 3/05/09.

Status: 10/01/09 Read twice and referred Judiciary Committee.

Amends the federal criminal code to extend the exemption from prohibitions on the transportation, shipment, receipt, or importation of explosive materials to federally-recognized Indian tribes or agencies of such tribes.

## **House Resolution No. 1395**

Sponsor: Rep Kline [MN2], introduced 3/09/09.

Status: 4/29/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2009 - Amends the National Labor Relations Act to provide that any enterprise or institution owned and operated by an Indian tribe and located on its Indian lands is not considered an employer for purposes of such Act.

## **House Resolution No. 1443**

Sponsor: Rep Matsui [CA5], introduced 3/11/09.

Status: 2/12/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Complete Streets Act of 2009 - Requires each state to have in effect within two years a law, or each state department of transportation and metropolitan planning organization (MPO) an explicit policy statement, that requires all federally-funded transportation projects, with certain exceptions, to accommodate the safety and convenience of all users in accordance with certain complete streets principles.

Defines "complete streets principles" as federal, state, local, or regional level transportation laws, policies, or principles which ensure that the safety and convenience of all users of a transportation system, including

pedestrians, bicyclists, public transit users, children, older individuals, motorists, and individuals with disabilities, are accommodated in all phases of project planning and development.

## **House Resolution No. 1607**

Sponsor: Rep Faleomavaega [AS], introduced 3/19/09.

Status: 3/19/09 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

Indian Development Finance Corporation Act - Establishes the Indian Development Finance Corporation to provide development capital for new and existing Indian businesses and to strengthen tribal economies.

Authorizes the Corporation to make loans to or purchase, insure, or discount obligations of Indian businesses if they meet specified financial conditions.

Directs the Corporation to provide the credit needed by Indian businesses at the lowest reasonable cost.

Authorizes the Corporation to guarantee all or any part of the principal and interest of any loan made to an Indian business by a state or federally chartered lending institution, provided the loan was made on terms permissible for Corporation loans.

Authorizes the Corporation to purchase all or any part of the ownership interest in an Indian business and to supervise or participate in the management of such business.

## **House Resolution No. 1682**

Sponsor: Rep Coanway [TX11], introduced 3/24/09.

Status: 3/25/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Bridge Life Extension Act of 2009 - Requires a state, as a condition of receiving federal-aid highway funding, to develop and implement a highway bridge management system that meets certain requirements.

Requires a state, in developing and implementing such a system, to: (1) identify corrosion mitigation and prevention methods to preserve its high-

way bridges; (2) establish a project maintenance program to extend the life of such bridges; (3) ensure that all highway bridge designers, inspectors, and maintenance workers implementing the system are trained and certified in corrosion mitigation and prevention techniques; and (4) research current inspection technologies and techniques for highway bridges.

## **House Resolution No. 1697**

Sponsor: Rep Pallone [NJ6], introduced 3/24/09.

Status: 3/30/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight.

Tribal Government Homeland Security Coordination and Integration Act - Establishes the Office of Tribal Government Homeland Security (Office) within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Prescribes the Secretary's and the Director's duties of coordination, infrastructure and equipment readiness, training, and inclusion of Indian tribes in homeland security preparedness.

Requires the Secretary to treat Indian tribes as states, as appropriate, for the purpose of homeland security. Authorizes the Secretary to delegate to Indian tribes primary responsibility for homeland security activities within their respective jurisdictions. Requires the Secretary to integrate the roles of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services with regard to homeland security.

Requires the Secretary to provide assistance to enhance information technology capabilities of tribes and ensure the participation of Indian tribes in the coordination with governments and the private sector as related to homeland security activities.

Makes Indian tribes eligible to apply for, receive, direct, and supervise any homeland security-related federal grant program.

Authorizes the Secretary to award grants to Indian tribes for specified homeland security purposes.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) provide Indian tribes with technical assistance in developing, implementing, and manag-



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ing emergency response plans; (2) ensure that DHS expertise and legal, financial, or technical assistance programs are made available to Indian tribes; and (3) facilitate cooperation with the heads of appropriate federal agencies working on homeland security initiatives.

## **House Resolution No. 1834**

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick [AZ1], introduced 4/01/09.

Status: 11/20/09 Received in the Senate, read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Native American Business Development Enhancement Act of 2009 - Amends the Small Business Administration (SBA) the Office of Native American Affairs, administered by a new SBA Associate Administrator, to increase Native American entrepreneurship. Authorizes appropriations.

Authorizes the SBA's Administrator (acting through the Associate Administrator) to: (1) operate a Tribal Business Information Centers program that provides Native American populations with business training and entrepreneurial development assistance; (2) designate entities as Centers; (3) contribute agency personnel and resources to the centers; and (4) make grants to the centers. Authorizes appropriations.

Allows any eligible Center to apply for an additional grant to assist with outreach, development, and enhancement on Indian lands of small business startups and expansions owned by Indian tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. Requires, to be eligible, that the Center be in a state in which the combined Indian Tribe members, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians make up at least one percent of the state's total population. Authorizes appropriations.

## **House Resolution No. 1895**

Sponsor: Rep Bishop [NY1], introduced 4/03/09.

Status: 4/03/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Safe Teen and Novice Driver Uniform Protection Act of 2009 or the STANDUP Act - Authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to award incentive grants to states with graduated driver licensing laws that include, for novice drivers under age 21, a two-stage licensing process before the grant of an unrestricted driver's license.

Requires such laws, at a minimum, to include: (1) a learner's permit stage that commences at age 16 or older, lasts at least six months, prohibits the use of a cellular phone or other communications device in non-emergency situations, prohibits nighttime driving, and is in effect until commencement of the intermediate stage or when the driver attains age 18 or older; (2) an intermediate stage in effect until the driver attains age 18 or older that commences after expiration of the learner's permit stage, lasts at least six months, prohibits more than one non-familial passenger under age of 21 if there is no licensed driver age 21 or older present in the vehicle, prohibits nighttime driving, and prohibits the use of a cellular phone or other communications device in non-emergency situations; and (3) any other requirement that the Secretary may require.

Directs the Secretary to withhold a certain percentage of federal-aid highway funds from states that do not comply with the requirements of this Act.

## **House Resolution No. 2104**

Sponsor Rep Filner [CA51], introduced 4/28/09.

Status: 4/28/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Safety, Efficiency, and Accountability in Transportation Projects Through Public Inspection Act of 2009 - Requires public employees to perform construction inspections on all surface transportation projects receiving federal funding.

## **House Resolution No. 2125**

Sponsor: Rep Rahall [WV3], intro-

duced 4/28/09.

Status: 4/28/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Surface Transportation Safety Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain federal regulations to: (1) allow fire services personnel to wear high visibility apparel meeting certain requirements; and (2) ensure that positive protective measures (including temporary longitudinal traffic barriers) are used to separate workers on highway construction projects from motorized traffic.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to revise the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to include a standard for a minimum level of retro reflectivity that must be maintained for pavement markings, which shall apply to all roads open to public travel, and other provisions for state DOTs.

## **House Resolution No. 2144**

Sponsor: Flake [AZ6], introduced 4/28/09.

Status: 4/29/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Highway Fairness and Reform Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation, beginning with FY2011, to carry out a direct federal-aid highway program to permit a state governor or chief executive officer, at least 90 days before the beginning of a fiscal year, to elect to: (1) waive the state's right to receive apportioned or allocated funds under the federal-aid highway program; and (2) receive instead a prorated amount of the taxes appropriated to the Highway Trust Fund (other than from the Mass Transit Account) which are attributable to highway users in the state. Requires a pro rata reduction of such tax-equivalent amount in order to fund contract authority for programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

## **House Resolution No. 2232**

Sponsor: Rep Capuanjo [MA8], intro-

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duced 5/04/09.

Status: 5/05/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish: (1) a national highway tunnel inspection program, including standards for the proper safety inspection and evaluation of all highway tunnels; (2) a training and certification program for highway tunnel inspectors; and (3) a national inventory of highway tunnels. Includes tunnel construction, rehabilitation, and operational improvements (including safety inspection of such tunnels) as eligible projects under the federal surface transportation program.

## **House Resolution No. 2497**

Sponsor Rep Nadler [NY8], introduced 5/19/09.

Status: 5/20/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Transportation Job Corps Act of 2009 - Requires the Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to establish: (1) a National Joint Workforce Development Council; and (2) regional workforce development councils and governing boards in each of its 10 regions. Replaces the current discretionary grant and contract programs addressing human resource needs as they apply to public transportation activities.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator, to establish programs for the award of grants to: (1) nonprofit organizations and educational institutions to introduce disconnected youth (ages 16 through 24 who are out of school and unemployed) to careers in the transit industry by providing them with basic skills education and pre-apprenticeship skills; (2) partnerships of transit agencies and unions representing non-managerial employees (partnerships), as well as providers of management and technical programs for managerial employees, to develop education programs improve job

skills of transit employees and to provide education and training to assist individuals to enter the transit profession; and (3) the same or similar partnerships to develop special projects to increase education opportunities for disadvantaged transit industry individuals, including racial and ethnic minorities underrepresented in transit management, by providing student scholarships, pre-entry preparation, and retention activities.

## **House Resolution No. 2724**

Sponsor: Rep Holt [NJ12], introduced 6/04/09.

Status: 6/05/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

National Transportation Objectives Act of 2009 - Establishes: (1) national transportation objectives to provide a 21st century vision for the national surface transportation system, including to promote energy efficiency and achieve energy security, ensure environmental protection and safety for all transportation users, improve economic competitiveness and transportation system conditions, and provide equal access to transportation in urban, suburban, and rural communities; and (2) national transportation performance targets to meet such objectives, including to reduce per capita vehicle miles traveled by 16% and transportation-generated carbon dioxide levels by 40%, triple walking, biking, and public transportation use, increase freight transportation provided by railroad and intermodal services by 20%, and improve public safety and lower congestion costs by reducing traffic crashes by 50%.

## **House Resolution No. 2973**

Sponsor: Rep Campbell [CA48], introduced 6/19/09.

Status: 6/19/09 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

Requires the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to notify certain local govern-

ments: (1) within 60 days after a petition is filed requesting that a tribe be recognized, acknowledged, or reacknowledged as a federally recognized Indian tribe; (2) within 30 days after enactment of this Act regarding pending petitions; and (3) 90 days before a decision on a petition is announced.

Prohibits Secretary from taking land into trust for the benefit of an Indian tribe or member thereof unless an Act enacted after this Act specifically instructs the Secretary to do so.

Amends the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to make the Act inapplicable to an Indian tribe or to Indian lands of an Indian tribe until that tribe has been a federally recognized Indian tribe for at least 25 continuous years, except for tribes that were federally recognized before enactment of this Act.

## **House Resolution No. 3094**

Sponsor: Rep Edwards [MD4], introduced 6/26/09.

Status: 6/26/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Education and Labor.

Alexander L. Booker Child Protection Construction Site Safety Act - Directs the Secretary of Labor, in order to increase worker safety and protect child trespassers from unforeseen dangers on construction sites, to revise regulations under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to require: (1) signs and symbols be prominently displayed to warn adults and children of danger or a hazard at construction sites (even during non-working hours); (2) all equipment left unattended at night near a highway, construction areas, or schools or other areas where children are known to congregate to have sufficiently visible barricades to prevent access to such equipment as well as to require the equipment's parking brakes to be set when not in use and be equipped with devices that set off an alarm when tampered with or broken; and (3) all motorized vehicles to be equipped with safety lock systems, including latches or other devices to prevent accidental starting.

## **House Resolution No. 3355**

Sponsor: Rep Altimire [PA4], introduced

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7/27/09.

Status: 7/28/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Older Driver and Pedestrian Safety and Roadway Enhancement Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to implement a roadway safety enhancement program for older drivers and pedestrians to: (1) improve roadway safety infrastructure in states that is consistent with recommendations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the "Highway Design Handbook for Older Drivers and Pedestrians"; and (2) achieve significant reductions in roadway fatalities and serious injuries among drivers and pedestrians 65 years old or older on all public roads.

## **House Resolution No. 3461**

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer [OR3], Introduced 7/31/09.

Status: 8/3/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Orphan Highway Restoration Act - Defines "orphan highway" to mean a highway that: (1) formerly was a U.S. numbered highway; (2) no longer is a principal route for traffic passing through a state; and (3) because of decreased importance to statewide transportation, has received only routine maintenance but needs significant restoration.

Directs the Secretary of Transportation to: (1) make grants and provide technical assistance to states and local government units to restore orphan highways; and (2) allocate funds to grant recipients for FY2010-FY2015 based on a calculated formula.

## **House Resolution No. 3535**

Sponsor Rep McCarthy [NY4], introduced 9/08/09.

Status: 9/09/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Avoiding Life-Endangering and Reckless Texting by Drivers Act of 2009 or the ALERT Drivers Act - Requires the Secretary of Transportation to with-

hold 25% of a state's apportionment of certain federal-aid highway program funds for the fiscal year if the state has not enacted or is not enforcing a law that: (1) prohibits, except in an emergency, an operator of a motor vehicle from writing, sending, or reading a text message using a hand-held mobile telephone (excluding a vehicle-integrated, voice-activated device); and (2) requires, upon conviction of a violation of such prohibition, the imposition of certain minimum penalties.

## **House Resolution No. 3645**

Sponsor: Rep Kirkpatrick [AZ1], introduced 9/24/09.

Status: 9/25/09: Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Indian School Bus Route Safety Reauthorization Act of 2009 - Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to authorize appropriations for FY2010-FY2015 for allocations to states for Indian reservation roads.

## **House Resolution No. 3690**

Sponsor: Rep Faleomavaega [AS], introduced 10/01/09.

Status: 10/01/09 Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

Indian Tribal Federal Recognition Administrative Procedures Act - Establishes the Commission on Recognition of Indian Tribes. Sets forth procedures for an Indian group to submit letters of intent and a petition to the Commission requesting federal recognition as an Indian tribe (effectively transferring the federal recognition process from the Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA] to the Commission).

## **House Resolution No. 3994**

Sponsor Rep Engel [NY17], introduced 11/03/09.

Status: 11/04/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Distracted Driving Prevention Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to states that enact laws that prohibit, with certain

exceptions, and establish fines for texting and/or handheld cell phone use while driving.

## **House Resolution No. 4021**

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer [OR3], introduced 11/5/09.

Status: 11/05/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Safe Routes to High Schools Act - Amends the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to include high school students as beneficiaries of the safe routes to school program. (Currently, the program provides funding to states for projects that encourage, and enhance the ability of, primary and secondary school students to walk or bike to school safely.)

## **House Resolution No. 4104**

Sponsor: Rep Ellsworth [IN8], introduced 11/18/09.

Status: 11/19/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Emergency Responders Highway Safety Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a highway emergency responders safety grant program.

## **House Resolution No. 4153**

Sponsor: Rep Platts [PA19], introduced 11/19/09.

Status: 11/20/09 Referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to withhold specified graduated percentages of a state's apportionment of certain federal-aid highway program funds for FY2012-FY2015, and thereafter, if the state has not enacted or is not enforcing a law that prohibits, with specified exceptions, a person from using a wireless communications device to compose, read, or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle that is in motion or part of traffic.

## **House Resolution No. 4290**

Sponsor: Rep Hare [L17], introduced 12/11/09.

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Status: 3/1/10 referred to Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

Directs: (1) the Attorney General to award grants to state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program to hire, rehire, continue to employ, and prevent furloughs of police officers; (2) the Secretary of DHS, through the Administrator of the United States Fire Administration, to award grants through the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program to hire, rehire, continue to employ, and prevent furloughs of firefighters; (3) the Secretary of Commerce to award grants to states, cities or other political subdivisions or a consortium of such subdivisions, or Indian tribes, to assist in maintaining basic government services; and (4) the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to fund specific public works projects in national parks and through the National Forest Service, respectively.

## **House Resolution No. 4318**

Sponsor: Rep Kaptur [OH9], introduced 12/15/09.

Status: 2/23/10 referred to Subcommittee on Workforce Protection.

1st Century Civilian Conservation Corps Act - Authorizes the President, in order to relieve widespread unemployment, restore depleted natural resources in the United States, and advance public works programs, to establish a Civilian Conservation Corps to employ unemployed or underemployed U.S. citizens in the construction, maintenance, and carrying on of works of a public nature, such as forestation of U.S. and state lands, prevention of forest fires, floods, and soil erosion, and construction and repair of National Park System paths and trails.

## **House Resolution No. 4643**

Sponsor: Oberstar [MN8], introduced 2/22/10.

Status: 2/22/10 Referred to Committee

on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2010 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a federal public transportation safety program to improve the safety of, and reduce the number of accidents involving, rail fixed guide way public transportation systems and public transportation bus systems that receive federal assistance.

## **House Resolution No. 4722**

Sponsor: Rep Blumenauer [OR3], introduced 3/02/10.

Status: 3/02/10 Referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out an active transportation investment program to encourage a mode shift to active transportation within selected communities by providing safe and convenient options to bicycle and walk for routine travel.

## **House Resolution No. 4890 and 4891**

Sponsor: Rep Vernon [MI3], introduced 3/19/10.

Status: 3/20/10 referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Research of Alcohol Detection Systems for Stopping Alcohol-related Fatalities Everywhere Act of 2010 or the ROADS SAFE Act of 2010 - Directs the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to carry out a collaborative research effort to continue to explore, and report to specified congressional committees on, the feasibility and the potential benefits of, and the public policy challenges associated with, more widespread deployment of in-vehicle technology to prevent alcohol-impaired driving.

## **House Resolution No. 4891**

Sponsor: Rep Ehlers [MI3], introduced 3/19/10.

Status: 3/20/10 referred to Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Drunk Driving Repeat Offender Prevention Act of 2010 - Directs the Sec-

retary of Transportation to withhold specified graduated percentages of a state's apportionment of certain federal-aid highway funds for FY2013-FY2015 if the state has not enacted and is not enforcing a law requiring the installation of an ignition interlock device for a minimum of 180 days on each motor vehicle operated by an individual convicted of driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence.

## **House Resolution No. 4987**

Sponsor: Rep Schock [IL18], introduced 3/25/10.

Status: 3/25/10 referred to Committee on Appropriations.

Reclaiming Our American Dollars Act - Requires the transfer to the Highway Trust Fund of unobligated balances of the discretionary appropriations (stimulus funds) made available by division A of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5), except specified appropriations for: (1) the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers-Civil; or (2) the Department of Transportation (DOT).

## **House Resolution No. 5101**

Sponsor: Rep Rush [NJ12], introduced 4/21/10.

Status: 4/26/10 referred to Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands.

Wildlife Corridors Conservation Act of 2010 - Establishes a National Fish and Wildlife Habitat and Corridors Information Program for the purposes of: (1) supporting states and Indian tribes in the development of a geographic information system database of fish and wildlife habitat and corridors that would inform planning and development decisions; and (2) facilitating the use of such databases, including the Habitat and Corridors Information System, by federal, state, local, and tribal decisionmakers to incorporate qualitative and quantitative information on such habitat and corridors at the earliest possible stage.

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## **House Resolution No. 5169**

Sponsor: Rep Green [TX29], introduced 4/28/10.

Status: 4/28/10 referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Event Data Recorder Enhancement Act - Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to modify certain federal motor vehicle safety standards to require that passenger automobiles (except trailers) be equipped with: (1) an event data recorder (EDR) meeting certain requirements; and (2) a standardized port for accessing and retrieving data stored in any EDR regardless of the manufacturer or model of the motor vehicle.

## **House Resolution No. 5282**

Sponsor: Rep Barrow [GA12], introduced 5/12/10.

Status: 5/13/10 referred to Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.

The Army Corps of Engineers and other Federal agencies are required to preserve and catalogue artifacts and other items of national historical significance that are uncovered during the course of their work. Uncatalogued artifacts within the care of Federal agencies are stored in hundreds of repositories and museums across the country. In October of 2009, the Army Corps of Engineers, Center of Expertise for Curation and Management of Archeological Collections, used \$3,500,000 in temporary funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to begin the Veterans' Curation Program to employ and train Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in archaeological processing.

## **House Resolution No. 5345**

Sponsor: Rep Speier [CA12], introduced 5/19/10.

Status: 5/19/10 referred to Committee on Energy and Commerce.

To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate rules requiring that

motor vehicles of model year 2012 or later be equipped with event data recorders compatible with a universal data retrieval method and that the data in event data recorders on motor vehicles prior to model year 2012 be readable by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and for other purposes.

## **House Resolution No. 5418**

Sponsor: Rep McMahon [NY13], introduced 5/26/10.

Status: 5/26/10 referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

General Authority- The Secretary of Transportation may make grants to States and designated recipients that receive funding under chapter 53, United States Code, for the operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation.

## **House Resolution No. 5452**

Sponsor: Rep. Young [AK], introduced 5/27/10.

Status: 5/27/10 referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

The purpose of this Act is to authorize and establish a Native American Economic Advisory Council to consult, coordinate with, and make recommendations to the Executive Office of the President, Cabinet officers, and Federal agencies.

## **Senate Bill No. 308**

Sponsor: Sen Baucus [MT], introduced 1/22/09.

Status: 1/22/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Rural Opportunity and Development Act or the ROAD Act - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a rural opportunity and development (ROAD) program to promote opportunity and economic development in rural states through projects for the preservation and improvement of highways.

## **Senate Bill No. 309**

Sponsor: Sen Baucus [MT], introduced 1/22/09.

Status: 1/22/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Nationwide Freight and Personal Mobility Act - Specifies a formula for the automatic authorization of additional appropriations for National Highway System (NHS) improvement projects, starting FY2010, if apportionments fall below a certain level.

Revises the federal share of non-Interstate highway projects to make it: (1) 80% for non-NHS projects; and (2) 85% for NHS projects.

## **Senate Bill No. 323**

Sponsor Sen Conrad [ND], introduced 1/26/09.

Status: 1/26/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Finance.

Directs the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer funds for: (1) electrification loans and loan guarantees; (2) Indian reservation roads and bridge and highway projects; (3) water projects; (4) utilities programs; (5) community facilities programs; (6) business enterprise grants and microenterprise assistance; (7) telemedicine and distance learning services; (8) public works and economic development; and (9) energy programs.

## **Senate Bill No. 439**

Sponsor: Sen Inouye [HI], introduced 2/13/09.

Status: 4/29/10 Committee on Indian Affairs.

Indian Development Finance Corporation Act - Establishes the Indian Development Finance Corporation to take certain actions, including: (1) providing development capital through financial services under this Act; (2) encouraging the development of new and existing Indian business enterprises eligible to receive assistance from the Corporation; and (3) otherwise assisting in strengthening Indian tribal economies

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through the development of Indian business enterprises.

## **Senate Bill No. 584**

Sponsor: Sen Harkin [IA], introduced 3/12/09.

Status: 3/12/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

A bill to ensure that all users of the transportation system, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, children, older individuals, and individuals with disabilities, are able to travel safely and conveniently on and across federally funded streets and highways.

## **Senate Bill No. 759**

Sponsor: Sen Bingaman [NM], introduced 4/01/09.

Status: 4/01/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Indian School Bus Route Safety Reauthorization Act of 2009 - Amends the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century to authorize appropriations for FY2010-FY2015 for allocations to states for Indian reservation roads.

## **Senate Bill No. 791**

Sponsor: Sen Baucus [MT], introduced 4/2/09.

Status: 4/02/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Surface Transportation Safety Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to modify certain federal regulations to: (1) allow fire services personnel to wear high visibility apparel meeting certain requirements; and (2) ensure that positive protective measures (including temporary longitudinal traffic barriers) are used to separate workers on highway construction projects from motorized traffic. Directs the Secretary of Transportation to revise the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices to include a standard for a minimum level of retro-reflectivity that must be maintained for

pavement markings, which shall apply to all roads open to public travel, and other provisions for state DOTs.

## **Senate Bill No. 884**

Sponsor: Sen Bingaman [NM], introduced 4/23/09.

Status: 4/23/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Transportation Equity for All Americans Act - Excludes privatized highway miles (lane and vehicle miles traveled on a privatized highway) as a factor in calculating the state apportionment of certain federal-aid highway funds (including funds under the Equity bonus program).

## **Senate Bill No. 903**

Sponsor: Sen Hutchinson [TX], introduced 4/28/09.

Status: 4/28/09 Read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Highway Fairness and Reform Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation, beginning with FY2011, to carry out a direct federal-aid highway program to permit a state governor or chief executive officer, at least 90 days before the beginning of a fiscal year, to elect to: (1) waive the state's right to receive apportioned or allocated funds under the federal-aid highway program; and (2) receive instead a prorated amount of the taxes appropriated to the Highway Trust Fund (other than from the Mass Transit Account) which are attributable to highway users in the state. Requires a pro rata reduction of such tax-equivalent amount in order to fund contract authority for programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

## **Senate Bill No. 1036**

Sponsor Sen Rockefeller [WVA], introduced 5/14/09.

Status: 5/14/09 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Federal Surface Transportation Policy and Planning Act of 2009 - Declares it is U.S. policy to develop a national surface transportation system that advances the national interest and defense, interstate and foreign commerce, the efficient and safe interstate mobility of people and goods, and the protection of the environment.

## **Senate Bill No. 1078**

Sponsor: Sen Johnson [SD], introduced 5/19/09.

Status: 8/5/2009 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

AmericaView Geospatial Imagery Mapping Program Act - Directs the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Director of the United States Geological Survey (USGS), to establish and maintain a national remote sensing education, outreach, and research program within USGS (AmericaView program) to advance the availability, timely distribution, and widespread use of geospatial imagery for education, research, assessment, and monitoring purposes in each state.

Requires the Secretary, acting through the USGS data archive, development, maintenance, and product distribution program conducted at the Earth Resources Observation and Science Data Center (AmericaView project), to support the geospatial imagery mapping research and educational programs of each state by cooperating with states to identify new geospatial imagery mapping needs and infrastructure and to define, consolidate, and maintain the data requirements of the AmericaView project.

## **Senate Bill No. 1144**

Sponsor: Sen Johnson [SD], introduced 5/21/09.

Status: 6/3/2009 Referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

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Rural Transit Improvement and Flexibility Act of 2009 - Revises the apportionment of nonurbanized formula grants for amounts remaining after apportionment for grants to Indian tribes for public transportation on Indian reservations for FY2006-FY2009. Increases from 20% to 25% the amount of remaining funds to be apportioned to a state based on its land area. Decreases correspondingly from 80% to 75% the amount of remaining funds to be apportioned to a state based on population in nonurbanized areas.

Limits to 25% of its apportionment for a formula grant for a capital project for the special needs of elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities the amount a state may use for operating costs of equipment and facilities.

Limits a grant for operating assistance from exceeding 50% of the net operating project costs. Increases such limit to 62.5% of the government share of project costs in the case of a state containing nontaxable Indian lands, individual and tribal, and public domain lands (both reserved and unreserved), national forests, and national parks and monuments.

## **Senate Bill No. 1156**

Sponsor: Sen Harkin [IA], introduced 5/21/09.

Status: 5/21/2009 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

To amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Safe Routes to School Program Reauthorization Act. Section 1101(a) of the SAFETEA-LU (119 Stat. 1155) is amended inserting the following: (17) SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM- For the safe routes to school program under section 1404 of this Act, \$600,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.

## **Senate Bill No. 1344**

Sponsor: Sen Vitter [LA], introduced 6/25/09.

Status: 6/25/2009 Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Highway Investment Protection Act - Requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to transfer remaining unobligated stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) to ensure its solvency through FY2010.

## **Senate Bill No. 1498**

Sponsor: Sen Boxer [CA], introduced 7/22/09.

Status: 7/22/2009 Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders.

Surface Transportation Extension Act of 2009 - Authorizes appropriations out of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) (other than the Mass Transit Account) for the federal-aid highway, surface transportation research, and transportation planning programs under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) for: (1) FY2010, with a limit on obligational authority for the programs equal to the total authorized for such programs for FY2009; and (2) the period from October 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, with a limit on obligational authority for the programs equal to one-half of the total amount authorized for such programs for 2009. Sets forth certain exceptions to such limits.

Requires authorizations of appropriations for FY2010 and the period from October 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011, to be allocated to a state for certain federal-aid highway programs in the same proportion as the amount apportioned to the state for that program for FY2009 bears to amounts apportioned to the state for FY2009 for all programs.

## **Senator Bill No. 1536**

Sponsor: Sen Schumer [NY], introduced 7/29/09.

Status: 7/29/2009 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

Avoiding Life-Endangering and Reckless Texting by Drivers Act of 2009 or the ALERT Drivers Act - Requires the

Secretary of Transportation to withhold 25% of a state's apportionment of certain federal-aid highway program funds for the fiscal year if the state has not enacted or is not enforcing a law that: (1) prohibits, except in an emergency, an operator of a motor vehicle from writing, sending, or reading a text message using a hand-held mobile telephone (excluding as voice-activated device); and (2) requires, upon conviction of a violation of such prohibition, the imposition of certain minimum penalties.

## **Senate Bill No. 1729**

Sponsor: Sen Schumer [NY], introduced 9/30/09.

Status: 9/30/2009 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

A bill to establish driver education curriculum for teenage drivers and to provide grants to States and tribal governments to carry out driver education training for licensed teenage drivers.

## **Senate Bill No. 1938**

Sponsor Sen Rockefeller [WVA], introduced 10/27/09.

Status: 10/29/2009 Referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Distracted Driving Prevention Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to make grants to states that enact laws that prohibit, with certain exceptions, and establish fines for texting and/or handheld cellphone use while driving.

Requires a state that receives a grant to allocate: (1) at least 50% to educate and advertise to the public about the dangers of texting or using a cellphone while driving as well as enforce the distracted driving law; and (2) up to 50% for other traffic safety improvement projects.

Directs the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to administer a distracted driving national education program with at least two high-visibility

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education and advertising campaigns. Requires the Secretary to establish a research program to study distracted driving by passenger and commercial vehicle drivers.

Directs the the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to report to Congress on existing and developing wireless communications technology that may be used to reduce problems associated with distracted driving.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) prescribe regulations on the use of electronic or wireless devices, including cell phones and other distracting devices, by operators of commercial motor vehicles and school buses; and (2) prohibit their use in circumstances where it interferes with the driver's safe operation of the vehicles.

## **Senate Bill No. 2920**

Sponsor: Sen Lautenberg [NJ], introduced 12/21/09.

Status: 12/21/2009 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

A bill to amend chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, to condition certain highway funding to States on the enactment and enforcement of States of laws to prevent repeat intoxicated driving.

## **Senate Bill No. 3015**

Sponsor: Sen Dodd [CT], introduced 2/22/10.

Status: 2/22/10 read twice and referred to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Public Transportation Safety Program Act of 2010 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation to establish a federal public transportation safety program to improve the safety of, and reduce the number of accidents involving, rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and public transportation bus systems that receive federal assistance.

Requires the Secretary to promulgate regulations to establish a federal certification program for employees and contractors who carry out state public transportation safety program activities in compliance with this Act. Delineates

requirements for state preemption of federal law with respect to public transportation safety.

## **Senate Bill No. 3039**

Sponsor: Sen Udall [NM], introduced 2/25/10.

Status: 2/25/2010 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

A bill to prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities.

## **Senate Bill No. 3225**

Sponsor: Sen Begich [AK], introduced 4/19/10.

Status: 4/19/10 read twice and referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Travel Regional Investment Partnership Act - Directs the Secretary of Commerce to establish a competitive grant program, administered by the Office of Travel and Tourism Industries, to award grants to eligible entities (such as state tourism offices, local convention and visitors bureaus, and partnerships between a state or local government and local tourism entities) to promote domestic regional tourism growth and new domestic tourism market creation.

## **Senate Bill No. 3235**

Sponsor: Sen Byron [ND], introduced 4/20/10.

Status: 4/20/10 Read twice and referred to Committee on Indian Affairs.

Helping Expedite and Advance Responsible Tribal Homeownership Act of 2010 or the HEARTH Act of 2010 - Extends to any Indian tribe the discretion granted under current law only to the Navajo Nation to lease restricted lands without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior in specified circumstances.

## **Senate Bill No. 3269**

Sponsor Sen Gellibrand [NY], introduced 4/28/10.

Status: 4/28/10 read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

A State is in compliance if the State has a graduated driver licensing law that requires novice drivers younger than 21 years of age to comply with the 2-stage licensing process before receiving an unrestricted driver's license.

## **Senate Bill No. 3271**

Sponsor: Sen Udall [NM], introduced 4/28/10.

Status: 5/19/10 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

To amend section 30166 of title 49, United States Code, to require the installation of event data recorders in all motor vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States, and for other purposes.

## **Senate Bill No. 3412**

Sponsor: Sen Dodd [CT], introduced 5/25/10.

Status: 5/25/10 Read twice and referred to Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

General Authority- The Secretary of Transportation may make grants to States and designated recipients that receive funding under chapter 53, United States Code, for the operating costs of equipment and facilities for use in public transportation.

## **Senate Bill No. 3485**

Sponsor: Sen Barrasso [WY], introduced 6/15/10.

Status: 6/15/10 read twice and referred to Committee on Environment and Public Works.

To amend title 23, United States code, to improve highway mobility in rural States for the benefit of all States. This Act may be cited as the 'Rural Mobility and Access for America Act'.

The Secretary shall establish and implement a program to benefit the surface transportation system in the United States by allocating funds to rural States.

Funds authorized shall be allocated for each fiscal year among rural States equally.



# TRANSPORTATION EVENTS CALENDAR

Please visit the National Indian Justice Center web site to view more upcoming transportation events. Go to: [www.nijc.org/ttap\\_events.html](http://www.nijc.org/ttap_events.html)



## AUGUST 2010

August 1-4  
**National Rural ITS Conference**  
Pullman Plaza Hotel  
Huntington, WVA  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.nritsconference.org/2010program.html>



August 15-18  
**APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition**  
Boston Convention & Exposition Center  
Boston, MA  
For more information go to:  
<http://sites.apwa.net/congress/2010/home.aspx>

## SEPTEMBER 2010

September 8-9  
**APWA Northern California -14th Annual Public Works Conference**  
San Ramon Marriott Hotel  
San Ramon, CA  
For more information go to:  
<http://northernca.apwa.net/>

September 19-22  
**12th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference**  
Voices and Visions of Indian Country  
Tulalip Resort Casino  
Tulalip, WA  
For more information go to:  
[www.aianta.org/aitc20110](http://www.aianta.org/aitc20110)

September 22-24  
**10th National Conference on Transportation Planning for Small and Medium-sized Communities.: Tools of the Trade.**  
Crowne Plaza Ft. Margruder  
Williamsburg, VA  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.trbtoolsofthetrade.org/conference.html>

## OCTOBER 2010

October 18-21  
**National Tribal GIS Conference**  
Albuquerque, NM  
For more information go to:  
[http://www.tribalgis.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=59](http://www.tribalgis.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=66&Itemid=59)

October 19  
**Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference**  
Atlantis Hotel and Casino  
Reno, NV  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.concreteresources.net/>

October 21  
**Nevada Infrastructure Concrete Conference**  
Texas Station Hotel and Casino

Las Vegas, NV  
For more information go to:  
<http://www.concreteresources.net/>

October 24-27  
**19th National Conference on Rural Public and Intercity Bus Transportation**  
Sheraton Burlington Hotel & Convention Center  
Burlington, VT  
For more information go to:  
<http://guest.event.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=2e349b0e-cdde-472b-9b65-0df78882ff47>

## NOVEMBER 2010

November 15-18  
**13th Annual National Tribal Transportation Conference**  
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino  
(Isleta Hotel & Resort)  
Albuquerque, NM  
For more information go to:  
[http://ttap.colostate.edu/event.cfm?Action=Register&Event\\_ID=29](http://ttap.colostate.edu/event.cfm?Action=Register&Event_ID=29)

## DECEMBER 2010

December 1-3  
**TRB 7th Annual International Bridge Engineering Conference**  
Grand Hyatt  
San Antonio, TX  
For more information go to:  
<http://guest.event.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=4c1cac9a-c7af-4808-8557-cdda0b87362d>

## JANUARY 2011

January 23-27  
**Transportation Research Board 90th Annual Meeting**  
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel  
Washington, DC  
For more information go to:  
<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/am/2011/ExhibitProspectus.pdf>

# TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION PARTNERS DIRECTORY

## FEDERAL



Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is charged with the broad responsibility of ensuring that America's roads and highways continue to be the safest and most technologically up-to-date. Although State, local, and tribal governments own most of the Nation's highways, FHWA provides financial and technical support to them for constructing, improving, and preserving America's highway system.

### **Federal Highway Administration**

United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/index.html>

The Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) operates as part of the Federal Lands Highway Program, serving the needs of all central states. CFLHD actively administers the surveying, designing and constructing of forest highway system roads, parkways and park roads, Indian reservation roads, defense access roads, and other Federal lands roads. CFLHD also provides training, technology, deployment, engineering services, and products to other customers.

### **Central Federal Lands Highway Division**

Federal Highway Administration  
12300 West Dakota Ave.  
Lakewood, CO 80228

(720) 963-3500

<http://www.cflhd.gov/index.cfm>

The Office of Federal Lands Highway (FLH) provides program stewardship and transportation engineering services for planning, design, construction, and rehabilitation of the highways and bridges that provide access to and through federally owned lands.

The primary purpose of the FLHP is to provide financial resources and technical assistance for a coordinated

program of public roads that service the transportation needs of Federal and Indian lands.



### **Office of Federal Lands Highway**

Federal Highway Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
(202) 366-9494

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

Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is one of 10 modal administrations within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Headed by an Administrator who is appointed by the President of the United States, FTA administers federal funding to support a variety of locally planned, constructed, and operated public transportation systems throughout the U.S., including buses, subways, light rail, commuter rail, streetcars, monorail, passenger ferry boats, inclined railways, and people movers.

### **Federal Transit Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Floors East Building  
Washington, DC 20590

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/>

### **FTA Region 9 Offices**

Federal Transit Administration  
201 Mission Street Suite 1650  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
(415) 744-3133

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional\\_offices\\_909.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional_offices_909.html)



### **Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP)**

The mission is to address the needs of rural, small urban and tribal transit operators across the nation.

Union Station Business Center  
Ten G Street NE, Suite 710  
Washington, DC 20002  
Main: 202-248-5043  
Fax: 202-289-6539

<http://www.nationalrtap.org/>

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**National Local Technical Assistance Program (NLTAPA)** is a not-for-profit organization representing and serving the 58 LTAP and TTAP Member-Centers in the United States and Puerto Rico. All staff of Member-Centers are entitled to Association services and opportunities to Serve. [www.nltapa.org](http://www.nltapa.org)

## **Bureau Of Indian Affairs**

There are millions of acres of land held in trust by the United States for American Indians, Indian tribes, and Alaska Natives. There are 561 federal recognized tribal governments in the United States. Developing forestlands, leasing assets on these lands, directing agricultural programs, protecting water and land rights, developing and maintaining infrastructure and economic development are all part of the agency's responsibility. In addition, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides education services to approximately 48,000 Indian students.

## **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

1849 C Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20240  
(202) 208-7163  
[www.bia.gov](http://www.bia.gov)



## **Pacific Regional Office**

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
(916) 978-6000

## **Western Regional Office**

Bureau of Indian Affairs  
400 N. 5th Street, 2 AZ Center, 12th Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
(602) 379-6600

## **CALIFORNIA**

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
**TRANSPORTATION**



The Native American Liaison Branch was created in 1999 in the Department of Transportation to serve as a liaison between the Department, federal, state, local, and regional transportation agencies to establish and maintain government to government working relationships with Tribal Governments throughout California.

## **California Department of Transportation**

Division of Transportation Planning, Native American Liaison Branch  
1120 N Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(916) 653-3175  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/na/index.html>

## **California Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)**

California Technology Transfer Program  
University of California Berkeley  
RFS 1301 S 46<sup>th</sup> St., Bldg 155  
Richmond, CA 94804  
(510) 665-3608  
<http://www.techtransfer.berkeley.edu/>

## **NEVADA**



The Nevada Department of Transportation is responsible for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the 5,400 miles of highway and over 1,000 bridges which make up the state highway system.

## **Nevada Department of Transportation**

1263 South Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89712  
(775) 888-1433  
<http://www.nevadadot.com>

## **Nevada Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)**

Nevada Transportation Technology Transfer Center  
Nevada T2 Center/257  
University of Nevada  
Reno, NV 89557  
(775) 784-1433  
<http://www.t2.unr.edu/>

# TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES

## CALIFORNIA

**California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Native American Liaison Branch**

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/orip/na/index.html>

**California Department of Transportation: Division of Mass Transportation**

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/MassTrans/>

**California Department of Transportation**

Caltrans Economic Recovery Website

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/Recovery/>

**California Bay Delta Authority**

<http://www.calwater.ca.gov/calfed/Tribal.html>

**California Environmental Protection Agency**

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/>

## NEVADA

**Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)**

Local Governmental Liaison

<http://www.nevadadot.com/>

**Nevada Department of Transportation**

NDOT Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

<http://www.nevadadot.com/projects/Stimulus/default.asp>

**Southern Nevada Regional Transportation Commission**

<http://www.rtcsonthernnevada.com/>

## FEDERAL

**US DOT Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)**

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

**US DOT Federal Transit Administration (FTA)**

<http://www.fta.dot.gov/>

**FTA Region 9 Offices**

[http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional\\_offices\\_909.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/regions/regional_offices_909.html)

**Office of Federal Lands Highway**

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

**Central Federal Lands Highway Division**

<http://www.cflhd.gov/about/>

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

<http://www.bia.gov/>

**US DOT/FHWA Federal Lands Highway**

Coordinated Technology Implementation Program

The Federal Lands Highway Coordinated Technology Implementation Program is a cooperative technology deployment and sharing program between the FHWA Federal Lands Highway office and the Federal land management agencies. It provides a forum for identifying, studying, documenting, and transferring new technology to the transportation community.

For more information go to:

<http://www.ctiponline.org/>

**National Transportation Library (NTL)**

Follow link: VDOT One Search

<http://ntl.bts.gov/exit/vdot.html>

## ENVIRONMENTAL

**US Environmental Protection Agency Region 9**

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/tribal/index.html>

**US EPA American Indian Environmental Office**

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/>

**US DOI National Park Service American Indian Liaison Office**

<http://www.nps.gov/history/ailo/ailohome.htm>

**US DOT FHWA Roadside Vegetation Management**

A technical resource for the care of the land and vegetation management.

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

## ORGANIZATIONS

**California Indian Basketweavers Association**

<http://www.ciba.org/>

**California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc.**

<http://www.cimcinc.org/>

**California Indian Museum & Culture Center**

<http://www.cimcc.org/>

**National Indian Justice Center**

<http://www.nijc.org/>

**Center for Excellence in Rural Safety**

Launched a new interactive Web tool called Safe Road Maps. It was developed by CERS researcher Tom Horan and his team at Claremont University. Visit the CERS home page for links to the releases and to Safe Road Maps: [www.ruralsafety.umn.edu](http://www.ruralsafety.umn.edu).

**Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development**

Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse (TEEIC)

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The site includes information about energy resource development and associated environmental impacts and mitigation measures; guidance for conducting site-specific environmental assessments and developing monitoring programs; information about applicable federal laws and regulations; and federal and tribal points of contact.

<http://teeic.anl.gov/>

## **TribalGIS.com**

Is a newly established technical forum for (and by) Tribal GIS Professionals across the country.

For more information go to:

[www.tribalgis.com](http://www.tribalgis.com)

## **LTAPP/TTAP Interchange**

An Audio Newsletter

Aims to share news between centers and the LTAPP/TTAP community.

To listen go to the news section at:

<http://ltapt2.org>

## **California Tribal Transportation Coalition (CTTC)**

Formed to ensure that California tribes are not left out of the next Federal Transportation Authorization bill.

For more information go to:

<http://www.californiatribes.org/>

## **Community Transportation Association of America**

Technical Assistance for Rural and Tribal Communities

For more information go to:

<http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=49&z=36>

## **National Association of County Engineers**

To visit the website go to:

<http://www.countyengineers.org/>

## **Northern California APWA Chapter**

To visit the web site go to:

<http://northernca.apwa.net/>

## **ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **General Climate Change Information**

Arnold & Porter Climate Change Litigation Summary Chart

<http://www.climatecasechart.com/>

### **US EPA**

State and Local Government Climate Change Actions

<http://epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/stateandlocalgov/state.html>

### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)**

Final Environmental Impact Statement Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards, Passenger cars and Light Trucks, Model Years 2011-2015.

To view the document go to

<http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#documentDetail?R=0900006480744272>

### **Columbia River Crossing**

<http://www.columbiarivercrossing.org/Default.aspx>

### **Intercounty Connector**

<http://www.iccproject.com/>

### **FHWA—Travel Modeling**

Using GIS in Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) go to:

<http://gis.fhwa.dot.gov>

### **2009 California Climate Adaptation Strategy Discussion Draft**

A first-of-its-kind multi-sector strategy to help guide California's efforts in adapting to climate change impacts is now available for public comment.

For more information and to view the draft go to:

<http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/adaptation/index.html>

### **Multicultural Environmental Leadership Development Initiative (MELDI)**

University of Michigan

Staff conduct research on environmental workforce dynamics and provides resources to help enhance the leadership and career development opportunities available to students, activists and environmental professionals.

For more information go to:

<http://meldi.snre.umich.edu/>

### **California Research Bureau**

Environment, Growth Management, and Transportation Supplement

For more information and links go to:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/sitn/crb/docs/20090504.pdf>

### **AASHTO—Center for Environmental Excellence**

The new web page offers background and an overview of GIS technology and its importance for environmental applications in transportation.

For more information go to:

[http://environment.transportation.org/environmental\\_issues/gis/](http://environment.transportation.org/environmental_issues/gis/)

## **SAFETY RESOURCES**

### **Tribal Road Safety Audits: CASE STUDIES**

Sponsored by FHWA (Office of Safety and Office of Federal Lands)

Road Safety Audits (RSAs) are an effective tool for proactively improving the future safety performance of a road

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project during the planning and design sates, and for identifying safety issues in existing transportation facilities.

For additional information and resources on RSA's go to:  
<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/>

### Arizona Department of Transportation

By Esther Corbett & Robert Mickelson at the Intertribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

592 Building Tribal Traffic Safety Capacity  
[http://www.azdot.gov/TPD/atrc/Publications/project\\_reports/PDF/AZ592.pdf](http://www.azdot.gov/TPD/atrc/Publications/project_reports/PDF/AZ592.pdf)

And,

592 Tribal Traffic Safety Funding Guide  
[http://www.azdot.gov/TPD/atrc/Publications/project\\_reports/PDF/AZ592s.pdf](http://www.azdot.gov/TPD/atrc/Publications/project_reports/PDF/AZ592s.pdf)

### Insurance Institute Highway Loss

Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS)

From the US DOT.

[http://www.iihs.org/research/fatality\\_facts\\_2008/default.html](http://www.iihs.org/research/fatality_facts_2008/default.html)

### National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Construction Equipment Visibility

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/highwayworkzones/BAD/default.html>.

### Vista Training Programs

Backhoe-Loader Instructor Kit

[http://www.vista-start-smart.com/html/backhoe-loader\\_instructor\\_kit.html](http://www.vista-start-smart.com/html/backhoe-loader_instructor_kit.html)

### Interactive Highway Safety Design Model

(IHSDM—2008 Release)

Analysis tools for evaluating safety and operational effects of geometric designs on two-lane rural roads. The software and associated documents are available for free downloading at:

<http://www.ihsdm.org>

### Work Zone Law Enforcement

Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement in Work Zones

For more information go to

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/law\\_enforce/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/law_enforce/)

### U.S. Department of Transportation

Rural Safety Initiative

Rural roads carry less than half of America's traffic yet they account for over half of the nation's vehicular deaths. It is time to put a national focus on a local problem

For more information on the Characteristics of Rural Crashes, go to:

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/ruralsafety/ruralsafetyinitiativeplan.htm>

### FHWA Office of Safety

FHWA safety officials, transportation officials and safety experts strongly recommend better use of nine tools that are keys to reducing roadway fatalities each year.

For more information go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/policy/memo071008/>

### Safety Circuit Rider Programs-Best Practices Guide

This guide is intended to provide state DOT and LTAP/TTAP centers with an easy -to- use resources for implementing or enhancing a Safety Circuit Rider (SCR) program.

Available on-line at:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwas09019/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwas09019/)

Basic Course Slides on Retro-reflectivity, go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\\_dept/night\\_visib/retrotoolkit/moreinfo/intro/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/night_visib/retrotoolkit/moreinfo/intro/)

### Nighttime Visibility Policy/Guidance

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\\_dept/night\\_visib/policy\\_guide/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/night_visib/policy_guide/)

Sign Visibility: Training, Technical Guidance, & Research go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\\_dept/night\\_visib/sign\\_visib/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/night_visib/sign_visib/)

### Maintenance of Drainage Features for Safety

A guide for local street and highway maintenance personnel

To view the guide go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwas09024/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwas09024/)

### Intersection Safety Resources

To visit the web page go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/resources/>

### Intersection Safety Presentations

30 and 60 minute presentations on the topic of safety at intersections. The presentation is intended to relay safety issues at intersections (including the typical types of crashes) along with some techniques to address these issues.

To view the presentations go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/resources/intsafpst092609/>

### Work Zone Mobility and Safety Program

Work Zone Training Compendium

The U.S. Federal Highway Administration has released a compendium of information on available work zone training and guides.

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To view the training program go to:

[http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/outreach/wz\\_training/index.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/outreach/wz_training/index.htm)

## **Cornell Local Roads Program**

Work Zone Safety and Flagger Tutorial

The purpose of this tutorial is to provide the fundamentals of work zone safety and to explain the concepts of flagging in a work zone. It is not intended to replace comprehensive instruction of the topic.

To view the tutorial go to:

<http://www.clrp.cornell.edu/flaggingtutorial/flagtutorial.htm>

## **The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse**

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse is dedicated to providing the transportation construction industry and the general public with comprehensive information to improve motorist, worker and pedestrian safety in roadway work zones.

Now a new international section in six languages.

For more information go to:

<http://www.workzonesafety.org/>

## **AAA Foundation**

2009 Traffic Safety Culture Index

Investigates the public's traffic safety knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and experiences.

To view the index go to:

<http://www.aaafoundation.org/pdf/2009TSCIndexFS.pdf>

## **MinimumReflectivity.org**

Guidance for Improving Roadway Safety:

Understanding Minimum Reflectivity Standards go to:

<http://minimumreflectivity.org/index.asp>

## **National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA)**

State traffic safety information for the year 2008

To access the data for each state go to:

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/departments/nrd-30/ncsa/STSI/USA%20WEB%20REPORT.HTM>

## **Federal Transit Administration**

Transit Bus Safety

Online resources and tools, designed to help rural and small urban transit bus providers develop and strengthen their programs.

To access the website go to:

<http://bussafety.fta.dot.gov/splash.php>

## **Utah DOT and the Utah Highway Safety Office**

Zero Fatalities

To visit the web site go to:

<http://ut.zerofatalities.com/>

## **CONSULTATION**

### **TRB Committee on Native American Transportation Issues**

TRB has provided links to examples of federal, state and non-governmental organization online resources related to tribal consultation policies and guidelines.

To view the resources go to:

<http://www.nijc.org/ttap.html>

## **MISCELLANEOUS TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES**

### **U.S. DOT**

ARRA Transportation Spending Map

American Recovery and Reinvestment and Act is supporting 9,722 projects with \$30.1 billion of investment.

To view the map go to:

<http://rithqnwws019.rita.dot.gov/dot/index.html>

### **FHWA-National Highway Specifications**

Clearinghouse and electronic library. Current specifications, construction manuals and drawings.

For more information go to:

[www.specs.fhwa.dot.gov](http://www.specs.fhwa.dot.gov)

### **The FHWA has established a web site with information about the Economic Recovery**

For more information go to:

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

### **FHWA Implementation Guidance for the ARRA Act.**

To view these procedures go to:

[http://www.nijc.org/ttap\\_funding.html](http://www.nijc.org/ttap_funding.html)

### **FHWA Resource Center**

#### **Planning Team**

The Planning Technical Service Team at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Resource Center helps support the planning process through the provision of training, technical assistance, technology deployment, and partnerships.

For more information go to:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/teams/planning/index.cfm>

### **Rural Technical Resource Assistance Center (R-TRAC)**

National PTAP is proud to announce the official launch of our new improved online library, R-TRAC, for rural transit training resources.

All R-TRAC resources are free.

To visit the center go to:

<http://www.rtrac.org/search.aspx>

### **Victoria Transportation Policy Institute**

Transportation Cost and Benefit Analysis

A guidebook for quantifying the full costs and benefits of

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different transportation modes. A comprehensive study of transportation benefit and costing research, and a guidebook for applying this information in planning and policy analysis.

To view the guide book go to:

<http://www.vtpi.org/tca/>

### **FHWA Federal-Aid Program Administration**

The guide is intended to provide basic information for FHWA and State personnel involved in the administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program. It is not intended to be an eligibility guide, but contains basic descriptions and historical information on active and inactive programs. This guide should be of interest to FHWA, State highway agencies, local governments, and private sector personnel interested in a basic understanding of Federal-Aid programs, projects, or other program characteristics. In addition to basic information, sources of additional information are provided.

For more information go to:

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

## TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT



### **FHWA Resource Center**

The Mission to: advance transportation technologies and solutions through training, technical assistance, technology deployment, and partnerships.

For more information go to:

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

The FHWA has developed an extensive list of resources that focus specifically on the latest culvert technology. To view this list go to: [http://www.nijc.org/ttap\\_resources.html](http://www.nijc.org/ttap_resources.html)

### **FHWA-NHI-380095**

**Geometric Design: Applying Flexibility and Risk Management**  
This course provides participants with knowledge of the functional basis of critical design criteria to enable informed decisions when applying engineering judgment and flexibility.

Length: 2 days CEU 1.2 Units Fee: \$350

For more information and to register go to:

<https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx>

### **FHWA Wildlife Vehicle Collision Reduction Study Training Course**

A national study was conducted on the causes and impacts

of wildlife vehicle collisions (WVCs). This study also provides recommendations and solutions for reducing these collisions.

To view the course go to:

[www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/WVCtraining/index.asp](http://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/WVCtraining/index.asp)

### **National Highway Institute (NHI) - 2010**

The NIH in partnership with the Transportation Curriculum Development Council has developed a number of FREE web-based trainings that can be completed in one, two, or three hours. Whether you are working in the field, have limited time for training, or just want to expand your skill set on a specific topic these web-based courses provide an ideal way to enhance your knowledge on key areas.

To view the list of available courses go to:

<https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx>

### **TCCC HMA Paving Field Inspection**

#### **NHI Course 131129 Web-based Training**

This course will explain the important tasks involved in HMA paving and describe the proper procedures for executing them.

This training is recommended for TCCC Levels I, II, and III.

4.5 Hours FREE

To register for the course go to:

<http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/Home.aspx>

### **CA/NV TTAP and National Highway Institute**

The CA/NV TTAP can work with the National Highway Institute to bring classroom and/or webinar training to your community. You may also request training specifically from NHI (see the message below). Check out the NHI catalog using the link below and let us know the Title and NHI coding number for any training that you are interested in and we will work to get it scheduled in your area.

<https://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/home.aspx>

### **Office of Professional and Corporate Development (OPCD)**

For more information go to:

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

### **LTAP/TTAP Academy**

The goal of the Academy is to provide both new and current LTAP/TTAP staff with a broad overview of the national program and opportunities for continued professional development. For more information go to:

<http://www.ltapt2.org/resources/>

### **Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute**

Geospatial Information Technology Program

Summer 2010 Short Course Schedule



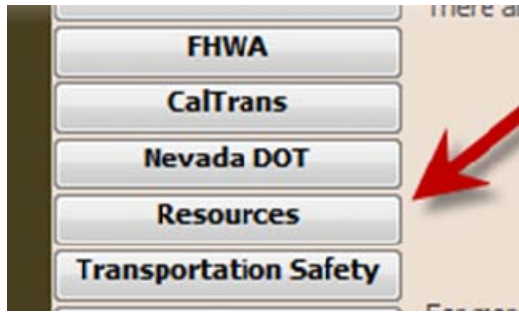
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All classes are open to tribal members or tribal employees, or those whom a tribe requests to be trained  
There is no charge for the class unless you are taking the class for credit.

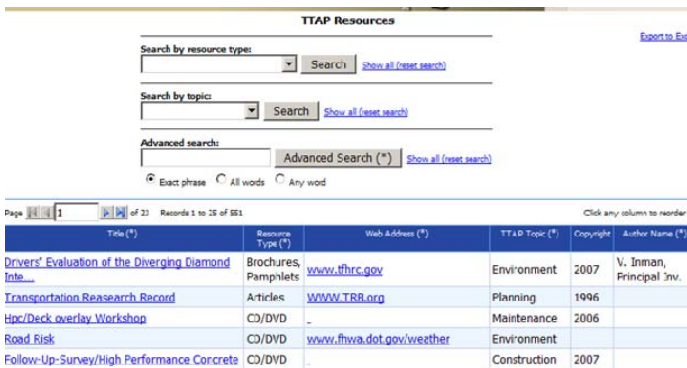
For more information go to:  
<http://www.sipi.edu/>

## QUICK START TO USING THE CA/NV TTAP RESOURCES DATABASE

The NIJC.org website has a number of searchable databases with information on community resources. Here is a quick start to the online databases, using the CA/NV TTAP Resources database as an example. From the TTAP main page, (<http://www.nijc.org/ttap.html>), click the **Resources** button on the left menu. This will take you to the **SEARCH THE CA/NV TTAP RESOURCES DATABASE**.



The graphic below shows the TTAP Resources database page.



## TTAP Resources Webpage

All NIJC online databases have search options and a display of records in spreadsheet style underneath.  
For each record, quick reference information is displayed. To view detailed information on any record, click the Title of the record.

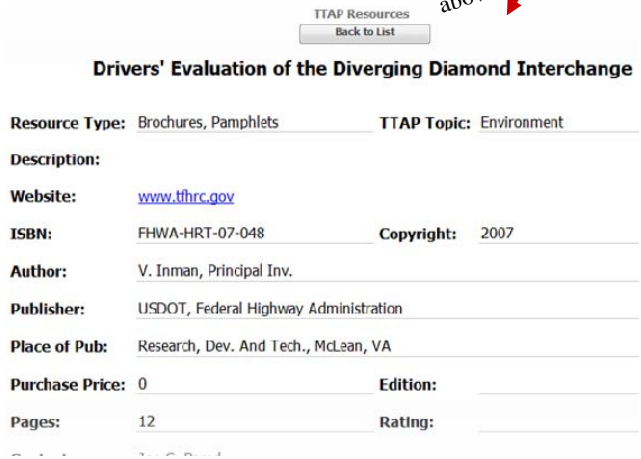
## Resource Link



## Database Resource Details

When you click the link, you will see the resource details.

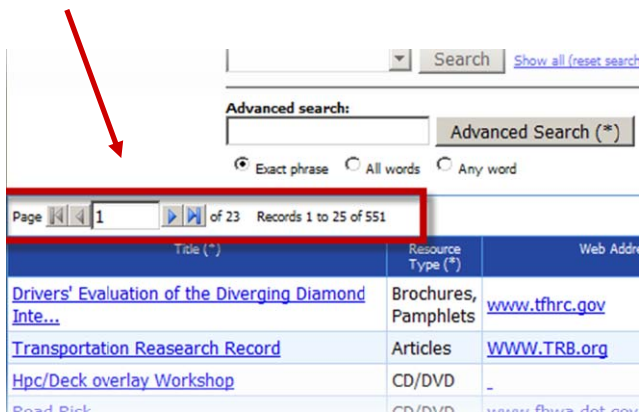
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## Page Toolbar

By default, the first 25 records in the database are displayed on the main database page with the option to browse all the records in the database.  
You may use the paging buttons in the **Page Toolbar** to browse through records.

## Page Toolbar



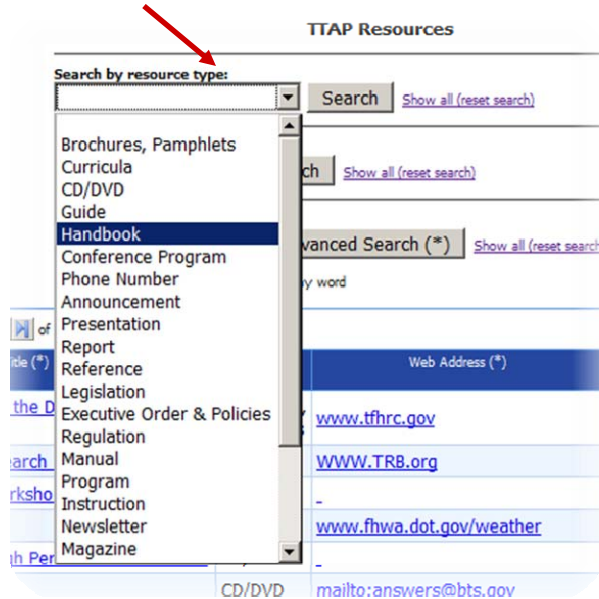
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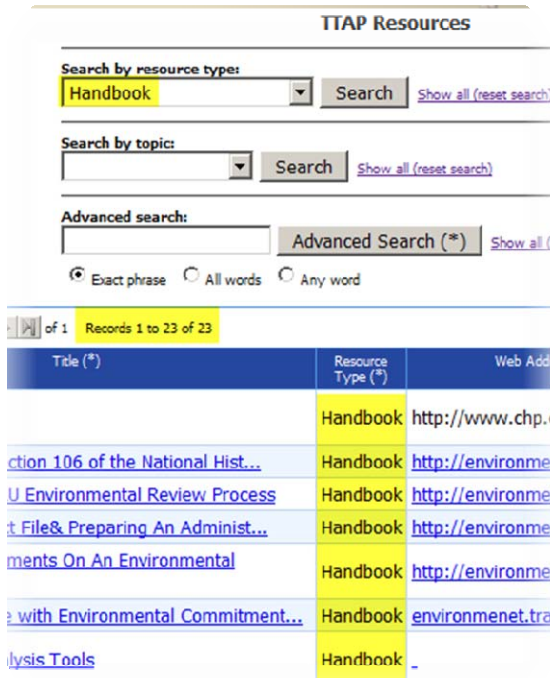
### Search Options

Use the dropdown menus in the **Search** options to browse through a smaller group of records. Make a selection from the list, and then click the Search button.

### Resource Type Search Option



When searching on the resource type “Handbook”, only records of that type will be displayed:



To start a new search, make a new selection from the drop down menu and click **Search**. Or, make a selection from the topic menu to search by resource topic. Please note that the search options are limited to a type or a topic at this time. You cannot search for a topic only within Handbook.

To clear any search and start over, click any of the “**Show all**” (reset search)” links in the search options.

The **Advanced search** option allows you to do a Google-type search, where you may search on any words or phrases that appear anywhere in the record.

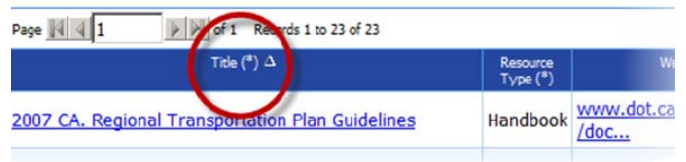
Like the other search options, the Advanced search option works independently of the other search options.

### Sorting

Click on any column header to sort by that column by alphabetical or numerical order. Click the column heading twice to sort in reverse order. After clicking a column header, a small arrow icon will display indicating that column is sorted.

The sorting feature works at all times, even when using the Search options.

### Sort Arrow NIJC Databases



Here are the current online databases you will find on the NIJC.org website.

TTAP Resources: [http://nijc.org/datasheets/ttap/TTAP\\_ResourceList.asp](http://nijc.org/datasheets/ttap/TTAP_ResourceList.asp)

FAS Resources: [http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/fas/FAS\\_ResourceList.asp](http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/fas/FAS_ResourceList.asp)

Sexual Violence Resources: <http://www.nijc.org/datasheets/svdb/ResourcesList.asp>

More databases are being planned and will be made available on the site.



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## PUBLICATIONS



### U.S. DOT-FHWA

Using Modeling and Simulation Tools for Work Zone Analysis.

Modeling and simulation tools can support efforts to conduct work zone analysis, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has created some new guides to help agency staff use these tools effectively.

For more information go to:

[http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/traffic\\_analysis/wza\\_leaflet/wza\\_leaflet.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/traffic_analysis/wza_leaflet/wza_leaflet.htm)

FHWA-HRT-09-031

Safety Evaluation of Lane and Shoulder Width Combinations on Rural, Two-Lane, Undivided Roads

To view the publication go to:

<http://www.tfsrc.gov/safety/pubs/09031/09031.pdf>

FHWA-SA-09-020

Low Cost Safety Enhancements for Stop-controlled and Signalized Intersections

To view the publication go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/resources/fhwas09020/>

FHWA-SA-09-023

The Safety Edge

Roadway departures account for 53 percent of fatal crashes. Pavement edges may have been a contributing factor in as many as 18 percent of rural run-off-road crashes on paved roadways with unpaved shoulders. This type of crash was four times more likely to include a fatality than rural crashes overall on similar roads.

For more information and the publication go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway\\_dept/pavement/safedge/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadway_dept/pavement/safedge/)

Pavement Management Primer

Pavements represent the largest capital investment in any modern highway system. Maintaining and operating pavements on a large highway system typically involves complex decisions about how and when to resurface or apply other treatments to keep the highway performing and operating costs at a reasonable level. To download the primer go to:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/asstmgmt/pmprimer.pdf>

MUTCD 2009 Edition

On December 16, 2009 a final rule adopting the 2009 Edition of the MUTCD was published in the Federal Register. States must adopt the 2009 National MUTCD as their legal State standard for traffic control devices within two years. The

Federal Register notice, which provides detailed discussion of the FHWA's decisions on major changes from the 2003 edition, can be viewed at:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-28322.pdf>

(PDF, 716KB). To view the 2009 MUTCD and other related information, go to: [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno\\_2009.htm](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/kno_2009.htm)

Public Roads Nov/Dec 2009

The Role of TTAPs in Tribal Transportation

By John Sullivan IV and Clark Martin

To view the article go to:

<http://www.tfsrc.gov/pubrds/09novdec/03.htm>

FHWA –Office of Operations

Work Zone Mobility and Safety Self Assessment  
2009 Annual Report

To view the report go to:

[http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/decision\\_support/2009/wzsa\\_2009.pdf](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/decision_support/2009/wzsa_2009.pdf)

FHWA –Office of Safety

Local Roads Safety Resource CD

Provides information and tools to plan and implement roadway safety improvements. Organized by topic area in one place, the Local Roads Safety Resource CD provides guidance, tools, and other resources from government agencies and national associations on local roadway safety. To view the information and order the CD go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/resourcecd/fhwas10003/fhwas10003.pdf](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/resourcecd/fhwas10003/fhwas10003.pdf)

FHWA-SA-10-021

Implementing the High Risk Rural Roads Program

The document highlights common challenges to the High Risk Rural Roads Program (HRRRP); lessons learned and noteworthy practices shared by states. It is intended for use by states and relevant stakeholders to launch their HRRRP; identify next steps to a program already moving forward or implement noteworthy practices to improve an established program.

To view the report go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwas10021/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwas10021/)

FHWA-SA-09-025

Maintenance of Signs and Sign Supports: A Guide for Local Roads Maintenance Personnel.

To view the guide go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwas09025/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwas09025/)

FHWA Office of Safety

Road Safety Audits (RSA) Toolkit CD

FHWA has created a user-friendly CD that houses all of

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the assorted materials created under the RSA Program. Users simply click on the different section headings to access the materials or to navigate to the main screen.

To order the CD go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/resources/toolkitcd/>

FHWA Office of Safety  
Comprehensive Intersection Resource Library CD  
(FHWA-SA-09-027)

contains intersection safety-related resources that represent a broad cross section of publications, educational materials, and other media published by FHWA and other transportation safety partners. Material searches can be made by keyword, title, author or topic.

To view the CD go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/resources/fhwas09027/>

## TRANSIT COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

### TCRP RRD 90

Guide to Planning Resources on Transportation and Hazards  
This report highlights a framework for thinking about the stages of a disaster, and identifies some of the most current and innovative hazard-related research.

To download this publication go to:

[http://www.tcrponline.org/bin/publications.pl?mode=abstract&cat\\_id=23&pub\\_id=1503](http://www.tcrponline.org/bin/publications.pl?mode=abstract&cat_id=23&pub_id=1503)

### TCRP RRD 93

Rural Transit Achievements: Assessing the Outcomes of Increased Funding for Rural Passenger Service Under SAFETEA-LU

This document explores data and information in the changes in rural and intercity bus transportation that have resulted from the increases in funding made available through SAFETEA-LU.

To download these publications go to:

[http://www.tcrponline.org/bin/publications.pl?mode=abstract&cat\\_id=23&pub\\_id=1504](http://www.tcrponline.org/bin/publications.pl?mode=abstract&cat_id=23&pub_id=1504)

### TCRP Synthesis 84

Current Practices in Greenhouse Gas Emissions Savings from Transit

This synthesis describes the role of transit agencies in reducing greenhouse gas emissions ( GHG) and catalogs the current practice of a sample of transit agencies.

To order a copy of the report go to:

<http://books.trbbookstore..org/ts084.aspx>

## TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH BOARD—TRB

Preparing Coordinated Transportation Plans: A Guidebook for State Departments of Transportation explores existing coordination planning practices within state departments of transportation (DOT's) that meet Federal Transit Administration (FTA's) requirements.

For more information go to:

[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_rrd\\_331.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rrd_331.pdf)

### Young Impaired Drivers

The Nature of the Problem and Possible Solutions.

To view the report go to:

[http://www.trb.org/news/blurb\\_detail.asp?id=10561](http://www.trb.org/news/blurb_detail.asp?id=10561)

Guidance for the Design and Application of Shoulder and Centerline Rumble Strips

To view this publication go to:

[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_rpt\\_641.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rpt_641.pdf)

### Fatal Crashes Involving Young Drivers

Explores the trend in the number of crashes involving a 15-20 year old driver and the characteristics of those crashes in 2007.

To view the report go to:

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811218.pdf>

Influence of Roadway Surface Discontinuities on Safety  
Designed to help highway engineers evaluate roadway maintenance guidelines and priorities. The report addresses safety issues related to roadway roughness, holes, and bumps; the positive effects of road surface discontinuities; pavement edges; friction variations; water accumulations; surface contaminants; and small and large vehicles.

To view the report go to:

<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/circulars/ec134.pdf>

Alternative Transportation Programs: A Countermeasure for Reducing Impaired Driving

To view this report go to:

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/Traffic%20Injury%20Control/Articles/Associated%20Files/811188.pdf>

Transportation Research Board Annual Meeting 2010 Paper #10-2750

Simulator Evaluation of Low-Cost Safety Improvements on Rural, Two-Lane, Undivided Roads: Nighttime Delineation for Curves and Traffic Calming for Small Towns.

To order a copy of the paper go to:

<http://pubsindex.trb.org/view.aspx?id=910715>

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Median Intersection Design for Rural High-Speed Divided Highways

NCHRP Report 650

Median Intersection Design for Rural High-Speed Divided Highways explores common safety issues at median intersections on rural divided highways, and examines innovative geometric and operational treatments for addressing those issues. The report includes ten case studies that illustrate how various treatments have been applied in the field.

To View the report go to:

[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_rpt\\_650.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rpt_650.pdf)

NCHRP Report 654

Evaluation and Repair Procedures for Precast/Prestressed Concrete Girders with Longitudinal Cracking in the Web  
This report establishes a user's manual for the acceptance, repair, or rejection of precast/prestressed concrete girders with longitudinal web cracking.

To view the report go to:

[http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp\\_rpt\\_654.pdf](http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_rpt_654.pdf)

## Community Transportation Association (CTAA)

Tribal Transit

Accessing Federal Transit Funding To Develop Your Transit System

To view this web article go to:

[http://www.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/articlefiles/Ag12Tribal\\_Transit\\_Funding.pdf](http://www.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/articlefiles/Ag12Tribal_Transit_Funding.pdf)

## BIA—DOT

IRR Program, Inventory and Funding Formula Update Tribal transportation at a crossroad: Tribal leaders forum on the current state of tribal transportation.

To view the presentation go to:

[http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/TTAP/BIADOT\\_Transportation\\_Presentation\\_OCT11\\_09.pdf](http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/TTAP/BIADOT_Transportation_Presentation_OCT11_09.pdf)

## Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Transportation 2035 Plan: San Francisco Bay Area.

To view the plan go to:

[www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/2035\\_plan](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/planning/2035_plan)

## National Conference of State Legislatures

Government to Government

Models of Cooperation Between States and Tribes

To view the publication go to:

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/TTAP/NCSLGovttoGovt.pdf>

## California State Library

California Research Bureau

Recent public policy studies.

Transportation Section

To view the studies go to:

<http://www.library.ca.gov/sitn/crb/>

## Washington State DOT

Tribal Transportation Planning Guide for Washington State.

To view the guide go to:

<http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/NR/rdonlyres/D9668173-F25F-448B-B571-57EB32122036/0/TribalTransportationPlanningGuideforWashington-State.pdf>

## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Preventing First-Time DWI Offenses.

First-Time DWI Offenders in California, New York, and Florida. An analysis of past criminality and associated criminal justice interventions.

For more information go to:

<http://nhthqnlas188.nhtsa.dot.gov/DOT/NHTSA/Traffic%20Injury%20Control/Articles/Associated%20Files/811074.pdf>

Traffic Safety Facts

Reducing Nonuse of Restraints By Children Ages 5 to 7.  
The study objective was to suggest solutions to the problem of unrestrained children riding in motor vehicles.

To view the publication go to:

[http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/traffic\\_tech/tt382.pdf](http://www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/traffic_tech/tt382.pdf)

Traffic Safety Facts

Seat Belt Use in 2009-Use Rates in the States and Territories

To View the fact sheet go to:

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811324.pdf>

Children Injured in Motor Vehicle Traffic Crashes

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a report that explores the rate of incapacitating injuries as well as the commonly injured body regions among children under 8 years old involved in motor-vehicle traffic crashes

To view the report go to:

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/811325.PDF>

## Technology is No Longer a Barrier to Online Business: A Guide to Starting a Website Building Business Without Tech Skills

Because of all the recent technological improvements in web development, I decided to write a book detailing how easy it is to create websites that add real value to a business. This book is a summary of how I started and ran my independent web development and consulting business for the past five years. This book should be of particular interest to those who have the responsibility of creating or maintaining a website for their business, those who are in between jobs or retired, and those considering a career change.

To view this book go to:

<http://book.tomdotcom.us>

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### Connecticut DOT

Designing Roads That Guide Drivers to Choose Safer Speeds  
This report examines road characteristics that influence the actual travel speeds chosen by drivers, to help identify appropriate improvements that could improve road safety.

To view the report go to:

[http://www.ct.gov/dot/LIB/dot/documents/dresearch/CT-JHR\\_09-321\\_JH\\_04-6.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dot/LIB/dot/documents/dresearch/CT-JHR_09-321_JH_04-6.pdf)

### California DOT—CalTrans

#### Transportation Planning Grants Guide

Community-Based Transportation Planning

Environmental Justice

Partnership Planning

Transit Planning (FTA 5304)

Statewide or Urban Transit Planning Studies

Rural or Small Urban Transit Planning Studies

Transit Planning Student Internships

To view the guide go to:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grant\\_files/1011/FY10-11\\_Transportation\\_Grants\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grant_files/1011/FY10-11_Transportation_Grants_Guide.pdf)

### Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety

The 2010 Roadmap to State Highway Safety Laws  
Changing Dangerous Driving Behavior—Now—Especially Among Distracted Teens.

To view the report go to:

<http://www.saferoads.org/files/file/Roadmap%20Report%20COMPLETE%20011310.pdf>

### Mineta Transportation Institute

A Case Study of Enterprise Historic Resources Information Management Large Transportation Agencies  
The Mineta Transportation Institute at San Jose State University has released a report that examines how the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) district office information systems for historic resources may be used to create an enterprise information management model.

To view the report go to:

<http://www.transweb.sjsu.edu/MTIportal/research/publications/documents/2502%20-%20Ingbar%20Publication%20%28with%20Covers%29.pdf>

### Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Revisions to the General Conformity Regulations

The EPA is revising its regulations relating to the Clean Air Act (CAA) requirement that Federal actions conform to the appropriate State, tribal or Federal implementation plan (SIP, TIP, or FIP) for attaining clean air (“General Conformity”).

To view the final rule go to:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-7047.pdf>

### Memorandum of Understanding Between the Karuk Tribe and CalTrans

The purpose of this MOU is to maintain open, ongoing lines of communication between the Karuk Tribe of California and the CalTrans to resolve issues and concerns relating to rights of way, encroachments, highway improvement projects and maintenance, utilities, and general responsibilities within the TRIBE'S Ancestral Territory (Indian Lands).

To view the MOU go to:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2/pdf/karukmou.pdf>

### Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Getting Students Active Through Safe Routes to School

The intent is to equip more education policymakers and professionals with the knowledge and tools necessary to implement and sustain successful Safe Routes to School programs and supportive policies.

For more information go to:

<http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/media/file/EducatorsGuide.pdf>

### Safe Routes to School National Partnership

Implementing Safe Routes to School for Low-income Schools and Communities

The intent is to inspire nonprofit organizations, schools and community residents to come together to implement and sustain successful, culturally sensitive and inclusive Safe Routes to School initiatives.

For more information go to:

<http://www.saferoutespartnership.org/media/file/LowIncomeGuide.pdf>

### Highway Safety Information System (HSIS)

Factors Contributing to Pedestrian and Bicycle Crashes on Rural Highways

The goals of this study were to examine the differences between pedestrian and bicycle crashes in urban and rural settings in North Carolina and to identify problem areas (specific crash types and crash locations) on rural highways that are of high priority for safety treatment and treatment development.

For more information go to:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/research/safety/10052/10052.pdf>

## TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTERS

### Institute Of Transportation Studies

University of California Berkeley

NewsBITS

For more information go to:

<http://www.its.berkeley.edu/>

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## Global Transport Knowledge Partnership (gTKP)

International Newsletter

For more information go to:

<http://www.gtkp.com/default.asp>

## NACE News—Monthly Newsletter

National Association of County Engineers

To View the newsletter go to:

<http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=News1&template=/ContentManagement/ContentDisplay.cfm&ContentID=31476>

## Community Transportation Association of America

Tappy Grams is an electronic newsletter that describes new and timely publications on transportation-related information.

To view the newsletter go to:

<http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=1729&z=76>

## Nevada Department of Transportation

Nevada Research and Technology Review Quarterly Newsletter

To view the newsletter go to:

[http://www.nevadadot.com/reports\\_pubs/Research\\_Pubs/ResearchNewsletter.asp](http://www.nevadadot.com/reports_pubs/Research_Pubs/ResearchNewsletter.asp)

## Public Roads Magazine

Reading *Public Roads* is the easiest way to keep up-to-date on developments in federal highway policies, programs, and research and technology.

To view the link go to:

<http://www.tfhr.gov/pubrds/index.htm>

## FHWA

Safety Compass Quarterly Newsletter  
Highway Safety Solutions for Saving Lives

To view current and past issues go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/newsletter/>

## FHWA

Focus Magazine

Accelerating Infrastructure Innovations

To view current and past issues go to:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/publications/focus/10jan/index.cfm>

## Office of Safety

Road Safety Audits (RSA) Newsletter

An outreach resource to provide you with the most current information on RSAs. Our regular features will include an overview of State RSA programs, current resources to assist you in performing RSAs, and a compilation of RSA-related news stories.

To view the newsletter go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/newsletter/>

## Resource Center

Centered on Service Newsletter

Success stories from the RC Technical Service Teams to bring you lessons learned, state-of-the-art technologies, and improved processes.

To view the newsletters go to:

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/resourcecenter/success/cos.cfm>

**Community Transportation Association of America** FAST MAIL Monthly Newsletter. The latest news and updates from the Community Transportation industry .

To view the newsletter go to:

<http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=1009&z=37>

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

District 9, San Francisco, CA

Tribal Programs Newsletter

To view the tribal web site and newsletter go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/tribal/index.html>

## FHWA

Pedestrian Forum Newsletter

Safe Pedestrians and a Walkable America  
VOL. 50, Spring 2010

To view the newsletter go to:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped\\_bike/pedforum/2010/spring2010.cfm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/ped_bike/pedforum/2010/spring2010.cfm)

## California Department of Transportation (CalTrans)

California Transportation Journal

To view current and past issues go to:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ctjournal/2009-3/>

## VIDEOS



## A Road Construction Industry Consortium Training Program Roadway Safety-Roadway Safety

Awareness Program provides an overview of common hazards in highway and road construction and simple prevention measures.

To download Version 9.0 go to: <http://>

[www.workzonesafety.org/training/courses\\_programs/rsa\\_program/overview](http://www.workzonesafety.org/training/courses_programs/rsa_program/overview)

## Environmental Justice in Transportation for California Tribes Video Workbook

Produced by the National Indian Justice Center.

Available at: 707-579-5507 or,

<http://nijc.org/publications.html>

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## VIDEOS (Con't)

### **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users.**

The Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and Federal Highway Administration have jointly developed training videos to show how the various programs authorized within SAFETEA-LU can benefit public lands and their neighboring communities.

The training video can be found at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/safetea-lu>

### **FHWA LTAP/TTAP Clearinghouse**

Operators Pre-Start Motor Grading Inspection  
Promotes motor grader safety and productivity for county and city road agencies.

-AND-

Roadway Safety + Training Program Version 9

Is a standard method of providing worker awareness training for road workers. The RSP+ download includes interactive Macromedia modules, Trainee Booklets, Toolbox Pamphlets, printable screen guides, and an Instructor Manual. Most are provided in 3 languages.

Download program from [www.workzonesafety.org](http://www.workzonesafety.org)

To obtain copies of the videos contact Sarah Crane at 202-289-4434, or e-mail [scrane@artba.org](mailto:scrane@artba.org)

### **FHWA Office of Safety Design**

Two informational videos on DVD.

Median Barriers—A Solution to Cross-Median crashes, and the previously released video, Rumble Strips—A Sound Investment.

Availability will be in February 2009.

Order from FHWA Report Center – publication number #FHWA-SA-08-007.

[report.](#)

### **FHWA Office of Safety**

2009 Road Safety Audit (RSA) Video

FHWA has created a new video on Road Safety Audits (RSAs). The new RSA video focuses on the benefits of using a multidisciplinary approach to improve safety.

For more information or to view the video go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/video2009/>

### **FHWA office of Safety**

Modern Roundabouts: A Safer Choice (FHWA-SA-10-023)

The video explains the many benefits of roundabout intersections and is intended primarily for decision makers in state and local transportation agencies to overcome the common barriers and reasons for not considering roundabouts as intersection alternatives. It is presented in a non-technical manner and can be used at public meetings for proposed roundabout projects.

For more information go to:

<http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/intersection/roundabouts/>

### **Zero Fatalities Utah DOT**

Reggie P. Shaw Video

His vehicle drifted across the highway centerline and side-swiped an oncoming vehicle on Sept. 22, 2006. The officers investigated and found out that Shaw was text messaging during the time of his accident.

To view the video go to:

[http://ut.zerofatalities.com/?](http://ut.zerofatalities.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Transportation%20Research%20Board&utm_campaign=TRB+E-Newsletter+-+08-25-2009&utm_content=Web&utm_term)

[utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=Transportation%](http://ut.zerofatalities.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Transportation%20Research%20Board&utm_campaign=TRB+E-Newsletter+-+08-25-2009&utm_content=Web&utm_term)

[20Research%20Board&utm\\_campaign=TRB+E-](http://ut.zerofatalities.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Transportation%20Research%20Board&utm_campaign=TRB+E-Newsletter+-+08-25-2009&utm_content=Web&utm_term)

[Newsletter+-+08-25-2009&utm\\_content=Web&utm\\_term](http://ut.zerofatalities.com/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Transportation%20Research%20Board&utm_campaign=TRB+E-Newsletter+-+08-25-2009&utm_content=Web&utm_term)

### **Tribal School Zone Safety: Video and Toolkit**

To obtain a free DVD, Please contact:

Chimai Ngo, 202-366-1231

### **Ordering Information**

Printed copies of our in-house publications are available on a first-come, first served basis. Priority is given to Tribal Transportation Personnel. PDF versions of most of our publications are available on our website: [http://www.nijc.org/ttap\\_resources.html](http://www.nijc.org/ttap_resources.html)

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

**At the request of CalTrans, the CA/NV TTAP has requested FHWA to conduct a Tribal Safety Summit in California in 2011. If you are interested in participating, join the TTAP e-mail list at: [www.nijc.org/ttap.html](http://www.nijc.org/ttap.html).**



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## FUNDING



## CALIFORNIA

**NOTE: many of the listed transportation programs are dependant on the extension of SAFETEA-LU or the passage of the Re-authorization Transit Bill.**

### **California Department of Transportation: Transportation Planning Funding Grants**

The Transportation Planning Grants are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of our environment. These planning grants support closer placement of jobs and housing, efficient movement of goods, community involvement, in planning, safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access, smart or strategic land use, and commute alternatives. The final results of these grants should lead to the adoption, initiation, and programming of transportation improvements that improve mobility, access and economic vitality.

For more information on these grants go to: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

### **California Department of Transportation: The State-Legislated Safe Routes to School Program**

California Safe Routes to School program is contained in the Streets & Highway Code Section 2330-2334.

For more information on this program go to: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/sr2s.htm>

### **California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in consultation with the Governor's Office of Small Business Advocate, have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), to offer a technical assistance surety bond guarantee program to promote increased small business participation in Caltrans, State highway and transit projects.

This initiative provides a viable means to advance the unimpeded participation of all willing, ready, and able construction contractors and subcontractors, professional architectural and engineering firms, suppliers and truckers, without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, or physical disability to participate in the State's Contracting Program.

For more information contact a Small Business Development Center in your area, or call Linda Madden 919-324-8384; e-mail [Linda\\_Madden@dot.ca.gov](mailto:Linda_Madden@dot.ca.gov)

### **California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIMWB) New Fall 2010- Rubberized Asphalt Concrete Grant Program**

CIMWB offers a variety of grant funding opportunities to assist public and private entities in safely and effectively managing California's waste stream. Additional grant information can be found at: [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/grants](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/grants)

## NEVADA

### **Nevada Department of Transportation: Safe Routes to School Program**

For more information regarding the Nevada Safe Routes to School, please visit: <http://www.walknevada.com/>

### **Nevada Department of Transportation: 2010-11 Landscape Aesthetics Community Match Program Procedures Manual**

The State Transportation Board approves the Landscape and Aesthetics Community Match Program to Help communities add landscape and aesthetic treatments to State Highway (retrofitting) and improve the appearance of Nevada's highways. The program provides for a variety of projects, such as landscaping, scenic beautification, transportation art, and community gateways. The program provides funding for fifty percent of a landscape and aesthetic project, up to a maximum, of \$500,000 from the applicant and \$500,000 from the program. The minimum application accepted for the program is \$100,000, of which \$50,000 comes from the program.

More information on the Landscape and Aesthetic Program may be found at [www.nevadadot.com](http://www.nevadadot.com) under Public Involvement, Landscape and Aesthetics Master Plan, Related Links, #1.

### **Nevada Department of Transportation Transportation Systems Projects Project Submittal Program**

A Transportation Improvement Project can increase roadway capacity (additional lanes); increase the safety of the roadway (right/left turn lanes, passing lanes, pull outs); enhance an intersection (signals, stop signs, lighting); upgrade the roadway (realignment, reconstruction, overlay, drainage); or any other project that improves the roadway. Projects such as welcome and gateway community signs are eligible projects. Repair and reconstruction of bridges are also included. Primary reasons for a project can be safety issues, congestion relief, bridge repair/replacement, new development (both residential and commercial) or maintenance of the roadway.

Applications can be for projects located on or near federal/state highway or non-federal/state highway that has been given a functional clarification. Federal and State Agencies, Tribal governments, county, city and local governments, local public agencies or private non profits can apply.

**Dates:** Completed applications are due the first Monday in January (Tuesday if Monday is a holiday). Applications

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received after January will be held until the next Evaluation cycle in January the following year.

For information contact: Sandi Stanio, Program Development. (775) 888-7122, or e-mail: [sstanio@dot.state.nv.us](mailto:sstanio@dot.state.nv.us)

To view the program go to:

[http://www.nevadadot.com/business/forms/pdfs/Plan\\_PROJECT\\_APP.pdf](http://www.nevadadot.com/business/forms/pdfs/Plan_PROJECT_APP.pdf)

## FEDERAL

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### Federal Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS)

The Federal Safe Routes to School program (SRTS) was authorized by SAFETEA-LU (the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users).

This federal program has different eligibility and local match requirements than the state-legislated program. For more information on this program go to: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LocalPrograms/saferoutes/srts.htm>

#### U.S. Department of Transportation

Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)

Funding availability for the \$1.5 billion TIGER Discretionary Grant program in the June 17th Federal Register. Under this program, funds will be awarded to State and local governments who submit applications for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure, including highway or bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail, and port infrastructure investments. Applications for TIGER discretionary grants must be submitted by September 15, 2009, from state and local governments, including U.S. territories, tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, MPOs and others.

For more information go to:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-11542.pdf>

#### U.S. Department of Transportation (TIGER II)

National Infrastructure Investments Under the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for 2010.

Like the TIGER Discretionary Grants, TIGER II Discretionary Grants are for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region.

**Pre-applications deadline:** July 23, 2010 and **final applications** through Grants.gov is: August 23, 2010.

For more information go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=55374>

#### Federal Transit Administration

#### Public Transportation On Indian Reservations (FTA 5311 )

The goals of the Tribal Transit Program: 1) to enhance the access of public transportation on and around Indian reservations in nonurbanized areas to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services, and recreation; 2) to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban areas; 3) to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in nonurbanized areas through the coordination of programs and services; and 5) to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in nonurbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible.

For more information go to: [http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants\\_financing\\_3553.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3553.html)

#### FHWA

#### Surface Transportation Environment and Planning Cooperative Research Program

The STEP is the primary source of funds for FHWA to conduct research and develop tools and technologies to advance the state of the practice regarding national surface transportation and environmental decision-making. In FY 2010, FHWA expects to seek partnerships that can leverage limited research funding in STEP with other stakeholders and partners in order to increase the total amount of resources available to meet the nation's surface transportation research needs.

In FY 2010, STEP is likely to address national research priorities that include:

- (1) Conducting research to develop climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies;
- (2) Improving state of the practice regarding livability and the impact of transportation on the environment;
- (3) Developing and/or supporting accurate models and tools for evaluating transportation measures and developing indicators of economic, social, and environmental performance of transportation systems;
- (4) Developing and deploying research to address congestion reduction efforts;
- (5) Developing transportation safety planning strategies for surface transportation systems and improvements;
- (6) Improving planning, operation, and management of surface transportation systems and rights of way;
- (7) Enhancing knowledge of strategies to improve transportation in rural areas and small communities;
- (8) Strengthening and advancing State/local and tribal capabilities regarding surface transportation and the environment;
- (9) Improving transportation decision-making and coordination across borders;
- (10) Conducting research to promote environmental streamlining/stewardship;

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- (10) Disseminating research results and advances in state of the practice through peer exchanges, workshops, conferences, etc;
- (11) Meeting additional priorities as determined by the Secretary; and
- (12) Refining the scope and research emphases through active outreach and in consultation with stakeholders.

The number of stakeholders with an interest in environment and planning research is enormous and diverse, including these three tiers:

*Tier 1 - Federal Agencies and Tribes:* There are at least a score of Federal agencies with strong interest in transportation planning and environmental programs including: the Departments of Commerce, Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture, Energy, Interior (DOI) and Housing and Urban Development, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Within each of these agencies, there are many discrete organizations/programs with an interest - e.g., National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management within the DOI. Within the US Department of Transportation (USDOT), FHWA partners with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on virtually all planning and environmental work, including research. The FHWA also coordinates with the Federal Railroad, Aviation, Research and Innovative Technology, National Highway Traffic Safety and Maritime Administrations, and with the Office of the Secretary of Transportation on Global Climate Change as well as other issues. There are over 500 federally recognized Native American Tribes, which have a major interest in research affecting their planning and environmental needs.

For more information go to:

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

## U.S. Department of Agriculture

### USDA Rural Development Grants

The mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development, and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development web site:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bprogs.htm>

## FEMA: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Hazard mitigation is any sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural hazards and their effects. This definition distinguishes actions that have a long-term impact from those that are more closely associated with immediate preparedness, response, and recovery activities. Hazard mitigation is the only phase of emergency management specifically dedicated to breaking the cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. As such, States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and communities are encouraged to take advantage of funding provided by HMA

programs in both the pre- and post-disaster timeframes.

Together, these programs provide significant opportunities to reduce or eliminate potential losses to State, Tribal, and local assets through hazard mitigation planning and project grant funding. Each HMA program was authorized by separate legislative action, and as such, each program differs slightly in scope and intent.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) may provide funds to States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, local governments, and eligible private non-profits following a Presidential major disaster declaration. The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), Repetitive Flood Claims (RFC), and Severe Repetitive Loss Pilot (SRL) programs may provide funds annually to States, Territories, Indian Tribal governments, and local governments. While the statutory origins of the programs differ, all share the common goal of reducing the risk of loss of life and property due to natural hazards.

For more information go to:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtml>

## The Kodak American Green Ways Program

Eastman Kodak Company, The Conservation Fund and the National Geographic Society team up each year to present the Kodak American Greenways Awards Program. One major element of the Program involves “seed” grant awards to organizations that are growing our nation's network of greenways, blueways, trails and natural areas.

The Program operated by The Conservation Fund invites land trusts, local governments, and other organizations to submit proposals for small greenway project grants. Funded projects typically advance one or more of the following Program goals:

- Catalyzing new greenway projects
- Assisting grassroots greenway organizations
- Leveraging additional money for conservation and greenway development
- Promoting use and enjoyment of greenways

For more information go to:

[http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak\\_awards](http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards)





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### NIJC SERVICES

The National Indian Justice Center (NIJC) provides a range of services, including regional and local training sessions under contracts with tribes, court evaluation and court planning services, and other resource services.

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In addition to the benefits mentioned above, RSAs provide an opportunity for Tribes and State DOTs to establish better lines of communication and cooperation. This is because RSAs on Tribal lands often require collaboration across multiple agencies as they typically share ownership and responsibilities for the roadways.

FHWA Case studies of four tribal RSA's:

[http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/tribal\\_rsa\\_studies/tribal\\_rsa\\_studies.cfm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/tribal_rsa_studies/tribal_rsa_studies.cfm)

To assist agencies with conducting RSAs, FHWA has developed multiple resources including RSA Guidelines, RSA Tribal Case Studies, an RSA video and RSA Toolkit CD. To view and download these materials visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/rsa/>.

FHWA also operates an RSA Peer-to-Peer Program to provide technical assistance to agencies conducting their first RSA. Agencies requesting assistance will be linked with an FHWA sponsored Peer with expertise in RSAs who can provide guidance, and when necessary, onsite support. This program is free of charge to public transportation agencies. To request Peer assistance email [safetyp2p@dot.gov](mailto:safetyp2p@dot.gov) or call the help line at (877) 663-2263.

For more information on the FHWA RSA Program, contact Rebecca Crowe at:

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