NOTE: This will be last Biweekly for the season. During the summer (June to August), LTAP will release monthly “Biweeklies.” In September, if the need is shown, we will once again restart our twice a month routine.

LTAP WEBINAR – MAY

General Overview of Major Changes in 11th Edition of the MUTCD 2024, Friday, 5/31 at 12:00 PM – Hear from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) about some of the changes in the 11th edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways (MUTCD). The content will be a summary of some of the information provided recently in other national webinars. Iowa is currently working on the adoption of its version of the MUTCD with state supplement(s). For more information and to register, please go here.

LTAP TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON-SITE

Iowa DOT Culvert and Bridge Backwater Program Workshop, 5/29 (Harlan) – This workshop will cover basic principles the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) uses in the selection of bridge and culvert replacement structures. The discussion will include a wide variety of concerns that are addressed during the concept stage of project development, typical deliverables that are completed during the concept phase, and the development of preliminary hydrology and hydraulics needed to appropriately specify the type and size of bridge or culvert to be constructed. During the hydraulic review for each sample problem, the workshop will cover the use of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) StreamStats program for estimating design discharges, the use of the Iowa DOT Annual Exceedance-Probability Discharges (AEPD) spreadsheet for calculating and comparing peak discharges using other methodologies, and the Iowa DOT Culvert and Bridge Backwater programs. Please go here for more information. If the session is full, contact Keith Knapp (kknapp@iastate.edu) to be put on a waiting list. Space may open up, and/or we may add additional days in the future to serve the need.

PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Leadership Transformation – Putting People First (FL LTAP), Wednesday, 5/22 at 11:30 AM – Leadership isn’t just about making decisions or steering a ship; it is about the people on that ship. It’s about their well-being, growth, and collective success. In today’s competitive business environment, successful leadership goes beyond merely making decisions—it revolves around nurturing the people within the organization. By embracing a human-centric approach alongside cutting-edge digital tools, leaders can create an environment where productivity and innovation flourish, giving their organizations a significant competitive edge. Due to limited space for the webinar, Florida local agencies will be given priority. For more information and to register, please go here.
Talking TIM Webinar Series (FHWA), Wednesdays, 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, and 8/28 at 12:30 PM – The Talking Traffic Incident Management (TIM) webinar series, brought to you by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Office of Operations, provides a forum where TIM champions with any level of experience can exchange information about current practices, programs, and technologies. Topics and presenters for each month’s webinar will be announced a few weeks ahead of time. The May webinar will feature the following presentations: Testing and Use of Debris Removal Systems for Minnesota’s Safety Service Patrol – John McClellan, Freeway Operations Supervisor, Minnesota DOT; and Debris Removal Use by Maintenance Teams in Arkansas – Deric Wyatt, State Maintenance Engineer, Arkansas DOT. Registration for this series can be found here.

Transportation Asset Management (TN LTAP), Wednesday, 5/29 at 9:00 AM – The large inventory of aging roadways and bridges, the dramatic fluctuations in construction costs, the retirement of experienced transportation workers, and the increased competition for available funding have amplified the challenges transportation agencies face as they manage their highway systems. Over the last decade, several state highway agencies have established Transportation Asset Management (TAM) programs to help document asset conditions, to allocate funding, and to determine the most effective use of available funds. TAM programs provide the processes and tools necessary to help transportation leaders make informed project decisions that can improve the overall operational efficiency of the organization. For more information, please go here.

DATES OF POSSIBLE INTEREST

- 5/27: Memorial Day
- 7/4: July 4th Holiday
- 7/11: ICEA Mid-Year Conference (Ames)
- 8/21–8/23: ISAC Annual Conference (Des Moines)
- 9/2: Labor Day
- 9/10–9/12: Iowa Streets and Roads Workshop and Conference (Des Moines)