California Local Technical Assistance Program

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"Providing training, support, and showcasing local agency innovation"

- Housed at Cal State Long Beach, CITT
- Part of Caltrans Local Assistance Team
- Serving CA local/tribal road agencies w/ training, tech support, industry updates

- Helping promote innovation across LPAs
- On the web at: www.caltap.ora



CALTAP Specialized Training

Sustainable Engineering Training Academy

- Course 1: Environmental Impacts of Construction
- Course 2: Fugitive Dust Mitigations
- Course 3: GHG Emissions & Mitigations in Construction
- Course 4: <u>Renewable Energy & Sustainable Design</u>
- Course 5: <u>Traffic Noise & Abatement</u>
- Course 6: Green Buildings & Net-Zero Structures
- Course 7: Commercial Building Energy Management
- Course 8: Structural Health Monitoring

Geospatial Information Systems

- Course 1: Introduction to GIS for Local Agencies
- Course 2: <u>ArcGIS Applications in Local Government</u>



Upcoming Training

Navigating Discretionary Grant Programs

• March 6th, 8:30 – 11:30am (free online webinar)

Pavement Preservation & Cold Recycling

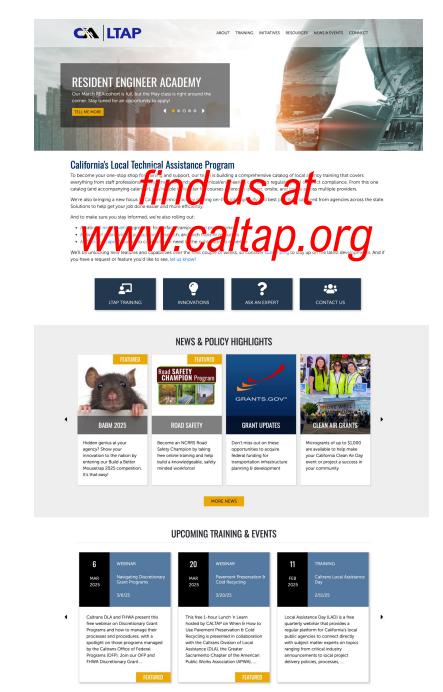
• March 20th, 12 – 1pm (free online lunch 'n learn)

Resident Engineer's Academy

- March 10 14, 8:30am 4pm (class full)
- <u>May 12 16, 8:30am 4pm (coming soon)</u>

Introduction to GIS for LPAs

• March 21st, 8:30am – 12pm (coming soon)

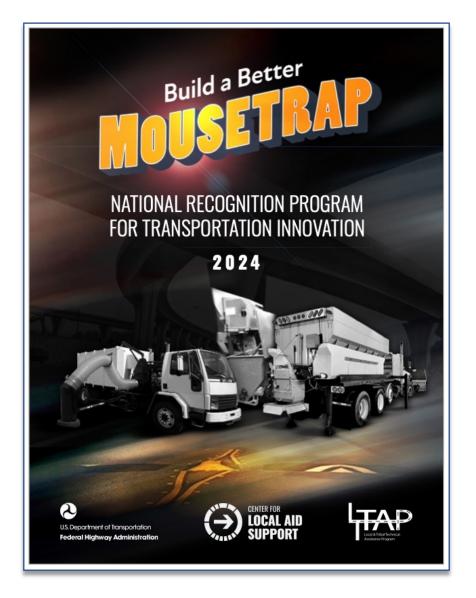


MORE TRAINING MORE EVENTS

The Build a Better Mousetrap Initiative

Showcasing Local Innovation

- Designed for national recognition
- Focused on transportation road agencies
- Solutions to everyday challenges local/tribal transportation workers encounter
- Covers tools/equip mods or new processes that increase safety, reduce cost, improve efficiency
- State competition facilitated through CALTAP
- State winners advance to national competition
- https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/babm/



2023 National Winner City of Walnut Creek

- National Pioneer Award for "Safe Sightings of Signs & Signals"
- Dash-mounted smartphone captures traffic signal sightlines throughout city, correlated to GIS for sight distances
- Reduced city's signal sight clearance procedure from weeks to 1-day!





2024 National Winner City of Moreno Valley

- National Innovative Project Award for "Slow & Safe, Save a Life"
- Custom Speed Cushion design allows emergency vehicles to pass unrestricted without vehicle deflection or slowing
- Design meets city goals of slowing traffic w/o slowing emergency response times





Win for California in 2025!

- Apply online (link below)
- Open to CA local/tribal gov agencies
- No application limit (originals only)
- 4 national winners selected

- Submission Deadline late May
- Winners announced early June
- Criteria: overall impact, community/agency benefit, originality, applicability to others, cost/time savings, submission quality

https://caltrans.brightidea.com/BuildaBetterMousetrap2025



BTW: Equipment Loan Program

- Free monthly access to LTAP equipment inventory (currently retroreflectometers)
- Supports smaller agencies w/ infrequent needs, road safety planning, data collection
- New additions coming for 2025:
 - Traffic Speed Signs for temporary deployment
 Traffic Data Collectors for road safety assessment
 Ball Bank Indicator for curve speed studies
 - Pneumatic Tube Speed Detectors





Engage w/ Us!

For subsidized training, technical assistance, or to tell us about your latest innovation:

- Visit our website: <u>www.caltap.org</u>
- Send a request: admin@caltap.org
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