
NLTAPA-NACE Partnership
Annual Report
NACE Board Meeting – April 21, 2020

General Partnership Goals:

1. Maintain regular and productive communications between NLTAPA and NACE at the national level.
2. Implement national level partnership activities that engage LTAP/TTAP Centers and NACE to benefit counties.
3. Support the continuation and growth of NACE, the LTAP-TTAP program and NLTAPA.
4. Promote and encourage engagement between NACE affiliates and individual LTAP centers for the purpose of increasing the quality and quantity of training and technical assistance.

Our current partnership agreement is effective through July, 2022.

Summary of Activities:

- Promotion of the value of NACE membership to LTAP Centers. NACE was very generous to offer an organizational discount to NLTAPA members.
- Collaboration between NACE, NLTAPA and the Rural Road Safety Center to develop and disseminate the Road Safety Champion Program curriculum.
- Participation on NACE Committees. NLTAPA NACE Partnership Liaison, Steve Strength (LA LTAP), will be contacting committee chairs to discuss needs and future LTAP participation.
- Steve will also be working with Kevan Stone to develop a 2020-2021 action plan for specific NACE-NLTAPA initiatives.
- NLTAPA will assist NACE with conference speakers as needed for future conferences/meetings.

Impacts of COVID-19 on NLTAPA:

NLTAPA has been so proud of the efforts of the LTAP community during these challenging times. Centers have had to cancel some in-person trainings and have focused on ways to help county/local transportation agencies with a wide variety of needs including:

- Virtual Roundtables/Town Hall meetings to discuss public works/engineering operations during COVID-19 (Staffing, Essential Activities, Safety, etc.)
- Virtual learning opportunities with credit given in many programs like Road Master, Road Scholar, Safety Champion.
- Gathering Data on agency approaches to operations during COVID-19 (New York Example attached)
- Centers have shared web-based learning programs with LTAP colleagues across the country.

There has been an outpouring of positive feedback from the local agencies, a few quotes included below:

- “It can’t be said enough...Thank you to everyone at LTAP/T2... the flow of information has been a tremendous help to our Public Works Departments during these challenging times.”
- “I just wanted to reach out to you all and thank you for all that you do for the entire Public Works Community and beyond....You all do a tireless, fantastic job and wanted you to know that we all appreciate your dedication to the advancement of our profession and it doesn’t go unnoticed.”
- “Just a quick note to let you know how much you are appreciated with all the information and data that you share. I know personally we have no other avenue than the news channels and newspapers but having info directly from a trusted source is a tremendous help. We have come to rely on you and thank goodness you are there for us all. We are all in this together.’
- You all are providing an invaluable forum during this difficult time.

All of us at the National Local Technical Assistance Program Association look forward to continuing our strong partnership with NACE in the future.

Respectfully submitted:

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