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The KU Transportation Center (KUTC) is a multi-disciplinary center of the University of Kansas operating since 1977. The Center conducts, coordinates, and promotes transportation research, training and technology transfer to the State of Kansas and the surrounding region. It encompasses several research and technology transfer programs. Primary areas of research and technology transfer interests are highway engineering and maintenance, traffic engineering, highway and worker safety, workforce development, and community transit.

Programs Spotlight: Kansas RTAP and Kansas LTAP

Purpose: The purpose of the Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Kansas Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) is to assist transit agencies and road and bridge/public works agencies in counties, cities and townships across the state in performing their responsibilities cost effectively, professionally and safely. RTAP and LTAP accomplish this through information sharing, technical assistance, training, and technology transfer. The KU Transportation Center houses both programs. Kansas RTAP is funded by the Federal Transit Administration under contract with KDOT. Kansas LTAP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Services: Kansas RTAP and LTAP each provide instructor-led and webinar training, an interactive website, newsletters, an equipment lending program, video programs, technical assistance, a lending library of training publications and more.

- RTAP expertise includes transit-related management, safety, marketing and new technology.
- LTAP expertise includes road and bridge maintenance, roadway safety, worker safety, and efficient department operations.

Newsletters: Each year KUTC produces four issues of *Kansas TransReporter (RTAP)* and six issues of *KS LTAP Newsletter* electronically mailed to city, county, state, and township highway agencies and transit agencies across Kansas. The publications are available online to anyone for free download.

Training: Each year the KUTC presents over 100 workshops and conferences held across the state. Visit our website and click on “Training Calendar” to view a list of upcoming RTAP and LTAP training opportunities. Visit our website, kutc.ku.edu

Kansas Road Scholar Program: Kansas LTAP is a partner in this training recognition program that increases knowledge of road maintenance procedures and improves technical, supervisory, and managerial skills. The program focuses on road workers, supervisors, and those who manage public works operations. Training for the Kansas Road Scholar Program is sponsored by Kansas LTAP, the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas County Highway Association, American Public Works Association, and KDOT. More information is available at ksroadscholar.org or by calling 785-864-2594.

Website: The websites for RTAP and LTAP (both housed at kutc.ku.edu) each have a calendar of upcoming training opportunities, a registration page for workshops, online webinars for training any time, and more. There is information about the LTAP equipment loan program, searchable lending libraries to borrow a training video or order technical materials, links to RTAP and LTAP newsletters, information about current transportation research at the KUTC, and links to related sites. Visit Kansas RTAP at <http://www.ksrtap.org>. Visit Kansas LTAP at <http://www.ksltap.org>.

Equipment Loan Program: Kansas LTAP shares major equipment at no cost, saving counties across the state the expense of purchasing equipment that otherwise would be used infrequently. The LTAP Safety Coordinator provides hands-on training for equipment installation and data extraction, then follows up with data analysis and clear explanations for understanding and applying the results.

Lending Libraries: The Kansas RTAP and LTAP lending libraries provide training videos (on DVD) and printed technical materials without charge to hundreds of individuals and agencies each year. Library offerings are available in a searchable format on the websites.

Technical Assistance: RTAP and LTAP staff and trainers provide one-on-one technical assistance upon request.