

Useful Resources from Around the Country

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NLTAPA “Tailgate” Talks Web Page

Regular safety meetings, sometimes called “tailgate talks,” help keep your crews safer as they do their jobs. But coming up with topics meeting after meeting can be a challenge. The Connecticut Training and Technical Assistance Center hosts a terrific webpage for local agencies looking for training material. It is a resource of the National LTAP Association (NLTAPA). The webpage has downloadable materials for 54 topics on worker safety. Many are one-pagers to share with your crew. The webpage also has tips on how to give a tailgate talk using these materials. Check it out!

https://www.t2center.uconn.edu/tailgate_talks_for_ltap_center_use.php

Asphalt Pavement Maintenance Field Guide

Minnesota LTAP, Minnesota Dept. of Transportation, Minnesota Local Road Research Board, Federal Highway Administration, 2002.

This field guide is an “oldie but a goodie” primer on asphalt maintenance strategies. Its 20 pages provide basic guidelines, with photographs, for preventive asphalt pavement maintenance techniques for a variety of distresses and conditions. It covers crack treatments (clean and seal, rout and seal, full-depth crack repair), surface treatments (fog seal, seal coat, thin hot-mix overlays), and pothole patching and repair (cold-mix asphalt, spray injection patching, hot mix asphalt, slurry or micro-surfacing material).

<http://www.mnltap.umn.edu/publications/handbooks/documents/asphaltfield.pdf>

Center for Accelerating Innovation Videos

FHWA’s Center for Accelerating Innovation (CAI) is FHWA’s focal point to identify and prioritize transportation innovations. (For example, the initiative “Every Day Counts” is under the umbrella of the CAI.) The CAI website includes a page dedicated to videos on innovations, organized by topic, such as bridge, operations, safety, the culture of innovation, etc. If you want some inspiration for innovation in your own agency, this would be a great place to start.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/resources/videos/>

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