

Resources

Accessing safety advice

THE FHWA has initiated a new no-cost service to help public agencies use traffic control devices and the MUTCD effectively. The "Peer-to-Peer for Traffic Control Devices" (P2P TCD) is an easy-to-use venue for practitioners to receive assistance. It

- provides short-term assistance in matters related to traffic control devices,
- addresses specific technical issues in the MUTCD,
- sparks dialogue among professionals in the transportation community, and
- contributes to a safer transportation system.

How does it work?

Local, county, regional, or state transportation agencies request assistance by e-mail or telephone. The program coordinator matches requests with professionals who are experienced and knowledgeable in relevant technical areas; they contact the requesting agencies. Peer assistance is short-term and addresses specific, technical issues.

Tom McDonald, Iowa's safety circuit rider, and Duane Smith, Iowa LTAP director, are among the experts providing peer service.

The P2P TCD program is easy to use. Send an e-mail to P2P@fhwa.dot.gov or call, toll-free, 1-888-700-PEER. To participate in the program on a less formal basis, visit the discussion area on the MUTCD website, <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>. •

Managing culverts

A NEW Culvert Management System (CMS) developed by FHWA is available from Iowa LTAP. It has five modules for recording and updating information on inventory, condition, work needs, work funding, and scheduling. FHWA is providing free technical help.

For more information

For a CD (CR52) containing the user manual, program, and program installation software, plus a text version of the manual (P1612), contact Jim Hogan, LTAP library coordinator, 515-294-9481, hoganj@iastate.edu, fax 515-294-0467 (see page 12 for fax form).

For technical assistance, contact Wendy Jogasurya, 703-235-0546, Wendy.Jogasurya@fhwa.dot.gov. •

Intersection safety: more than stop signs and traffic lights

THE FHWA recently distributed a toolkit on intersection safety-related topics. The toolkit consists of briefing sheets (summaries) designed for DOT administrators, local officials, traffic and safety engineers, and law enforcement officers.

The briefing sheets can help transportation and law enforcement officials inform their staffs, city councils, county supervisors, and the general public about basic, yet important intersection safety concepts.

Briefing sheets cover the following topics:

1. national intersection safety problems
2. basic countermeasures
3. pedestrian safety enforcement
4. human-factors issues
5. enforcement
6. traffic-control devices
7. red-light running
8. cameras
9. work zones
10. myth versus reality
11. resources

For more information

FHWA briefing sheets are online, <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/interbriefing/index.htm>.

CTRE has published similar summaries answering frequently asked questions from the public regarding traffic and safety, including questions about intersection safety. These are also online, www.ctre.iastate.edu/pubs/tsinfo/index.htm#faq. •

Maintaining signs and sign supports

A NONLINEAR PowerPoint presentation, Maintenance of Signs and Sign Supports, is now available on CD through the Iowa LTAP library. It was developed by the FHWA under contract with Pennsylvania LTAP.

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