

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

Spring into Safety with Us

Dear Nevada Transportation Professionals,

Spring marks an important time on our roads, not just for construction and maintenance projects, but also for safety. As crews begin work rigorously to repair, improve, and maintain our roadways, construction zones naturally become a temporary part of our transportation experience. These zones are critical to keeping our roads safe and reliable, but they also demand undivided attention from everyone to ensure safety for all!

In this edition of our newsletter, we focus on work zone safety, winter road clearing, and skill building. Our goal is to provide helpful tips, reminders, and insights to ensure that everyone—drivers, passengers, and road crews—remains safe as we move into the spring season. We hope you find this newsletter informative and we appreciate your continued partnership.

Drive safely, stay alert, and thank you for helping us keep our roads secure.

Respectfully,
Carrie Brown, MSML
NVLTA Director



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Safety Cone Season



Work zones are essential for maintaining and improving our roadways, but they also create unique hazards for both workers and drivers. Each year, thousands of accidents occur in work zones nationwide and many of them are preventable. Staying alert and following safety guidelines is critical to protecting lives and keeping traffic moving safely.

Construction and maintenance crews often work in close proximity to traffic. Drivers who are distracted, speeding, or failing to follow signage put themselves and workers at risk. In addition, sudden lane shifts, heavy equipment, and debris can create unexpected hazards. By remaining cautious, drivers help prevent collisions and support smooth project progress.

Tips for Safe Driving in Work Zones:

- **Slow down:** Observe posted speed limits and adjust for change in traffic and weather conditions.
- **Pay attention:** Minimize distractions like phones, eating, or adjusting music.
- **Follow signs and signals:** Adhere to lane closures, detours, and flaggers as they are there for your safety.
- **Keep a safe distance:** Leave a large enough gap between vehicles so there is enough reaction time in case of an emergency.
- **Be patient:** Avoid rushing and remember construction delays may be inconvenient, but impatience can increase danger.

Tips for Workers in Construction Zones:

- **Gear:** Wear high-visibility clothing and follow all safety protocols.
- **Provide clear guidance:** Use barriers and warning signs to clearly separate traffic from work areas.
- **Pay attention:** Remain alert at all times and communicate effectively with your crew.

Work zone safety is a shared responsibility. By staying aware, obeying traffic laws, and showing patience, drivers help protect themselves, other motorists, and the people working hard to maintain safe and reliable roads. As Nevada construction season begins, keep these tips in mind!

If you're interested in learning more about work zone safety, take a look at our [Training Calendar](#) to see when our next [Basic Work Zone Traffic Control](#) course is in session.

Clearing the Roads After Winter

As we all know, Nevada's winter weather can be harsh on our roads. Snow, ice, and fluctuating temperatures contribute to potholes, pavement cracks, and weakened roadbeds. Snowplows and winter sand or salt treatments can further wear down road surfaces, while runoff from melting snow can clog drains and erode shoulders. As spring arrives, transportation crews shift their focus to repairing winter damage and ensuring safe, reliable travel for drivers across the state.

Springtime Road Maintenance:

- **Pothole repairs:** Filling cracks and holes before they worsen.
- **Drainage clearing:** Removing debris from culverts, ditches, and catch basins to prevent flooding and erosion.
- **Roadside upkeep:** Sweeping gravel and sand, trimming vegetation, replacing damaged signs, and removing debris.

Tips for Driving Through Pothole Areas:

- Reduce speed and stay alert in areas marked for repairs.
- Keep a safe distance from the vehicle ahead to spot potholes early.
- Avoid sudden swerving; slow down instead of swerving abruptly.
- Check tire pressure regularly to minimize damage from bumps.
- Report large potholes to local authorities to help crews address them quickly.

These efforts from drivers and workers help extend the life of Nevada's roadways and maintain safe driving conditions. For a listing of current state projects and potential delays, visit [NDOT's page of Transportation Projects](#).



Skills that Move Communities Forward



The Nevada LTAP is happy to showcase one of its most popular courses, Plans Reading! Reading a set of plans can seem overwhelming but at the conclusion of this class, every student will possess the knowledge to read a set of plans, calculate quantities, measure distances as well as many other issues related to roadway plan interpretation.

Nevada LTAP is proud to offer a Plans Reading course led by instructor Walt Cattlett who has over 30 years of experience! Hear what he has to say about this course.

Instructor Overview

“Reading a set of plans can seem overwhelming but it shouldn’t. That’s why Nevada LTAP created a Plans Reading workshop to help you get comfortable reading a set of plans. If you want to learn how to read a set of plans, then you have come to the right place. We will spend part of the day walking through the fundamental elements in a set of plans. Knowledge is the first element in our path towards becoming a plans reading guru.

A set of roadway plans is only as good as the standard specifications and drawings linked to it. Therefore, we will visit Nevada DOT’s website and dance around their standard specifications and

plans drawings. Now the real fun starts. Those are the second and third elements needed to read a set of plans. We will use this knowledge to conduct several hands-on group exercises to get comfortable with plans, specs and standard drawings. Show up ready to engage with fellow learners, and you will walk away with the confidence to dig into a set of plans and help others do the same.



Whether you are involved in the construction and maintenance of roadways, required to answer questions about specific items on a set of roadway plans or just interested in reading plans, then this workshop is for you. Previous experience with plans reading is not required.”

- Walt Catlett

This one-day course is being offered twice during the month of May, in two different locations – Reno and Las Vegas! Previous participants had nothing but great things to say about the course:

“There’s a lot of information, but I feel more confident looking at plans.”

“Great course, great instructor!”

“It was a learning experience because I got to see how the engineer looks at [plans].”

Take a look the Training Season section of this newsletter to register for these courses!

Wild Women in Transportation



During the Transportation Research Board's (TRB) annual meeting, Nevada LTAP Director, Carrie Brown, attended a dinner of the Wild Women in Transportation. This event presents an opportunity for women in transportation to network, build partnerships, and support one another.

The evening began with opening remarks from Ruth Steiner, the Director of the Center for Health and Built Environment at the University of Florida. Ruth shared a brief history of this special event. In the 1960s and 1970s, transportation was overwhelmingly male dominated, with very few women in the profession. Women attending TRB began networking and eventually organized an informal dinner—launching what became the annual Wild Women in Transportation gathering.

Carrie Brown described the experience as *“finding women in my field that I didn't realize I had been searching for.”*

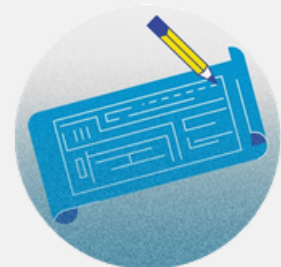
This event highlights the importance of connection and community—creating opportunities for women in transportation to support one another, grow professionally, and help shape the future of the industry.

For more information on the Transportation Research Board Annual Conference and upcoming events, visit TRB's webpage or email Carrie Brown to connect with other women in transportation.

Technical Assistance

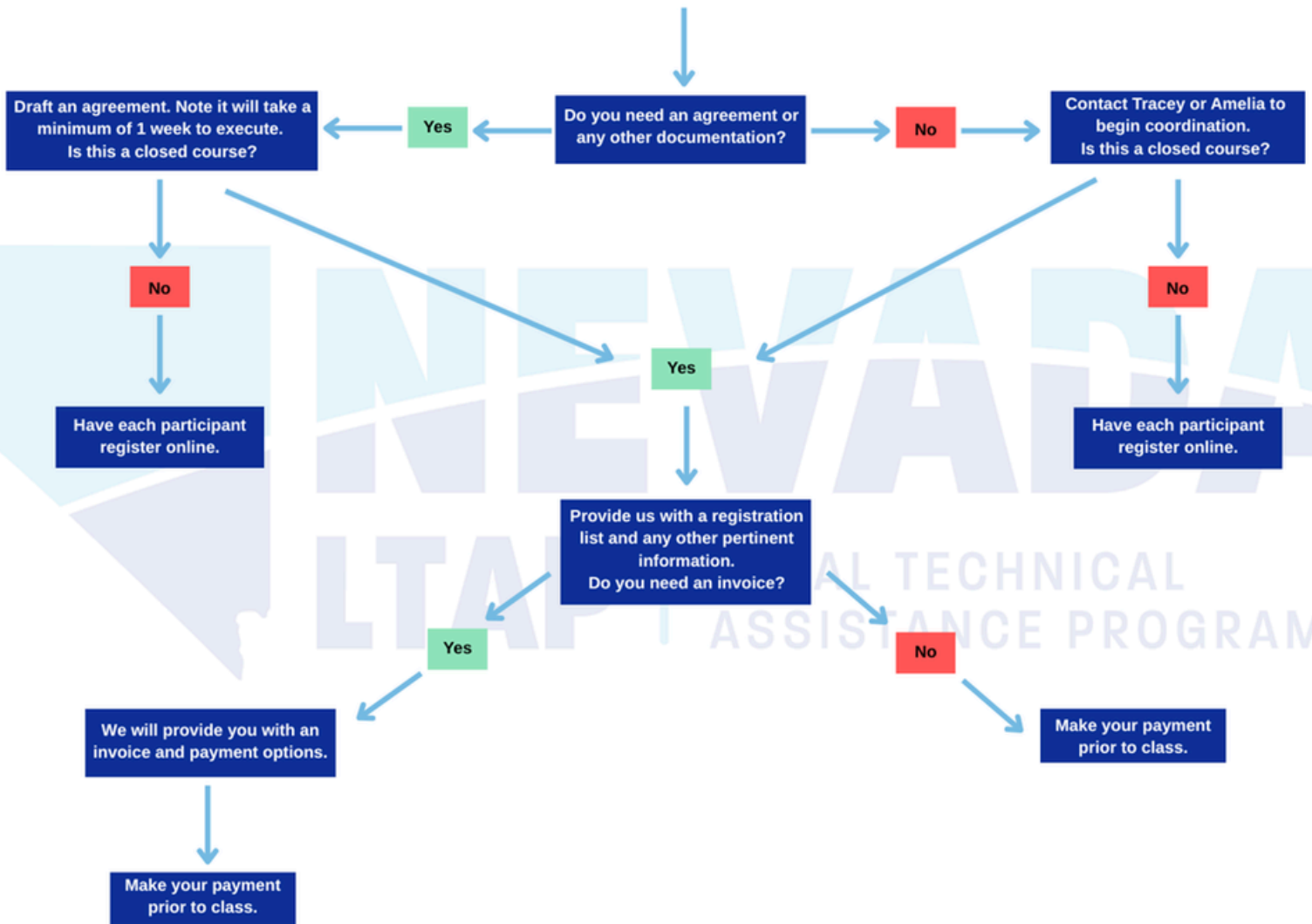
If you have any technical assistance questions on pavements, program development, asset management, plans, asphalt, grant writing, safety, and more, reach out to us.

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Training Request Process

Training Request Submitted



*Please note we require at least 6 weeks lead time for ALL trainings.

Do you have interest in hosting a Nevada LTAP training? Nevada LTAP takes pleasure in partnering with various agencies to meet training needs. To ensure the training request process runs smoothly, please refer to the image above. This chart outlines the progressive steps to take in planning a successful training facilitation. To begin your training request, start by completing our online [Training Request Form](#), which will gather information to help guide us on your desired training experience. If you or your agency are interested in having Nevada LTAP provide a training, please complete the [Training Request Form](#) or contact [Tracey Smith](#) (in-person sessions) or [Amelia Shannon](#) (virtual sessions) to help get the process started.

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Highlighting the NVLTAP Road Scholar Program



ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Upon completion of the program, participants receive a certificate of completion. Some agencies use Road Scholar completion to justify pay increases and promotion. Ask your supervisor about this option

REQUIREMENTS ▶

- ✓ Complete 7 required courses
- ✓ Complete 4 elective courses
- ✓ Complete within 5 years



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Funding Opportunities



Grant Title	Closing Date
Advanced Technological Education	October 1, 2026
FAA Aviation Research Grants Program	September 7, 2027
Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	TBD



Training Season

Seeking additional training opportunities? Visit the NVLTAP training event [calendar](#) and [course catalog](#).

Course Title	Date	Location
Barrier Basics	April 8, 2026	Virtual
Intro. to Const. Site Stormwater Management	April 9, 2026	Reno, NV
Pesticide Applicator Training	April 14-15, 2026	Las Vegas, NV
Introduction to Construction Management	April 14-15, 2026	Virtual
Intro. to Const. Site Stormwater Management	April 23, 2026	Las Vegas, NV
Managing Roadway Drainage Systems	May 5, 2026	Virtual
Pesticide Applicator Training	May 6-7, 2026	Fernley, NV
Plan Reading	May 12, 2026	Reno, NV
Plan Reading	May 13, 2026	Las Vegas, NV
ATSSA Flagger Training	May 19, 2026	Elko, NV