



LAP Community of Practice Quarterly Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2021

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Via Microsoft Teams

Welcome & Introductions – Lorraine Moyle

- State Safety Engineer – Brenda Young

Brenda Young and the Safety Office:

- Vital few- working on EPS metrics for all staff levels.
- Introduced a whole series of safety awards

Pedestrian Safety Legislation:

- John Goodknight - FACERS will work with ITP to write paper about the pedestrian safety legislation. Talks on subject matter related to pedestrian safety may go through Brenda Young with the FDOT Safety Office.
- The Safety Office coordinates with the Communications Office to develop materials for next legislative session.
- The Safety Office is currently experimenting with Midblock Pedestrian Signals (MPS). The MPS will operate similarly to a standard vehicular traffic signal at the midblock crossing. Safety Office wants districts to review what is currently installed at midblock crossings and what of those meet the current criteria in the manual.
- John G. feels like some people will be at a disadvantage if pedestrian safety legislation passes and wants that voice to be heard. JG wants to look at presence detector in place of the push buttons. JG thinks FDOT should talk to school boards about their crosswalks. Brenda Young states the Safety Office is talking to schools that have people with eyesight issues and how that results in training changes for roundabouts and rapid flashing beacons. John wants a follow- discussion. John Goodknight said Scott Herring is a public works director in Hernando County and is heading up the discussion on RFFB legislation. The plan is to have Scott H. send language to legislators.
- Roger Cain said the Hickory and Spruce Water Main Improvement and Resurfacing Project for the City of Tallahassee is installing mid-block crossing but the design doesn't have mid-block crossing *flashing beacons*. The flashing beacons weren't in traffic engineering manual when originally designed. Brenda Young stated a matrix exist now in the manual that Roger might want to look at. [Hickory & Spruce Water Main Improvement Project | Projects \(talgov.com\)](#)



LTAP Updates – Kristin Larsson

- **LTAP Website**

- The Florida LTAP Center has created a subpage on our website with information on upcoming and recorded Local Programs Training. It's found by navigating to FloridaLTAP.org→Resources→Local Programs, or the direct link is <https://floridaltap.org/localprograms/>
- We've also been working to keep our News and Funding pages updated. If you have anything you would like for us to share, please let us know
 - <https://floridaltap.org/news/>
 - <https://floridaltap.org/funding-news/>

- **FHWA Emergency Relief Program (ER) Trainings**

- Two identical sessions were held on May 11th. One 9am-12pm, and another 1-4pm. We had 475 attendees. The recording and associated Q&A are now posted to our website.

- **Upcoming Webinars**

- July 27th, August 3rd, and August 10th – Intersection Safety 3-Part Series
 - <https://floridaltap.org/intersection-safety-3-part-series/>
- August 25th & September 1st - Horizontal Alignment: Determining Curve Signage & Setting Advisory Speeds 2-Part Series
 - <https://floridaltap.org/horizontal-alignment-determining-curve-signage-and-setting-advisory-speeds/>

- **Upcoming Webinars – Details and Registration Links in Progress**

- Public Speaking Skills for Engineers 101
- Traffic Engineering Fundamentals
- Guard Rail Series
- Drainage Series
- Check our calendar for details: <https://floridaltap.org/training-calendar/>

- **Staying in Touch**

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FHWA – Chad Thompson

- **Recently completed focus reviews-** FHWA worked closely with Brad Bradley at FDOT's policy on Errors & Omission's. Also looked at local level in addition to FDOT policy. The contracting agency, typically FDOT, needs written procedures for procurement and management – determine extent consultant may be in error and if your approved for LAP certification you should be looking at E&O's. FHWA came up with recommendations to follow. What does it look like for LAP projects. Lets says \$100m to LAP and \$10m to Consultants. Are the Consultants doing perfect work or are their E&O's?
- **Highway re-authorization** – road diets, getting major highways out of urban areas. Texas DOT spend \$25B to widen highways and recent article states some want to remove roads. Advocacy groups want speed reduction and taking away roads.
- **CEI contracts – PE and design fees.** FHWA 1273 form. Required to be included in contracts, might do a quick check to see if that's still being included. Time extensions might be geared specifically to LAP projects. Contract time extensions are approved. Maintenance items in constructions. Mowing crack repair. Railroad delays is something FHWA will look at. Bridge deck construction and will visit bridge deck poor's in the field throughout the year. Don't know if they will look at LAP projects, but some big LAP bridge repair projects will be coming up so they might. Don West has a project that will have a good case study for railroad delays.
- **Compliance Assessment Program (CAP)** – Questions are generated from headquarters and projects are sampled from headquarters and local office conducts reviews. Last year looked at 59 projects. Some will be LAP projects not all. 85% fully compliant and 15% non-compliant. If you miss one question, then the project becomes non-compliant. LAP 13 projects of 59 were LAP. And Two projects had one question not answered correct. CAP went well and won't have any major recommendations from that.

LAP Big 4 Specifications

- General interest items. LAP big 4 is now Big 3. Major change is landscape is going to archives since most locals have their own specs for landscape. Working on design build update for earthwork, concrete and asphalt are up to date. You can save specs packages you are developing if you login to LAP specs page.

General Question

- QAQC procedures-implementation. Not reverting back to QAQC processes that we are aware.

Next Meeting Date

- September 28, 2021 – In person at Turkey Lake Service Plaza