



LAP Community of Practice Biannual Meeting

February 4, 2025

2:00 pm to 2:15 pm

Via Microsoft TEAMS

Welcome – Samantha Samford

Troy McCain with Hillsborough County, FL filled a spot on the LAP CoP for the APWA.

Ask the Locals:

1. Bi-Weekly ADA Chats

- If needed.
- Samantha was asked by our FDOT ADA Coordinator Brad Bradley if there would be any interest in him hosting bi-weekly chats or a monthly chat related to ADA questions that anybody may have at the state or local level.
 - Molly Levesque said it's a hot topic at the City of Tallahassee regarding ADA. She thinks it would be helpful.
 - Ramon Gavarrete said it would be helpful.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Samantha will let Brad know it's a good idea to go ahead with the ADA Q & A Sessions.

2. Vertical Structures with State or Federal Funding

- How did the locals accomplish these projects.
- LAP CO is receiving more requests for vertical structures. Have any local agencies built any and how have you accomplished that? We can put together a best practice for vertical structures but need your input to help educate us.

3. Next FACERS Meeting

- Call for topics.
- Samantha and Jackie typically go to FACERS meetings twice a year to present and would like the local agencies to provide Samantha with any topics they would like researched and presented.
 - Chad Williams said their LA has a meeting in next 30 days and he will get input for topics they want presented.

Executive Orders

Samantha said we have not received anything official from FHWA on stops or pauses on federal reimbursements. If we receive anything relating to stopping reimbursements or any other information you need, we will get it to you ASAP. As of right now there is nothing to report on our end for reimbursements regarding recent executive orders.

LTAP Update – Kristin Larsson

LTAP hosted FHWA and representatives from several states for the FoRRRwD Peer Exchange for Tribal and Local Agencies.

Florida LTAP was to help FHWA with their bi-annual 1273 workshop, but that has been postponed until later this year due to all of the executive orders.

LTAP recently concluded the annual needs assessment which is used to determine what type of training to do. The work plan has been developed for the upcoming fiscal year, and is pending FHWA and FDOT approval.

There are a few training courses coming up, such as Basic Math for Roadway Workers and Left Turn Movements and the Flashing Yellow Arrow Display. There will be more webinars coming up soon. LTAP's first in-person heavy equipment training on chainsaws was held at the end of December in Miami Gardens, and that went really well. Funds are often limited to do in-person training but LTAP tries to respond to the needs of the local agencies and is trying to do some more of those. If any locals have any training needs, either virtual or in-person, please reach out Kristin and let her know.

And keep an eye on LTAP's website for upcoming trainings as a lot of those will be posted in the next couple weeks.

- Samantha said she was scheduled to go to the FHWA 1273 Contract Compliance training but never received a notice saying it was cancelled.
- Kristin Larsson said she will take another look to make sure everyone got notice the FHWA 1273 training was cancelled. Kristin said Carey Shepherd thought it would eventually be rescheduled for the summer.

Florida LTAP Website: [Home - Florida LTAP Center](#)

Next Meeting Date

- August 5, 2025

Send us any agenda items or topics you would like to discuss at the next LAP CoP Meeting.



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