



# National Transportation Training Directors

**Summer Conference Update 2021**

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*As noted in the Spring newsletter NTTD will not be hosting its own conference this year. We encourage you to register and attend the NLTAPA conference that we have partnered with in the past for opportunities to engage with peers and explore critical workforce development strategies. NTTD hopes, with your help to launch a webinar series in the fall. Please see information on opportunities to get involved at the end of this newsletter.*



**Tuesday July 20th –  
Thursday July 22nd**  
9:45am – 2:20pm CT

Join us for the 2021 National Local Technical Assistance Program Association (NLTAPA) Virtual Summer Conference

The NLTAPA Virtual Conference brings together LTAPs and other local transportation professionals from across the country for three days learning, connecting, and more!

[Register Here](#)

## 2021 Poster Session

The 2021 NLTAPA Poster and Social Interaction Session will take place on **July 14th, 2021 from 4:00pm - 5:30pm**. This session will help us kick off the 2021 conference by sharing creative LTAP posters in a fun and interactive pre-conference extravaganza!

Pre Conference Poster Session Registration Link: [Register Here](#)

## Conference Overview

--Matt Ulberg, Montana, LTAP, NLTAPA Conference Work Group Chair & President Elect

The past year of living in a global pandemic has put a tremendous strain on us personally and professionally. All of us have had to step back from our normal way of doing business and try to determine a new way forward. Simply doing our jobs has been complicated by new rules, conditions, and regulations. In Montana, these challenges overlapped with a wave of retirements and staff turnover at a time when we struggled to deliver our trainings around the state. While some of these challenges are likely over, many may extend into the future while we grapple with both a pent-up demand, and the many new in our

communities. Now, more than ever, it is essential that we come together to support each other, expand our capacity, and cultivate the passion we all have for the work we do.

Sometimes I find that those we teach struggle to retain the concepts taught in classes and similarly, I see the same struggle within myself; particularly in areas where I am not strong. The strengths, expertise, and passion you all share is what helps me shore up my weaknesses and gain what I lack. We need to share with each other, support each other, and associate with one other. NLTAPA is fertile ground for this kind of collegial bonding, learning, and personal growth.

Through our national and local partnerships we have an expansive network of support to lean on for sound approaches and proven solutions. It is through our combined strength that we can secure growth and positive change in each of our communities.

This virtual conference has a lot of great information that will come to you at the speed of electrons through the magic of the internet. The NLTAPA Virtual conference also provides us an opportunity to engage with the staff and leadership of LTAP centers across the country. It is their expertise and willingness to help that has kept the wheels on this planning effort and deliver on the promise of relevant and engaged content from our NLTAPA Work Groups.

I am excited to be a part of "Team NLTAPA", and to take a short turn at the helm, though it seems a bit of a daunting task for this boy from the mountains of Montana. I know that your support and goodwill will always lift me as we face challenges together.



### **Conference Spotlight - The 4 Keys to a Superpowered Life, Mark Henson**

Positive change. It's highly desired, but hard to achieve. So how do you achieve it? Better yet, how do you create it? It all starts when you unleash the potential of your Ordinary Superpowers -- the talents and skills that create the most positive difference in your life, the lives of others, and the world around you. What is a Superpowered life? It is a fulfilling life spent creating, collaborating, and contributing to your world with your ordinary superpowers. Join us on July 20th for two sessions focused on helping you identify your ordinary superpowers and tips on how to make the most of them. Learn how you can harness your superpowers to make a powerful positive difference on the world around you AND feel so much more fulfilled doing it.

## **Request for Proposals NTTD 2021 Fall Webinar Series**

With uncertainty still the prevailing planning consideration, instead of planning an annual conference NTTD, with assistance from the [National Network for the Transportation Workforce](#) plans to host a series of webinars focusing on best practices from DOT training and workforce education programs. We want to feature innovative work that is being explored and implemented at DOTs around the country.

Have an innovative program that you want to feature? Send a short proposal with a working title, name of presenter(s), and a short description, as well as an approximate time for delivering the presentation. We are especially interested in collaborative programming, with organizations in your state, universities, or other DOTs. Deadline for submission is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Submit to: [glenn.mcrae@uvm.edu](mailto:glenn.mcrae@uvm.edu)

## NCHRP Synthesis Study, March 2021

### Transportation Workforce Planning and Development Strategies

Estimates indicate that more than 14 million jobs—about 11% of civilian jobs in the United States—are related to infrastructure. Transportation has the potential to be a major U.S. job creator with projections to add 417,000 net jobs from 2012 to 2022. An additional 4.2 million workers will need to be hired to fill vacancies created by people leaving the transportation workforce.

Transportation workforce strategies are highly decentralized with no national standards for operations, planning, or programming. This is not necessarily a criticism because there is tremendous variation in the transportation workforce needs from state to state. However, it means there is little documentation of best practices, making it difficult to know what innovation can be transferred from state to state.

The TRB National Cooperative Highway Research Program's *NCHRP Synthesis 543: Transportation Workforce Planning and Development Strategies* is a synthesis of the current state of practice associated with the implementation of transportation workforce planning and development strategies at state departments of transportation (DOTs) and associated local and tribal technical assistance programs (LTAPs/TTAPs).

Project Number: 20-05/Topic 49-10

The full report is available at: <http://www.trb.org/Publications/Blurbs/179878.aspx>

## *NTTD and the FUTURE*

NTTD, for more than thirty years has forged a dynamic profession network for the transportation training community. To continue this work, and look to the best form and organizational structure in these changing times, new leadership needs to step forward and be part of that conversation. If you want to join a new leadership group and be part of that discussion, send a note to: [Glenn.McRae@uvm.edu](mailto:Glenn.McRae@uvm.edu).

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