

Louisiana LTAP did not only undergo a brand refresh this past year, but it also had several staffing changes following the retirement of former director, Steven Strength. LTAP's former Communications and Technology Transfer Manager, Rudynah "Dynah" Entera Capone, assumed directorship on May 1, 2024. LTAP's former Training Coordinator, Haley Ortiz, transitioned into Capone's previous role. Our most recent student worker, Emma Ball, departed LTAP to pursue a graduate degree.

LTAP secured additional technical expertise with engineers-in-contract Peter Allain and Prasanth Malisetty supporting Local Road Safety Program (LRSP) efforts. LTAP also brought in a new instructor, Michael Duplantis, to teach Work Zone Safety with Basic Flagging mini-workshops.

Completed Projects

- » A Project Selection Meeting was conducted for the Local Road Safety Program (LRSP), which endorsed the **approval of 7 LRSP project applications**.
- » LTAP provided technical assistance through a contract with Nick Verret, Jr. to develop a pavement preservation program for the City of Central.
- » 23 U.S.C. 148 note (Public Law 117-58) requires the USDOT to update the High-Risk Rural Roads Study, Report to Congress, and Best Practices Manual. NACE's Technical Oversight Working Group was charged with providing FHWA with local government entities willing to participate in the survey. Louisiana LTAP worked with Desoto and Franklin parishes, providing technical assistance in preparing Louisiana's contributions to NACE's efforts.
- » LTAP hosted the APWA Public Works Week: Worker Safety Training, which was **attended by 70 participants**.
- » LTAP provided a review and ranking of applications for Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) involving four of Louisiana's parishes.

- » LTAP's former director Steve Strength taught seven Work Zone Safety with Basic Flagging mini-workshops to **a total of 151 participants** from local public agencies in Lake Charles, Hammond, Baton Rouge, and Gonzales.

- » As the membership and outreach arm for the Louisiana Parish Engineers and Supervisors Association (LPESA), Louisiana LTAP organized two conferences attended by **121 participants** (Fall 2023) and **111 participants** (Spring 2024) from **60 agencies/organizations**.

- » LTAP also hosted four quarterly LPESA Virtual Showcases that reached a total of **79 learners via Zoom**.

- » From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, Louisiana LTAP conducted a total of **64 classes**—5 virtual and 59 in-person—which amounted to **12,702 contact hours**, reaching approximately **2,109 participants**, of which **77% were from local public agencies**.



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Partnerships, Outreach, and Publications

LTAP staff continues to engage actively with stakeholders through professional associations and groups, including: NLTAPA, NACE, TRB, APWA, ITE, WTS, PJAL, LMA, APA, and LPESA.

- » LTAP Director **Dynah Capone** initiated an international research collaboration between LTRC and Philippine-based University of San Jose Recoletos.
- » Three LTAP staff members presented and moderated sessions at the National LTAP Association Conference on July 16-20, 2023, in Columbus, Ohio.
- » LTAP Program Manager **Courtney Dupre** served as one of the moderators in Virtual LTAP/TTAP-U workshop facilitating a break-out session on June 26, 2024.
- » LTAP's LRSP Manager **Leo Marretta** presented and engaged local stakeholders at the Rural Complete Streets Summit on June 12, 2024, in Baton Rouge and June 26, 2024, in Ruston.
- » LTAP Training Coordinator **Haley Ortiz** wrote an article titled "Walk, Bike, or Roll: LTAP's Initiative to Enhance Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety in Louisiana," featured in LTRC's Technology Today Volume 36, Number 2.
- » LTAP published **four Technology Exchange newsletters** and distributed **12 digital monthly bulletins** to share valuable information on our program efforts, reaching approximately **3,000 of our stakeholder contacts**.
- » LTAP conducted program promotions and outreach at LPESA Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 conferences, reaching a total of **236 stakeholders**.

Current and Upcoming Efforts

LTAP Advisory Committee Meeting



Roads Scholar 8A: Successful Supervision for Local Road Supervisors



LPESA Conference



Local Road Safety Plan Implementation Workshops

Local Public Agency Training, Chainsaw Safety and Work Zone Safety Mini-workshops

Louisiana Transportation Conference (LTC) 2025