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The KU Transportation Center (KUTC) is a multi-disciplinary center of the University of Kansas operating since 1977. The Center conducts, coordinates, and promotes transportation research, training and technology transfer to the State of Kansas and the surrounding region. It encompasses several research and technology transfer programs. Primary areas of research and technology transfer interests are highway engineering and maintenance, traffic engineering, highway and worker safety, workforce development, and community transit.

Programs Spotlight: Kansas RTAP and Kansas LTAP

Purpose. The purpose of the Kansas Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) and the Kansas Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and is to assist transit agencies and road and bridge/public works agencies in counties, cities and townships across the state in performing their responsibilities cost effectively, professionally and safely. RTAP and LTAP accomplish this through information-sharing, technical assistance, training, and technology transfer.

The KU Transportation Center houses both programs. Kansas RTAP is funded by the Federal Transit Administration under contract with KDOT. Kansas LTAP is funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT).

Services. Kansas RTAP and LTAP each provide instructor-led and webinar training, a quarterly newsletter, a lending library of training publications and video programs, technical assistance, and an interactive Web site.

- RTAP expertise includes transit-related management, safety, marketing and new technology.
- LTAP expertise includes road and bridge maintenance, roadway safety, worker safety, and efficient department operations.

Newsletters. Each year four issues of the Kansas Trans Reporter (RTAP) and KS LTAP Newsletter are provided without charge to city, county, state, and township highway agencies and transit agencies across Kansas. The publications are available online to anyone for free download.

Training. Each year the KUTC presents over 100 workshops and conferences held across the state. Visit our Web page and click on "Training Calendar" to view a list of upcoming RTAP and LTAP training opportunities.

Kansas Road Scholar Program. Kansas LTAP is a partner in this training recognition program that increases knowledge of road maintenance procedures and improves technical, supervisory, and managerial skills. The program is aimed at road workers, supervisors, and those who manage public works operations. Training for the Kansas Road Scholar Program is sponsored by Kansas LTAP, the Kansas Association of Counties, Kansas County Highway Association, American Public Works Association, and KDOT. More information is available at <http://www.ksroadscholar.org> or by calling 785-864-2594.

Lending Library. The Kansas RTAP and LTAP lending libraries provide training videos (on DVD) and printed technical materials without charge to hundreds of individuals and agencies each year. Library offerings are available in a searchable format at the web sites below.

Technical Assistance. RTAP and LTAP staff and trainers provide one-on-one technical assistance upon request.

Web Site. The RTAP and LTAP Web sites each have a calendar of upcoming training opportunities, a registration page for workshops, a searchable lending library to borrow a training video or order technical materials, links to the quarterly newsletters, information about current transportation research at the KUTC, and links to related sites.

Visit Kansas RTAP at <http://www.ksrtap.org>. Visit Kansas LTAP at <http://www.ksltap.org>.