

MAINE LOCAL ROADS NEWS

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The Maine Local Roads Center is part of the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)- a nationwide effort jointly funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the various state departments of transportation, and state universities. Its purpose is to decode technical information on roads, streets, bridges and public transportation and put it into a form that is useful to local government personnel.

The Maine Local Roads Center is sponsored by the Maine Department of Transportation (MaineDOT) and FHWA. This quarterly newsletter is intended to keep you informed about training opportunities in the form of workshops and seminars and about publications, techniques or products that might help you in your work. It will also provide a place where useful information can be exchanged among Maine towns on whatever road and street related topics are of interest to you.

Other resources which are available from the Center include:

- Statewide workshops on a wide variety of subjects
- The Maine "Roads Scholar" program
- A large library of videotapes and publications which are either free or available at a very nominal cost
- Practical advice and technical support by phone, email, or website
- A traveling "Road Ranger" who can provide local training or advice
- Several software programs for managing road maintenance, equipment maintenance, or sign maintenance.

We request articles from any source for inclusion in this newsletter. They should be sent to the Maine Local Roads News, Community Services Division, MaineDOT, 16 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0016. Any findings, conclusions or recommendations presented in this newsletter are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of FHWA or MaineDOT.

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