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## **NACE UPDATE**

The almost bi-weekly newsletter for Board members, Committee Chairs, and Members  
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### **REMINDER! Tomorrow's Rural Road Safety Webinar Series**

Please join NACo/NACE members on **Thursday, March 25, from 2 - 3:15 p.m. EDT**, for the second in a series of three, dedicated to the basics of County Action Plans, Strategic Highway Plans, and Road Safety Audits (RSA). Each year, road accidents continue to devastate families and counties. Participants will learn about the benefits of a county RSA and the legal issues surrounding safety audits. This webinar is co-sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration, the National Association of County Engineers, and NACo. To register, click [here](#).

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### **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 2, 2010 ON ROOM RESERVATIONS - REGISTER & RESERVE YOUR ROOM NOW! NACE 2010 CONFERENCE LINKS**

NACE 2010 conference information is now available on the NACE website:

[www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org) (under NACE Events).

Delegate & Guests can register on-line: [http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE\\_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/delegateapp.cfm](http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/delegateapp.cfm)

Exhibitors can register on-line: [http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE\\_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/exhibitapp.cfm](http://www.naco.org/NACETemplate.cfm?Section=NACE_Events&Template=/cfiles/nace/exhibitapp.cfm)

In addition to on-line registration and PDF files of brochures, see information on conference overview, travel, hotel, golf outing and more!

American Society of Civil Engineers magazine *Civil Engineering* has a great feature article on the construction of the Super Span of the Dallas Cowboys new stadium. To view the article go to the following link. [http://pubs.asce.org/magazines/CEMag/2010/Issue\\_01-10/article1.htm](http://pubs.asce.org/magazines/CEMag/2010/Issue_01-10/article1.htm)

### **April is National County Government Month**

It's not too late to celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) in April. This year's theme is "Healthy Counties." A NCGM booklet full of ideas to celebrate can be downloaded by clicking [HERE](#). The NCGM media tool kit is available by clicking [HERE](#).

### **Listen to NACE President Chris Bauserman Discuss Critical Issues in the New Authorization of the Surface Transportation Program! Visit Our Local Roads Matter website!**

Chris E. Bauserman, NACE President & County Engineer, Delaware County OH discusses the important issues associated with the next transportation authorization in this important PODCAST. To view his presentation visit the NACE Local Roads Matter Campaign site <http://countyengineers...org/LRM/index.html> (click on Social Media Center).

**Better Roads Feature Article: At the Crossroads – The fate of our secondary roads may be in the balance!**

The March 2010 issue of Better Roads Magazine has a feature article that highlights the plight of the nation's secondary road system using the NACE "Local Roads Matter" campaign information. View this important article at

<http://www.betterroads.com/roadscience-2/>

**Surface Transportation Programs Extended until December 31, 2010**

President Obama signed into law on March 18<sup>th</sup> a jobs bill that includes an extension of federal surface transportation programs through December 31, 2010. The transportation extension was needed to allow Congress more time to complete work on a new authorization to succeed SAFETEA-LU, which expired on September 30, 2009. The latest extension ends March 28.

The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment (HIRE) Act, HR 2847, includes tax relief for businesses hiring new employees. Specific transportation provisions included:

1. Extend surface transportation authorization until the end of this calendar year. The current extension of the 2005 surface transportation authorization law known as "SAFETEA-LU" is scheduled to expire March 28.
2. Deposit \$19.5 billion into the Highway Trust Fund to reimburse the trust fund for interest payments not received since 1998. This will ensure the trust fund's solvency into next year.
3. Restore in this fiscal year \$8.7 billion in highway contract authority to the states that had been rescinded at the end of Fiscal Year 2009.
4. Fund the federal highway program's contract authority for FY 2010 at \$42 billion, up from \$30 billion, returning the program to its FY 2009 funding level.
5. Provide \$4.6 billion in additional federal subsidies for Build America Bonds, a program created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The bonds allow states and municipalities to finance infrastructure projects with an interest subsidy from the federal government. State and local governments have issued \$78 billion worth of Build America Bonds during the program's first year.
6. Allow the Highway Trust Fund in the future to collect interest on its deposits, as all other federal trust funds are authorized to do.
7. Restructure fuel-tax exemptions for government vehicles currently paid out of the Highway Trust Fund so future payments come out of the General Fund rather than the trust fund, increasing money available for highway and transit projects in future years.

**RISC Coalition Calls for Increased Investment in Rural Roads!**

While the recent traffic fatality statistics are declining, The Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition, of which NACE is a founding member, calls for increased investment and emphasis on rural road fatalities. View the RISC press release in the following link:

[http://www.atssa.com/galleries/default-file/RISC-PressRelease\\_Fatality\\_Reduction3-17-10.pdf](http://www.atssa.com/galleries/default-file/RISC-PressRelease_Fatality_Reduction3-17-10.pdf)

**10<sup>th</sup> International Low Volume Road Conference Abstracts and Papers Deadline Nears**

This is just a reminder that the deadline for the submittal of abstracts and papers to present at this conference are due by March 31, 2010. Visit the conference website at:

<http://www.trb.org/LowVolumeRoadsConference/Public/LVR10.aspx>

And click on Paper Submittal and Review to submit the full text of the paper and abstract.

For authors go to the Information for Authors posted for the conference.

TRB is sponsoring the 10th International Conference on Low-Volume Roads on July 24-27, 2011, in Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), Florida. The conference, held every four years, is designed to foster communication about new and innovative ways of building, maintaining, and managing low-volume road systems between practitioners worldwide in local, state, and federal agencies; universities; private firms; and international organizations. Papers from authors wishing to present at the conference are due by March 31, 2010. Papers are sought which offer a pragmatic perspective that can be applied by practitioners. Case studies, best practice reviews, and experience-based reports of innovative practices that may not be research, per se, are welcome at this conference. [\[More\]](#)

#### **New Run-Off-Road/Rumble Strip DVD**

The Roadway Safety Foundation in conjunction with the South Carolina DOT has launched a safety public education campaign called Recognize, React, Recover: Using Rumble strips to Prevent Run-off-the-Road Crashes. A new DVD details the benefits of rumble strips in preventing run-off-the-road crashes. Copies are available free to those who are interested in helping to prevent ROR crashes. To order a copy of the DVD, please e-mail Cathy Gillen, [cathygillen@roadwaysafety.org](mailto:cathygillen@roadwaysafety.org) or call her at (202)857-1203. The website is: <http://www.roadwaysafety.org/run-off-road-dvd-2/>

#### **New from US DOT**

*Fast Lane Blog: Financing US Surface Transportation, a Call for Creativity*

<http://fastlane.dot.gov/2010/03/financing-us-surface-transportation-a-call-for-creativity.html>

#### **FHWA Issues - The Maintenance of Signs and Sign Supports - A Guide for Local Highway and Street Maintenance Personnel**

This Guidebook can now be downloaded

at [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local\\_rural/training/fhwasa09025/](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa09025/)

Highway signs are the means by which the road agency communicates the rules, warnings, guidance and other highway information that drivers need to navigate their roads and streets. This guide, which is an update to the same titled guide published in 1990, is intended to help local agency maintenance workers ensure their agency's signs are maintained to meet the needs of the road user. The guide succinctly covers the following topics: a description of sign types, sign materials and sign supports; sign installation and the elements of a sign management system including inventory, inspection, preventive maintenance, repair and replacement, and recordkeeping. The FHWA has advised that they do not have a printed version of this guidebook.

**Remember that Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is April 19-23**  
**(see attached flyer)**