



READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY

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To: Reading Area Transportation Study Technical and Coordinating Committees

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Re: Local Technical Assistance Program – Remaining Classes 2026

Date: September 1, 2026

The PennDOT Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), in partnership with the Reading MPO and the Berks County Planning Commission (BCPC), is designed to help municipalities make the best use of their roadway maintenance dollars. LTAP provides free technical information and proven technologies dealing with roadway maintenance and safety methods to meet the growing demands on municipal governments.

The following classes are scheduled for the remainder of 2026:

September 8, 2026 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: Berks County Agricultural Center (Harvest Room), 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA 19533

Asphalt Project Awareness: Half Day, Road Scholar II, RS Admin

This half-day course will provide training to help ensure local government maintenance projects are done in a manner to achieve maximum quality and longevity by providing the participants with the information needed to monitor these projects. Projects such as Liquid Bituminous Seal Coat, Asphalt Paving, Micro-Surfacing and Nova Chip require attention to detail to ensure a successful project. This course is intended to provide the participants the critical elements of these operations that need monitored so the life expectancy is achieved.

Intended Audience: Individuals responsible for performing roadway inventory and condition surveys as well as planning and programming functions such as: public works directors, street supervisors, roadmasters.

September 17, 2026 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: Berks County South Campus Multi-Purpose Room, 400 East Wyomissing Ave, Mohnton, PA 19540

Municipal Stormwater Facilities Program: Half Day, Road Scholar II, RS Admin

This course will introduce participants to the stormwater processes, explain the need for stormwater control measures (SCMs), highlight the key laws regulating SCMs, define the common types of SCMs, and provide an overview of inspection and general maintenance activities. Attendees will learn to about different aspects of a municipal SCM program including inventory methods, inspections approaches, and maintenance needs as required by municipal codes, MS4/NPDES permits, and Chapter 102 NPDES permits. This content focuses on NPDES MS4 permit MCM 5 activities, with a brief overview of all MS4 MCMs. Example checklists and resources will illustrate topics presented. Intended Audience: Primarily intended for individuals who are involved in the planning level and permit adherence aspects of operation and maintenance of SCMs, including public works directors, personnel involved in establishing and administering local stormwater policies. SCM maintenance staff, persons reviewing SCM development plans, and inspecting SCMs would also benefit from the course content.

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October 21, 2026 8:00AM – 12:00PM

Location: Berks County South Campus Multi-Purpose Room, 400 East Wyomissing Ave, Mohnton, PA 19540

Winter Maintenance: Half Day, Road Scholar I

This course covers the basics of an effective and efficient winter maintenance program. Best Practices for winter maintenance operations will be emphasized. The topics will include an overview of the various materials available for treating the roadways, as well as, the latest techniques in pre-wetting and anti-icing practices. Other topics will include spreader calibration, material application rates, basic plowing techniques and environmental awareness.

Intended Audience: All public works employees engaged in winter maintenance operations including: Street supervisors, public works directors, roadmasters, crew foremen and equipment operators.