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AMC26: More Sessions & Speakers Announced

We're five weeks away from CTA's **72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26)**! If you're planning to attend, it's time to register and make your plans, because time is running out!

Over AMC26's three-days - **January 21 to 23** - participate in informative sessions by day and relax among the extensive amenities by evening in and around the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

As we add details to our [AMC26 schedule](#) here's some highlights:

The 2026 Insurance Market Landscape
Speaker: **Mark Sektnan**, VP, State Government Relations, **American Property Casualty Insurance Assoc. (APCIA)**

The Future of Transportation Funding
Speakers: **Kiana Valentine**, Transportation California, and **Lauren Prehoda**, Caltrans

Minimizing Liability During Driver Hiring Process: A Legal & Compliance Discussion
Speakers: **Christopher J. Eckhart**, Partner, **Scopelitis**, and **Sue Lawless**, Partner, **Scopelitis**

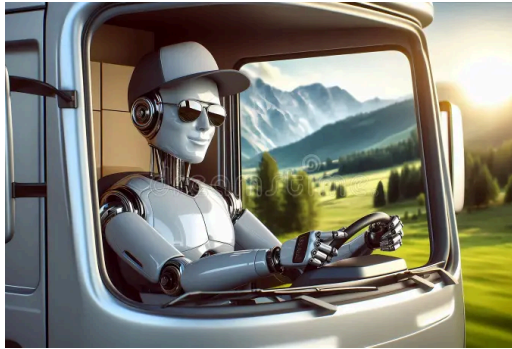
Grid Sustainability & Reliability - Transitioning to ZEV Technology

Speakers: **Matt Schrap**, Chief Commercial Officer, **Forum Mobility**, and **Andrea Pratt**, VP of Government and Utilities Relations, **Greenlane**

Time's almost up for the discounted group room rate at our host hotel. It's **\$289/night plus taxes and fees** expires on **January 5th**. [Visit Monterey Plaza Rooms](#) to reserve your room online.



[Click Here for Details](#)



Weigh-In Now: Comment Period on Autonomous Heavy- and Light-Duty Vehicles Ends Tomorrow

The **California DMV** released revised proposed regulations earlier this month that would allow the testing and deployment of heavy-duty autonomous vehicle technology on California roadways. The 15-day public comment period **ends tomorrow - Thursday, December 18.**

Below are links to the notice of modifications, statement of reasons, as well as the revised regulations themselves for your review:

- [Notice of Modifications to Text of Proposed Regulations](#)
- [Statement of Reasons for the Modified Regulatory Text](#)
- [Express Terms - Title 13, Article 3.7](#)
- [Express Terms - Title 13, Article 3.8](#)

If you have any questions or concerns on the revised proposal, please send your comments to Nick Chiappe at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

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AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS



Joe Kent Award Nominations Close Next Week

The **Joe Kent Award** celebrates an active CTA Allied member who has given generous amounts of time for the greater good of our organization.

Do you know someone deserving of this honor?

To be eligible, candidates must be:

- An Allied member in good standing.
- A current or past volunteer on a CTA unit, committee, conference, or council.

Nomination process:

- A CTA member in good standing must nominate the individual by completing the nomination form.
- Candidate must receive endorsement from their unit, committee, conference, or council leadership to confirm participation.

Submit nomination forms to membership@caltrux.org by Tuesday, December 23.

[Nomination Form](#)

TUFSOB: If You Got the Scholars, We Got the Dollars

The **TUFSOB (Truckers United Fraternity Super Offspring of the Boss)** scholarship program provides financial support towards furthering the educational goals of trucking's next generation and the industry's future leaders.

Created by CTA members, the TUFSOB Scholarship Program was the brainchild of **Bud Wallace** (Cascade Drayage & Warehousing, Inc.), along with **Joe Nieves** (Quikway Trucking Company), **Connie Garcin** (Garcin & Associates), and **Bob Crites** (Condor Freight Lines, Inc.). Writing out their plan on a cocktail napkin these four visionaries implemented a way to raise funds and award grants to trucking's next generation.



More than 30 years later, the program has provided in excess of \$400,000 in scholarships to over 500 deserving individuals.

TUFSOB scholarship awards go to high school graduates entering college, as well as those continuing their college education. The TUFSOB program also supports those that wish to go to trade schools, as well as adults wishing to attend college. Anyone who supports the trucking industry is considered, as long as they are sponsored by a CTA-member company.

Click below for the nomination form.

[2026 TUFSOB Application](#)

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| 2 Monte Vista Pavement Rehab | 5 Wrong Way Driver Prevention Safety Impr. | |
| 3 CMS Sign Replacement | 6 Soda Springs Pavement Rehab | |

Eastbound I-80

- **Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Between Monte Vista and Drum Forebay**, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, December 15 through 11 a.m. Friday, December 19. Work is also scheduled from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20.
 - **Baxter on- and off-ramps** are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Drum Forebay and return westbound on I-80 to Baxter.
- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project**
 - **Between Yuba Gap and the junction with SR 20**, reduced to one lane as crews begin traffic shift onto new bridge span around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, December 14 through 5 p.m. Friday, December 19.
 - **Yuba Gap off- and on-ramps and eastbound I-80 off-ramp to SR 20 are closed until further notice.** Motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and return westbound on I-80 to SR 20 or Yuba Gap.
- **Emergency Culvert/Rockfall Project between Boca and the Nevada state line**, traffic breaks are scheduled for scaling operations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 through Thursday, December 18.

Westbound I-80

- **Emergency Culvert/Rockfall Project**
 - **Between the Nevada state line and Boca**, traffic breaks are scheduled for scaling operations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, December 16 through Thursday, December 18.
 - **Between Floriston and Hinton Road**, various lane closures are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, December 15 and from 8 a.m. to noon Friday, December 19.
- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project between the junction with SR 20 and Yuba Gap**, reduced to one lane as crews begin traffic shift onto new bridge span around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, December 14 through 5 p.m. Friday, December 19.
- **Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Drum Forebay and Monte Vista**, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, December 15 through 6 a.m. Sunday, December 21.



Eastbound SR 20

- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project**
 - **SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80**, scheduled to be intermittently closed until further notice. When closed, motorists will detour westbound to Emigrant Gap and head back eastbound on I-80.
 - **SR 20 on-ramp to westbound I-80**, will be intermittently closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.
 - When the eastbound ramp is closed, the westbound ramp will remain open. When the westbound ramp is closed, the eastbound ramp will remain open.

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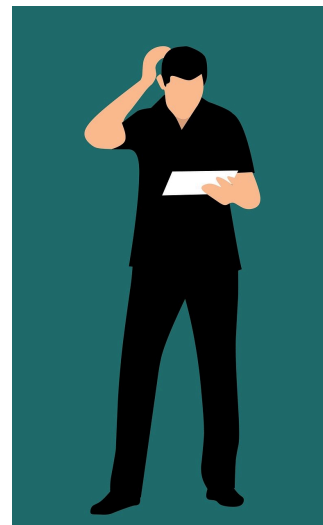
Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

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- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions
- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations
- Hazardous materials regulations

Visit www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/, or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.



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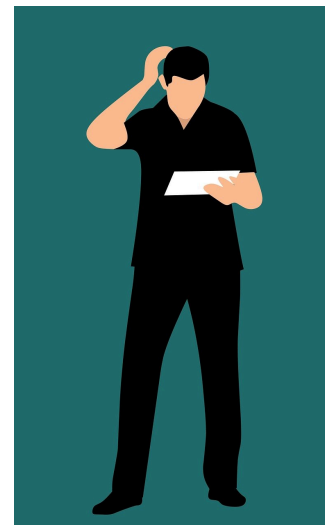
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Contact the Help Desk

DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Brush Up on Safety Issues With TREDs

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDs\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

TREDs offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



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Risk & consequences
Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

Scope of the problem
Contributing factors
Risks & consequences
Laws & testing procedures
Strategies to drive-drug free

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Upcoming events can be accessed via CTA's Events Calendar](#)

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