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The Wait is Over: TDC26 Begins this Weekend!

The drivers are registered. The course has been set. The trucks are idling. Now it's time to get competitive.

This **Saturday, April 11**, marks the beginning of the **2026 CTA Truck Driving Championships (TDC26)** with our Northern California Regionals at the **FedEx Yard in West Sacramento**.

**FedEx Freight
4075 Channel Drive
West Sacramento**

- Check-in begins at 6:00am and closes promptly at 7:00am.
- Competition begins at 8:00am

After Saturday's competition we'll pack up and prepare to do it all again two weeks later at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia for the **TDC26 Southern Regionals** and **State Finals**. All TDC26 events are open and free to the public, so bring your family and friends!

We're still looking for volunteers to help us staff both the weekends, so if you're interested in some fun in the sun, a snazzy t-shirt, and the undying appreciation of an entire region of truck drivers, click on one of the links below to sign up.

[Volunteer at TDC North](#)

[Volunteer at TDC South](#)

Introducing CaltruxApp: The Power of CTA in Your Phone

CTA staff and leadership are always looking to provide added value to our membership. In that spirit, we're excited to introduce **CaltruxApp**. This flexible new tool enhances how our members can access member-only information simply, conveniently, and on the go.

CaltruxApp provides easy, handheld access to information on membership benefits, education opportunities, advocacy campaigns, and upcoming events. Features within the app include:

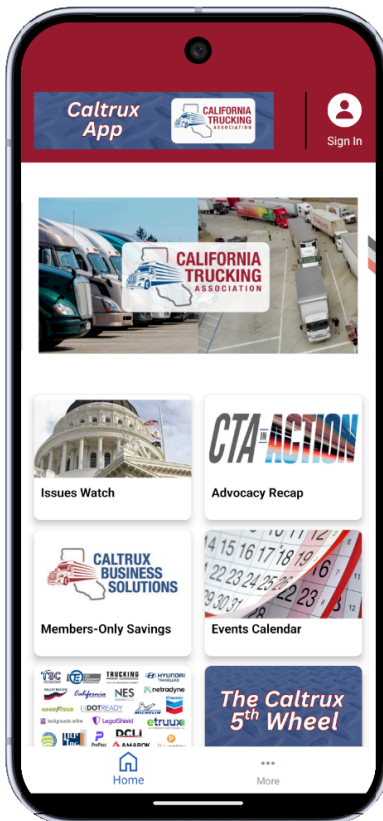
- Directories - Explore lists of member businesses, individuals, and organizations.
- Deals - Find member-only pricing via Caltrux Business Solutions and CTA's Circle Club Partners.
- Calendar - Get a look ahead on events at both the state and regional level.
- Messaging - Send one-to-one and group messages.
- Events - View information and materials related to events you're attending.
- Archives - Check out previous CTA email alerts, Caltrux Magazine, and Caltrux 5th Wheel issues.

CaltruxApp is available on Google Android and Apple iOS phones and tablets.

To download and explore CaltruxApp, visit:

[Android: Google Play Store](#)

[Apple iOS: App Store](#)



FMCSA Removes ELD from Registered List

On April 2, 2026, FMCSA removed the following electronic logging device (ELD) from the list of registered ELDs due to the ELD provider's failure to meet minimum requirements.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
HERO ELD	HRS	HRS205	HERO ELD INC

Motor carriers must discontinue using the revoked ELD and take action to stay in compliance.

Motor carriers have up to 60 days to replace the revoked device with a compliant ELD.

FMCSA will send an email to industry to inform motor carriers that all who use the revoked ELD must take the following steps:

1. Discontinue using the revoked device and revert to paper logs or logging software to record required hours of service data.
2. Replace the revoked device with a compliant ELD from the Registered Devices list before June 2, 2026.

If the ELD provider corrects all identified deficiencies for their devices, FMCSA will place the device back on the list of registered devices and inform the industry and the field. However, FMCSA strongly encourages motor carriers to take the actions listed above now to avoid compliance issues in the event that the deficiencies are not addressed by the ELD provider.

2026 Out-of-Service Criteria Now in Effect



Late last week a set of changes to the **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) 2026 North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria** took effect.

The **17 changes to the criteria** were approved by voting members of the Alliance last year. Updates occur annually, effective each April 1, with these annual updates replacing and superseding all previous versions. The following changes were made to the out-of-service criteria

[Click here to view last week's CTA update email](#) with the the list of changes.

There are different formats of the 2026 out-of-service criteria available for purchase through the [CVSA online store](#). It's also available for purchase as an app by searching "CVSA Out-of-Service Criteria" in the App Store or Google Play. Additionally, a recording of a CVSA-hosted webinar outlining the above is available to CVSA members at any time in the [CVSA member portal](#).



LA/Orange County Unit Meeting to Address Olympic Games Freight Planning

The **Olympic Games** are coming to Southern California in 2028, and large-scale event planning is already underway.

LA28, the **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**, and **Caltrans** are assessing potential impacts on the goods movement industry, including truck routes, security perimeters, the **Games Route Network**, and delivery operations during the event.

Join **CTA's LA/Orange Unit** later this month to understand plans, processes, route changes, and restrictions being set in place to ensure smooth and orderly operation.

This event is a must attend for any trucking company, port and rail logistics providers, or warehousing operation.

Representatives from LA28, SCAG, and Caltrans District 7 will share key information for logistics providers across the region, with all three agencies gathering feedback from stakeholders on how best to manage goods movement disruptions during this major event.

Monday, April 20
11:30 - 1:30

LA Food Bank
2300 Pellissier Place
City of Industry

Lunch will be served

\$25 Members
\$35 Non-Members

Sponsorships Available

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For more information, please contact
Chris McNatt at cmcnatt@scopelitis.com

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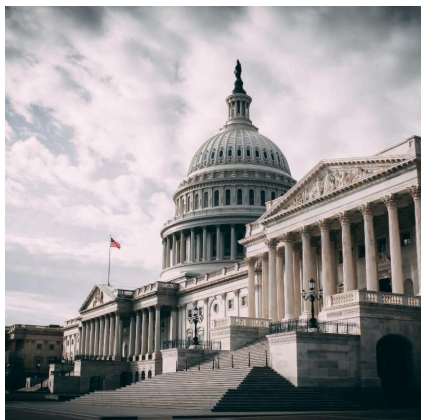
Summer Board & Policy Meetings are Coming

Join us **Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18** to join our Board and staff for the CTA Summer Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings.

Meetings open to all members will begin at 1:30 Wednesday, June 17 at **TEC Equipment in Fontana.**



[Register Now](#)



Join CTA in June for Call on Washington

This May CTA staff and members will travel to the nation's capitol for our **Call on Washington**, meeting with California's elected lawmakers and staff. We have a handful of spots available for a few more members to join us.

This is a great opportunity to better understand the issues our industry faces, speak with your elected officials and their staffs, and network with other CTA members.

Our visit is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12 and Wednesday, May 13, with a full agenda including a

reception and pre-meeting briefings at the ATA HQ, and a busy day visiting lawmakers' offices on Capitol Hill.

If you are interested, please email **Nick Chiappe** at NChiappe@caltrux.org, or click on the button below for more information.

[More Information](#)

Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year Nominations Now Open

Every year, the CTA honors our state's best truck drivers by naming them **Driver of the Month (DOM)**.

A company with a current CTA membership in good standing may enter California domiciled drivers with no limit on the number of entries. There is no application fee; however, the member company will be charged \$125 if the driver is selected for an award.



The program culminates each November with a pair of banquets - one in the North, the other in the South - where each winner is awarded a plaque and recognized for their outstanding service. The night is also filled with great excitement and anticipation as the Driver of the Year honor is revealed for the first time and bestowed upon the unknowing recipient.

For more information on the program and sponsorship opportunities, click the button below, contact us at (916) 373-3528 or at events@caltrux.org.

[DOM/DOY Nomination Form](#)



Nominations for CVSA's International Driver Excellence Award Open

The **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)** is now accepting nominations for its **International Driver Excellence Award (IDEA)**, an annual award that recognizes an extraordinary professional commercial motor vehicle driver and their commitment to public safety.

Nominees for this award must be individuals who have gone above and beyond the performance of their duties as a commercial motor vehicle driver, distinguishing themselves conspicuously and beyond the call of duty through the achievement of safe operation and compliance carried out with evident distinction for an extended period of time.

The nominated individual must be of personal character beyond reproach with no disqualifying past behavior as indicated in the award criteria.

For more details and entry information, [click here](#).

The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 8.

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Driven to be the best!

Join us in April, as we put California's finest truck drivers to the test to take on the nation at **TDC26**.

April 11 - Northern California TDC
FedEx Freight Yard, West Sacramento

April 25 - Southern California TDC
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia

April 26 - California TDC Finals
Santa Anita Park, Arcadia

ATRI Seeks your Input in Pair of Surveys

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking for-hire motor carriers to participate in a pair of surveys designed to help better understand trucking operations and data-driven performance metrics.

The first data collection is part of a study – **Capitalizing on Telematics** – that was identified by **ATRI's Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** in 2025 as a top priority. The research seeks to document current industry best practices, and assess emerging capabilities and different uses of telematics data by trucking fleets.



The ATRI telematics survey will remain open through **Friday, April 17.**

The second survey is for **ATRI's Operational Costs of Trucking** report. This annual research is trusted by thousands of industry decisionmakers every year as a key barometer of freight market conditions and is the leading public benchmarking tool for motor carriers of all sectors, from owner-operators to 10,000+ truck fleets.

The ATRI operations survey will remain open through **Friday, April 24.**

[Click for the Telematics Survey](#)

[Click for the Operations Survey](#)

WEBINARS & WORKSHOPS

Zero-Emissions Showcase + Ride & Drive Event - San Diego

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** and **CALSTART** are sponsoring a free **Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive** event.

Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment. Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies.

Past Ride and Drive events have featured over 70 Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment. Receive information on incentive opportunities and the Cal Fleet Advisor technical assistance program.

CARB staff will be available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.



Wednesday, April 29
9:00 - 3:00

Pechanga Arena

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GOLF TOURNAMENTS

2026 Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament

Enjoy unique-to-the-Central-Valley champion Bermuda greens that provide a short-game experience unlike any other.

Fresno's Belmont GC is well-maintained, narrow and well guarded, with medium size greens, menacing bunkers and lots of trees. It's a good test of decision making, iron play and your short game.



Monday, April 27
9:45am - 6:30


Belmont Golf & Country Club
8253 East Belmont Ave.
Fresno

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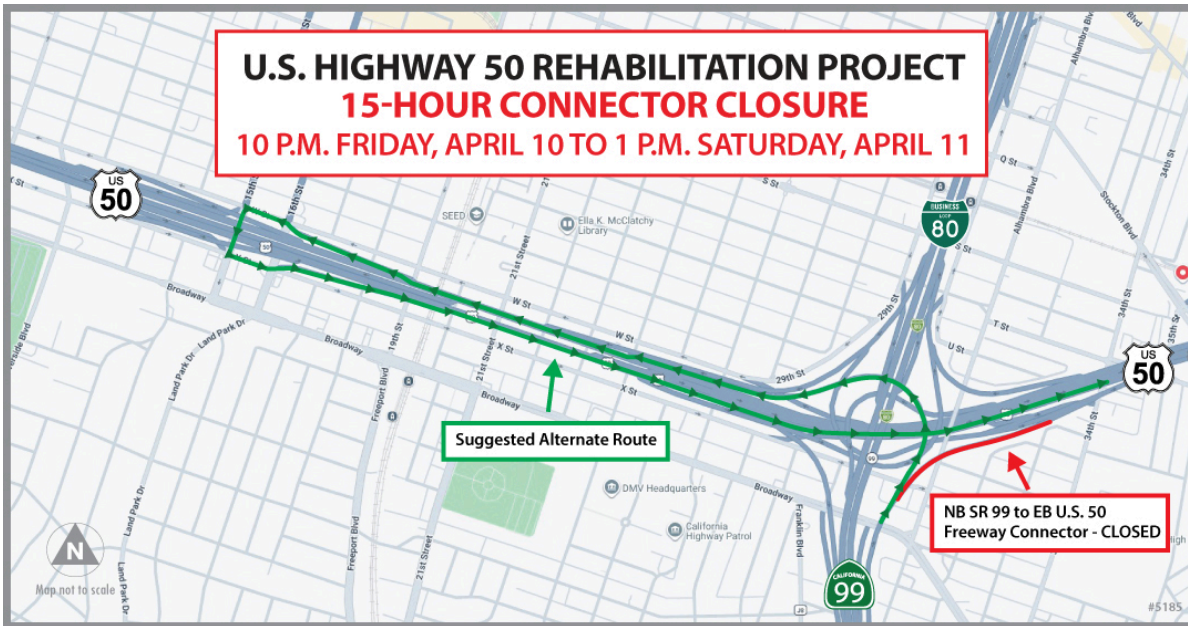
Connector Closures this Friday & Saturday on US50 in Sacramento

Construction continues this weekend on the **U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) Multimodal Corridor Enhancement "Fix50" Project** with scheduled connector closures in Sacramento.

This weekend's 15-hour closure impacts traffic on northbound State Route 99 (SR 99) to the eastbound US 50 connector beginning **Friday, April 10, at 10pm and ending Saturday, April 11 at 1pm.**

Suggested Detour:

- Take the SR 99 connector to westbound US 50
- From westbound US 50 take the off-ramp to 16th Street (Exit 5)
- Continue to W Street
- Turn left onto 15th Street
- Turn left onto X Street
- Take the 16th Street on-ramp to eastbound US 50



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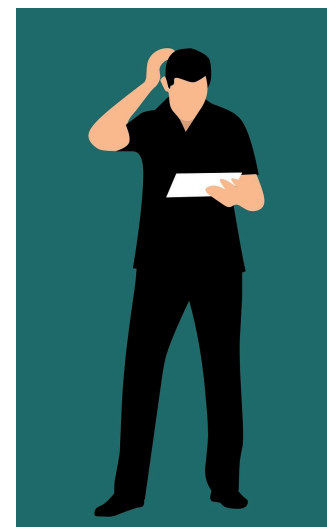
Compliance Confusion? Help Desk Has Your Solutions!

Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help with assisting various questions including:

- 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.



Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. CTA's Government Affairs team will do their best to get back to you in timely manner.

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.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

Scope of the problem
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

[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

[April 11: 2026 Northern California Truck Driving Championship](#)

[April 20: Los Angeles/Orange Unit Meeting - LA28 SCAG Presentation](#)

[April 25 & 26: Southern California Truck Driving Championship & State Finals](#)

[April 27: Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[May 12 & 13: 2026 Call on Washington](#)

[May 21: Kern Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[June 1: San Joaquin Unit Joe Kent Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[June 2: Summer 2026 Government Affairs Update](#)

[June 11: San Bernardino/Riverside Unit Arthur F. Thompson Mem. Golf Tournament](#)

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