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AMC Registration Opens with Early Bird Discount

Ah, the sea... the sand... the sessions. It's all there for you at CTA's **72nd Annual Membership Conference**, or **AMC26** as we call it around the office.

Under the theme "*Driving the economy, steering the future*" join us **January 21 to 23** for California trucking's largest educational conference!

Over this three-day event, participate in informative sessions by day and relax among the extensive amenities by evening in and around the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

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We'll have details soon on our speakers and programming for AMC26. Consider taking advantage of our early bird discount of **\$100 off of each registration secured through October 31**. If you're already planning to attend, why not sign up now? [Click here to register!](#)

The **discounted group room rate of \$289 plus taxes and fees expires on January 5th, 2026**. To reserve your room online, [visit this link: Monterey Plaza Rooms](#).

Barrs to Lead FMCSA



On Friday of last week the U.S. Senate's confirmed **Derek Barrs** to serve as administrator of the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**. President Trump [nominated Barrs](#) to lead FMCSA on March 25.

Barrs has served in various law enforcement capacities for the **Florida Department of Transportation** and **Florida Highway Patrol**. Most recently, he has been a consultant on traffic-related and commercial motor vehicle safety projects across numerous states.

He also joined ATA's **Law Enforcement Advisory Board** in 2021, and he has been an active member of the **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance** in multiple roles, including serving as the President of the Associate Members, where he represented motor carriers and suppliers to the industry.

In addition to Barrs, the Senate confirmed **Gregory Zerzan** to be General Counsel of the Department of Transportation and **Michael Rutherford** to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation. Rutherford has been tapped to lead the Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy.

Caltrux Ready: Your Software Solution for Compliance Confusion



Caltrux Business Solutions would like to remind you that we know our members have lots to follow and so little time. That's why we're always looking for the "easy button" to address your business and compliance needs.

To that end we've partnered with **DOT Ready** to offer an easy-to-use and affordable software solution to assure you don't get caught behind in your renewals. [Caltrux Ready](#) is fleet-compliance software integrated with consulting targeted to the two pillars of trucking – compliance and operations. It's a one-stop-shop for compliance management AND focused, professional assistance to your fleet's day-to-day needs.

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Register for Next Week's Fall Executive & Policy Committee Meetings

CTA welcomes you to participate in our Fall Executive and Policy Committee meetings, to be **held virtually next week via Zoom on Tuesday, October 14th, and Wednesday, October 15th**.

Join us for impactful discussions about our Association and hear updates on this year's legislative session and top industry issues.

Visit the [CTA website](#) to view the meeting schedule and register for one, some, or all of the committee meetings.

Click the [link here](#) or the button below to register. We hope to see you all there!

Check Your Inbox for a Unit Election Email

Last week CTA sent all eligible members an email with a specialized link to vote in their local unit elections. That online ballot features the candidates for unit officers and directors nominated by each unit's steering and planning committee.

One vote is allowed per member in good standing.

To complete your ballot:

- Select the member candidate listed or write-in a member candidate in the space provided.
- All votes must be sent in by **Friday, October 31.**



CTA's Leadership Academy Offers Development for Your Future Leaders

Time is running out to register for **CTA's Leadership Academy** - an exclusive, thoughtfully-designed program to provide our industry with a new generation of leaders.

This two-day curriculum offers the latest practical techniques and tools to help participants unlock their leadership potential. Participants will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and further develop their personal and professional characteristics. These new skills will give them more confidence and self-assurance to be even stronger leaders in their organization and all aspects of life.

October 21 & 22
SC Fuels
Orange, CA

The program is **open to CTA members only**, and it is limited to 25 participants to ensure that everyone has a meaningful and substantial experience.

[Click for More Information](#)

Survey Closes this Week: Share Your Industry Concerns with ATRI

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking all transport industry employees share their views on our industry's challenges and conditions by participating in its **2025 Top Industry Issues Survey**.

Please take a moment to respond - the annual survey informs where we can apply resources to improve trucking in the US. The format is simple: respondents are asked rank the top issues of concern for the industry along with potential strategies for addressing each issue.

Industry stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey available by [clicking here](#). The survey will remain **open through Friday, October 10.**





TSC's Ochotorena Celebrates Third Work Anniversary

Our man on the phone and in the field for **Caltrux Business Solutions' TSCTesting, Levi Ochotorena**, celebrates his third anniversary this week with the CTA team. Levi works tirelessly to connect our members with vital drug testing and background screening services.

He's also just a great guy to have around. **Happy anniversary, Levi!**

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Webinar: Accident Preventability Review

Accident preventability isn't just a technical term; it's a key factor in protecting your company's safety record and compliance standing.

Does the classification of preventable versus non-preventable really matter? (It does.)

In this interactive webinar, we'll break down how accidents are classified, why preventability matter, and how misclassifications can impact your SMS scores.

Thursday, October 16
10:00 - Noon

Presenters **Jay Johnson** and **Paul Morris** provide practical examples and will sharpen your ability to review accidents and strengthen your overall compliance strategy.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Webinar: New for Electric Trucks: More Funding, More Range

Join **Forum Mobility Chief Commercial Officer, Matt Schrap**, for a timely and informative webinar on the MILLIONS of dollars in incentive funding now available for heavy-duty zero-emission trucks.

Thursday, October 23
10:00 - 11:00 am

The **Forum Mobility** team will lead a conversation covering:

- The different incentive programs available to support motor carriers
- How Forum's products - charging and trucks -- can meet or beat diesel on TCO
- How new technology is expanding use cases for electric trucks - and how Forum can help you take advantage of it.
- HVIP as well as other programs with significant funding - many of which are stackable

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the programs and technology that can help shape your future fleet.



[Register for this Webinar](#)



Clean Truck Check Webinar


The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** staff invite the public to participate in a webinar covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024 and places requirements for owners of trucks registered in California.

Wednesday, October 29
1:00 - 3:30 pm

[Register Now](#)

If you are unable to attend after registering, please email hdim@arb.ca.gov and request to be removed from registration to allow others to register, as we are typically at capacity for these events. CARB will hold additional webinars as needed.

EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS/FUNDRAISERS





**CALIFORNIA
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KERN UNIT

2025

Sporting Clay Shoot

- **When:** 7:30 Check in / 8:30 Start Time
Friday, October 10, 2025
- **Where:** Kern County Gun Club
12450 Shotgun Road,
Bakersfield CA 93311
- **More info:** Clayton Pearsey: (661) 301-1471
Lloyd Ponder: (661) 281-8063

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[Click Here to Register](#)

San Joaquin Unit Dealer Appreciation Night 2025

Come join the San Joaquin Unit to visit with area trucking friends for some food, some fun, and some fundraising for **CARGO PAC!**

- See the latest truck & trailer equipment from our local, CTA-allied dealers



- Enjoy delicious catered food and drinks
- Bid on great items at the live and silent auction
- Support CARGO PAC's mission to elevate the issues vital to the trucking industry

Click the button below to register!



**Thursday, October 16th
5:30 to 9:00**

**178 Albers Rd., Modesto
(Look for the big blue barn!)**

**Admission is \$75 per couple,
\$40 per person**

(Proceeds benefit CARGO-PAC #760458 - Concerned Americans for Responsible Government)

[Register Here](#)

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The advertisement for MCE25 features a blue background with white dashed lines forming a circular pattern. A red arrow points from the "REGISTER NOW!" text to the ATA logo. The ATA logo consists of the letters "ATA" in blue with a red and white stylized truck icon above it. The text "MCE25" is in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below it, the event details are listed in blue. The slogan "A UNITED FRONT" is in red, with "DRIVING POLICY IN A NEW ERA" in blue below it. The bottom of the ad has a red banner with the website and hashtag in white.

[Click here for More Information](#)

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2026

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San Diego

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

55-Hour Closure for WB I-80 Ramps in Yolo County

Yolo County WB I-80 Chiles Road and County Road 32-A on- and off-ramps will be closed:

- 9 p.m. Fri, 10/10 through 4 a.m. Mon, 10/13.

Yolo County WB I-80 lane #3 at the same location will also be closed:

- 9 p.m. Fri, 10/10 to 7 a.m. Sat, 10/11
- 9 p.m. Sat, 10/11 to 7 a.m. Sun, 10/12
- 9 p.m. Sun, 10/12 to 4 a.m. Mon, 10/13



Caltrans is notifying motorists of an upcoming 55-hour weekend closure for the **Chiles Road and County Road 32-A on- and off-ramps** near Davis and a westbound Interstate 80 (I-80) lane closure at Chiles Road after crossing the Yolo Causeway.

The 55-hour closure is scheduled from **9 pm Friday, October 10 through 4 am Monday October 13**, allowing contractors to complete repaving the ramps and pavement work as part of the \$200 million Yolo 80 Corridor Improvement Project.

Ramps Closed:

- Chiles Road and County Road 32-A on- and off-ramps (EXIT 78)

Lane Closed:

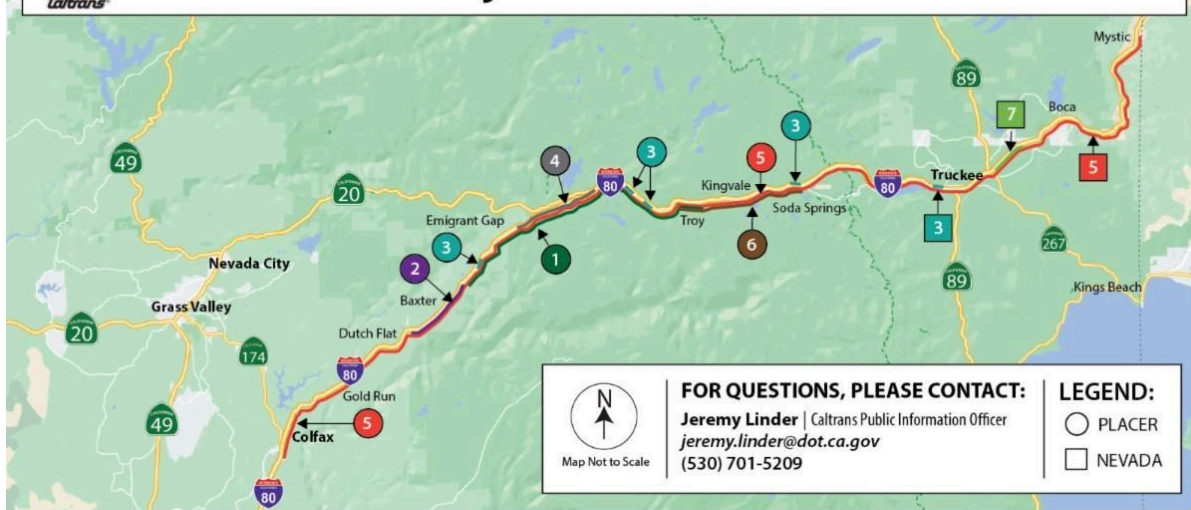
- Westbound (WB) #3 (far right) lane at Chiles Road
- 9 p.m. Friday, October 10 to 7 a.m. Saturday, October 11
- 9 p.m. Saturday, October 11 to 7 a.m. Sun, October 12
- 9 p.m. Sunday, October 12 to 4 a.m. Monday, October 13

Detour:

- Continue westbound on I-80 to the Mace Boulevard off-ramp (EXIT 75).
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Interstate 80 Projects - 2025 Construction Season



- 1 Drainage Restoration
- 2 Monte Vista Pavement Rehab
- 3 CMS Sign Replacement
- 4 Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge
- 5 Wrong Way Driver Prevention Safety Impr.
- 6 Soda Springs Pavement Rehab
- 7 WB I-80 Restripe

Caltrans is reminding motorists of various lane and ramp closures in multiple locations along Interstate 80 (I-80) and State Route 20 (SR 20) as several projects continue in Placer and Nevada counties.

Motorists may experience delays between 30 to 45 minutes and are encouraged to factor in additional travel times along the I-80 Sierra corridor.

Here is the breakdown for this week:

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, October 6 through 11 a.m. Friday, October 10 and from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, October 11.
 - **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**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 5 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 10.
 - **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.
- **Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Troy and Soda Springs**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, October 5 through noon Friday, October 10.
- **Donner Summit Rest Area** is scheduled to close for pavement striping from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, October 6.

Westbound I-80

- **Donner Summit Rest Area** is scheduled to close for pavement striping from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, October 8.
- **Soda Spring Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Soda Springs and Troy**, various lane closures are scheduled from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, October 6 through Thursday, October 9.

- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project between the junction with SR 20 and Yuba Gap**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 5 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 10.
- **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, October 6 through 6 a.m. Sunday, October 12.

Eastbound SR 20

- Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project
 - **SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80**, intermittent traffic holds are scheduled from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 5 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 10. Motorists will experience 30-minute delays during these traffic holds.
 - **SR 20 on-ramp to westbound I-80**, will be intermittently closed until further notice. When closed motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.

HELP DESK

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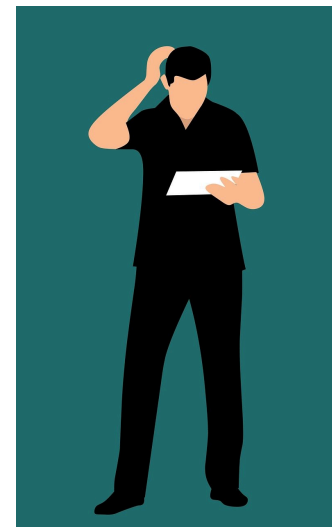
Remember to use the “Help Desk Online Contact Form” when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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.



[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.



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

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

Scope of the problem
Risk & consequences
Rules & regulations
Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
Work zone safety

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

[Learn More](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 10 - [Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)
- October 14-15 - [Virtual Fall Executive & Policy Committee Meetings](#)
- October 15 - [Los Angeles/Orange Unit Oktoberfest Happy Hour!](#)
- October 16 - [San Diego/Imperial Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Day](#)
- October 16 - [Virtual Safety Seminar: Accident Preventability review](#)
- October 16 - [Webinar: Building Effective Employee Handbooks for the Trucking Industry & The Workplace Violence Prevention Plan](#)
- October 16 - [San Joaquin Unit Dealer Appreciation Night CARGO Event](#)
- October 23 - [Webinar: New for Electric Trucks: More Funding, More Range](#)
- October 25-28 - [2025 American Trucking Associations Management Conference & Exhibition \(MCE\)](#)

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

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The [Caltrux Bookshelf](#) uses a digital flipbook format to display these magazine issues in high quality, complete with articles and advertisements - identical to what you already receive in the mail.