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## It's a Wrap on AMC26

CTA's 72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26) came to a close Friday after a packed three-day agenda covering several of trucking's most pressing issues. Nearly 200 attended AMC26, which was held at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

The event opened Wednesday afternoon with **American Trucking Associations' (ATA) Chief Economist, Bob Costello**, who shared his perspective

on both the good and bad the industry is likely to face this year and beyond. That evening at the AMC26 Welcome Reception we honored former CTA President **Mike Yadon** on the occasion of his retirement from **FedEx** and longtime service to trucking.

What followed over the next two days included informative sessions on several issues like insurance, road funding, EV tech, infrastructure, the 2028 LA Olympics, and workforce laws. Friday night's closer, the Inaugural Dinner, honored CTA President **Timothy Pollock** of **CPS Express**, who actually assumed his new role over the summer.



CTA staff would like to thank our members and sponsors who attended and supported this year's Conference. We'll be back in the same place - **the Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa** - next year, and hope to see you there.

Watch for more pictures from the event in the spring issue of Caltrux, coming in April.

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## I-105, I-110 Overnight Construction Closures Begin Friday

The I-105 and I-110 freeways are scheduled for overnight closures beginning this week due to construction work. Dates and locations are as follows:



### I-105 Directional Full Freeway Closures – **January 30 & 31**

- 1/30/26 - Eastbound I-105 full closure between Vermont Av and Main St
  - o Friday night, Jan. 30, lane closures beginning at 10:30 PM
  - o Early Saturday, Jan. 31, 2:00 AM – 6:00 AM – Eastbound 105 full freeway closure is in effect
- 1/31/26 - Westbound I-105 full closure between Central Av and I-110
  - o Saturday night, Jan. 31, lane closures beginning at 10:00 PM
  - o Early Sunday, Feb. 1, 1:00 AM – 5:00 AM – Westbound 105 full freeway closure is in effect

### I-110 Directional Full Freeway Closures – **February 2-6**

- I-110 directional closures implemented between Imperial Hwy and 120th St
  - Feb. 2-4 Southbound I-110 closure
  - Feb. 5-6 Northbound I-110 closure
- Directional full freeway closure implemented from 11:59 PM – 5:00 AM
- Closures of inside lanes in the opposite direction of the side of freeway closure will occur simultaneously
- Each night lane closures may begin as early as 10:00 PM

During the implementation of both sets of directional closures traffic detours will be implemented and advance signage will be installed to alert motorists of freeway closures.

For more information, visit the **I-105 ExpressLanes** page [here](#).

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## California Adopts Two New Laws Impacting Employers

California has adopted a pair new laws that employers should be aware of in 2026. Please find information below provided by [Scopelitis, Garvin, Light, Hanson & Feary](#):



### **SB 294, the Workplace Know Your Rights Act**

- Requires employers to distribute a notice to employees by **February 1st**, and annually thereafter, describing their rights regarding unionization, immigration, interactions with law enforcement, and other related topics. **The Labor Commissioner** has provided an appropriate notice ([linked here](#)) and plans to re-issue it annually. Employers should make plans to distribute now, when hiring employees, and annually moving forward

### **AB 692, imposing stricter prohibitions on "stay or pay"**

- California Code of Regulations Business and Professions [Section 16608](#) prohibits employers from requiring workers to execute an agreement to pay debt if the employment or work relationship ends, including agreements to authorize the collection of or end forbearance on a debt if the employment or work relationship ends, including agreements to authorize the collection of or end forbearance on a

debt if the employment or work relationship ends, or to impose a penalty, fee, or cost on a worker if the employment or work relationship terminates

- CTA hosted a compliance webinar featuring Robert Roginson with Ogleetree Deakins Law Firm on December 2nd, 2025 for CTA members to provide an overview of AB 692 and the new prohibitions. You can review the recording of this [webinar here](#) using the **passcode: 8n4Dq!LL**

If you have any questions or would like to speak with legal counsel to ensure your business is compliant, please contact CTA's [legal help desk](#) or contact **Hayden Tallman** at [htallman@caltrux.org](mailto:htallman@caltrux.org).



## FMCSA to Launch Motus, USDOT Registration Portal in 2026

In 2026, the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** will introduce Motus—the single, secure, and mobile-friendly online dashboard for registration actions—to all users. To facilitate the transition into the new system, motor carriers and other registered entities should ensure their FMCSA Portal account is active, the correct Company Official is listed, and business information is updated.

What you can do to prepare for the launch of Motus: USDOT Registration Portal:

### 1. Ensure your FMCSA Portal account is active:

- [Log in to your Portal account](#) to confirm it is active. If you don't have an account, [create one now](#). This critical action will allow you to quickly and easily claim your existing USDOT Number and create your company account in Motus when it launches to all users later this year.

### 2. Verify Portal Account User

- View and confirm users with access to your FMCSA Portal account in the "Account Management" tab. Ensure that the listed Company Official is the company owner or employee responsible for managing/updating FMCSA registration. This should not be a transportation service provider or outside consultant.
- The Login.gov email for the Company Official in the FMCSA Portal must match the Login.gov email used to log into Motus to link your USDOT Number with your new Motus account.

### 3. Update company information

- For a smooth transition into Motus, easily submit an online Biennial Update (MCS-150) in the Portal "Registration" tab to ensure that the most up-to-date information is on file for your business.

If you need more assistance, you can use the [FMCSA Portal Registration User Guide](#) for more user-specific information and guidance, or use the FMCSA [Registration Modernization Resource Hub](#).

### Action for Transportation Service Providers:

Service providers (consultants or third parties) must [create a supporting company account](#) in Motus as part of the [early access period](#) happening now. When Motus launches for all users, **registrants** will be required to claim their existing USDOT Number and create a company account before granting service providers access to information and tools.

## ATA Launches 2026 Driver Compensation Survey

**American Trucking Associations (ATA)** has opened its survey for the **2026 ATA Driver Compensation Study**, an analysis of pay, benefits, and bonuses for trucking businesses across



the U.S.

As a one-of-a-kind benchmarking tool, the study provides the crucial, actionable intelligence motor carriers need to recruit and retain their most valuable resource: professional truck drivers.

Last conducted in 2024, this survey produces a unique and vital source of timely data. Previous

studies covered hundreds of fleets, including for-hire truckload carriers, for-hire less-than-truckload carriers, private carriers, and other commercial haulers.

Survey participants are eligible for a discounted copy of the study for just \$100— more than 90% off the full price. Additional benefits for participants include a free executive summary prior to the release of the report and an exclusive invitation to a no-cost webinar with ATA's Chief Economist to discuss the survey results and answer questions.

To participate, please [visit the survey here](#) and complete it by March 30.



## AWARD/SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS



### TUF SOB: Calling All Scholars

The TUF SOB (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, TUF SOB was created to raise funds and award grants to trucking's next generation.

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

TUF SOB scholarship awards go to high school graduates entering college, as well as those continuing their college education. The TUF SOB 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.

EVENTS

**Kern Unit Lamb Fry**

Save the date and mark your calendars for the **2026 Kern Unit Lamb Fry**, scheduled for **March 5<sup>th</sup> in Bakersfield**. If you're a culinary adventurer, this is the certainly place to be on a Thursday night.

The event will be held at the **Woolgrowers Restaurant** at 620 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St. in Bakersfield.



Watch this space - more details are coming, and **registration will open soon**.



**TDC26 Registration: Now Open for Business**

CTA's annual **Truck Driving Championships (TDC)** begins in a little less than three months. We've already opened our [TDC26 online registrations](#) at Caltrux.com.

As in the past we'll split the state in two, with a pair of events: the first, for northern California, is held at **FedEx Freight's yard in West Sacramento on April 11**. The second, for southern California, will be two weeks later on **April 25 in Arcadia at Santa Anita Park**.

This year's **state finals follow the SoCal regionals at Santa Anita on April 26**. First place state finals winners will then go on to compete against their counterparts in other states at the [National Truck Driving Championships](#) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from August 11 thru 14.

Are you up to the task of taking on our state's finest? Sign up today and begin your journey!

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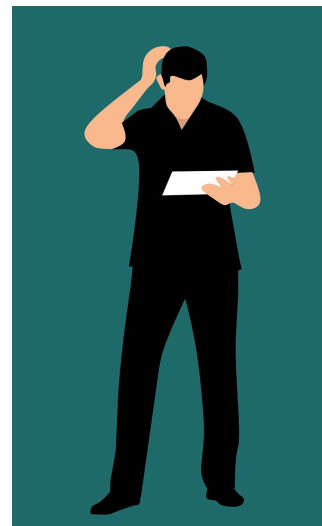
Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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/](http://www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/), or email [helpdesk@caltrux.org](mailto: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...

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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