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Sauer Updates CTA Members on ELP, Non-dom CDLs in California

In an email to members Tuesday, **CTA CEO Eric Sauer** provided an update on mandates for California to comply with new federal requirements like the **English Language Proficiency out-of-service criteria enforcement** and the issuance of **non-domiciled CDLs** (commercial driver's licenses for non-US citizens).



"On September 26, FMCSA published an [Interim Final Rule](#) (IFR), which amended the acceptable documentation for obtaining and maintaining a non-domiciled CDL including restricting the eligibility for these licenses to holders of specific employment visas (H-2A, H-2B, and E-2 visas). The IFR explicitly excludes asylees, refugees, asylum seekers, and DACA recipients from eligibility. The IFR's amendments became effective immediately." Sauer wrote.

"On the same day, **FMCSA** and the **U.S. DOT** sent a [letter of non-compliance](#) to California after an audit found the state previously issued non-domiciled CDLs inconsistent with federal guidelines. California was directed to immediately:

- Pause issuance of non-domiciled CDLs
- Identify all unexpired non-domiciled CDLs that fail to comply with FMCSA regulations
- Revoke and reissue all noncompliant non-domiciled CDLs if they comply with the new federal requirements

The federal government required California to take corrective action within 30 days to comply, or the federal government will withhold \$160 million in federal highway funds. California immediately paused the issuance of non-domiciled CDLs and any activities associated with these licenses." he continued.

"On October 24, **Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy** [found California to be non-compliant with the federal directive](#) following a fatal incident in California involving a non-domiciled CDL holder issued by the state.

Even though the federal government may withhold funding from the state, California DMV indicated that the agency will continue to work to fully comply with the requirements of the Interim Final Rule and the letter of non-compliance as soon as possible."

Sauer finished the email indicating the Association's commitment to keeping members informed.

"CTA is in constant communication with the DMV and will share the details of the agency's corrective action plan with members once it is available."

Any questions on these issues can be directed to Nick Chiappe at nchiappe@caltrux.org.

ATA's Spear Trumpets Trucking Wins, Lays Out Path for More Policy Triumphs

Despite a challenging economic and political environment, the **American Trucking Associations (ATA)** continues to rack up monumental victories for the trucking industry.

That was the theme of **ATA President & CEO Chris Spear's** keynote "State of the Industry" address Monday at **ATA's Management Conference & Exhibition**.

Spear attributed this progress to record-setting levels of advocacy by ATA and its members on Capitol Hill and within the Executive Branch. Nearly 400 truckers from 36 states have held nearly 500 meetings with their representatives through **ATA's Call on Washington program**.



Spear went on to cite several additional accomplishments, including:

- Rolling back the Environmental Protection Agency's GHG3 rule.
- Working with the Department of Transportation to address enforcement and regulatory gaps to ensure highway safety.
- Convincing the Department of Labor to protect independent contractors.
- Passing tort reform in multiple states and making significant strides on federal solutions.
- Adding a \$200 million investment to expand truck parking.

Spear later took aim at another pressing challenge, cargo theft, which ATRI recently calculated costs trucking over \$18 million every day. ATA is leading the charge by endorsing a solution—the Combating Organized Retail Crime Act—that has been co-sponsored by one-third of the House and Senate.

He also thanked **USDOT Secretary Sean Duffy** for listening to truckers and working to ensure that only safe, qualified drivers are on the road. Spear concluded his remarks by calling on members to remain united and help build on recent momentum.



ATA Board Elects Hodgen to Chairman

On Tuesday the **American Trucking Associations' Board of Directors** elected **Greg Hodgen, CEO of Groendyke Transport Inc.** based in Enid, Oklahoma, as the Federation's 81st Chairman. Hodgen succeeds **Dennis Dellinger, president & CEO of Cargo Transporters**, as ATA Chairman

ATA's Board also elected **Derek Leathers, chairman and CEO of Werner Enterprises Inc.** in Omaha, Nebraska, as first vice chair and CTA's own **Randy Clifford, chairman and CEO of Ventura Transfer Company** in Long Beach, California, as second vice chair.

In addition, **Gregg Troian, president of PGT Trucking Inc.** in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, was elected as vice chair. The Board re-elected **John M. Smith, chairman of CRST International**

Holdings LLC, as secretary. Harold Sumerford Jr., CEO of J&M Tank Lines Inc., was elected as treasurer.

FMCSA Removes Phoenix ELD from Registered List

Last week, the **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** removed Phoenix ELD from the list of registered ELDs due to the company's failure to meet the minimum requirements established in Title 49 CFR Appendix A to Subpart B of Part 395.



This ELD now appears on FMCSA's Revoked Devices list.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
PHOENIX ELD	PHOELD	PRS973	Phoenix ELD

Motor carriers have up to 60 days to replace revoked ELDs with compliant ELDs. Motor carriers and drivers who use the ELD listed above must take the following actions:

- Discontinue using the revoked ELD and revert to paper logs or logging software to record required hours of service data.
- Replace the revoked ELD with a compliant ELD from the Registered Devices list before December 22, 2025.



AMC26: Early Bird Discount Ends Friday

"Driving the economy, steering the future"

CTA's 72nd Annual Membership Conference (AMC26) - California trucking's largest educational gathering - is coming to Monterey's Cannery Row **January 21 to 23**.

And now, **through this Friday, October 31, you can receive \$100 off with early bird registration.** [Click here for details!](#)

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**.

Enjoy engaging new experiences with all the classic comfort and quality at this iconic oceanfront luxury hotel. You'll be steps away from Cannery Row and The Monterey Pier, with dozens of things to see and do when you're not networking and learning in our timely panels and speaker sessions.

We'll have more details to share soon on other exciting programming for AMC26.

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

CTA Seeks Sponsors for AMC26

Allied members: broaden your brand's reach and your trucking industry presence with a **sponsorship at AMC26**.

Every year CTA welcomes more than **225 of California trucking's top movers and shakers**. The access you'll have to them in Monterey is probably the best you'll get all year.

Right now we have session and meal sponsorships available but they're going fast. Check the link below to learn more about **the wide variety of sponsorships for all budgets - from \$500 to \$15,000 and everything between**.



[Visit the AMC26 Registration Page for more information.](#)



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Take a look at what we have to offer at [the Caltrux Business Solutions web page](#).

ATRI Survey: The Economy Is Trucking Industry's Top Concern

On Sunday, the **American Trucking Research Institute (ATRI)** released this year's **Top Industry Issues** report, identifying the trucking industry's leading issues.

This year's industry pain points include the economy, lawsuit abuse reform, insurance cost and availability, and truck parking. The list also debuts four first-time issues including English language proficiency for drivers and artificial intelligence in trucking.



This is the 21st year ATRI has surveyed the industry for its concerns, and there's lots to unpack in the findings. To learn more, [visit ATRI's website](#) and download the full report.

CVTA Hails Removal of 150 Training Providers from the TPR

FMCSA has recently increased the number of training entities removed from the **Training Provider Registry (TPR)** from 94 to 244, 150 of which were identified in the last two weeks.



A statement released Tuesday by the **Commercial Vehicle Training Association (CVTA)** hailed this action as "a modest but noteworthy step toward ensuring that only qualified and

compliant training providers remain in the system," noting that "while that ultimate goal is still very far away, we want to note the modest moment of progress."

CVTA says more than 2,600 entities still remain under proposed removal, with hundreds more requiring scrutiny to ensure new drivers demonstrate true proficiency before earning their CDL. To be effective, it must be comprehensively enforced.



Unit Elections Close This Friday

This Friday marks our members' final chance to vote in their local unit elections. Earlier this month CTA sent all eligible members an email with a specialized link to an online ballot featuring the candidates nominated by each unit's steering and planning committee.

Complete your ballot by selecting a candidate listed or write-in a member candidate in the space provided.

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Join the **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** and **CALSTART** next month for a free Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive event **at the Oakland Coliseum**.



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

- Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment
- Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies
- Check out dozens of Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment
- Receive information on incentive opportunities and the **Cal Fleet Advisor** technical assistance program

Wednesday, November 5
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
At the Oakland Coliseum

Free on-site Clean Truck Check Testing. Please note that testing availability is limited and will be performed on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Click Here to Register](#)



**CVSA to Host Webinar Review of Annual
Conference & Exhibition**

Join the **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)** virtually on November 12, when staff will go over new and updated inspection bulletins, operational policies, and inspection procedures and standards.

Wednesday, November 12
10:00 AM

The meeting's agenda will also include other important action items approved by the board at the annual conference in September.

[Click Here to Register](#)

Sailing Through Your BIT

DATE

November 20, 2025

LAST BIT WEBINAR OF THE YEAR!

TIME

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

PRESENTERS

Jay Johnson & Paul Morris

We're keeping this webinar interactive! Stick around to the end and join us for an open discussion with our panel.

This is CTA's most popular and comprehensive webinar. It provides an in-depth understanding of the requirements set forth by California's Basic Inspection of Terminal (BIT) Program. The program is implemented by the California Highway Patrol Motor Carrier Safety Operations Program personnel. The course material will thoroughly cover the statutory and regulatory requirements of the BIT Program and key differences from DOT regulations.

Register now!
Click here!



The following topics will be discussed in the webinar:

- Maintenance Program, including Preventive Maintenance and proper documentation.
- Driver Records, including Hours of Service, Driver Proficiency, and Employer Pull Notice.
- Inspection of Vehicles, including 90-day Periodic Inspections.
- Regulations for the transportation of Hazardous Materials, items needed during an inspection.

Attendees will be provided a "BIT Kit." This is a 700+ page reference guide containing essential forms & reference materials so you can sail through your next BIT inspection!

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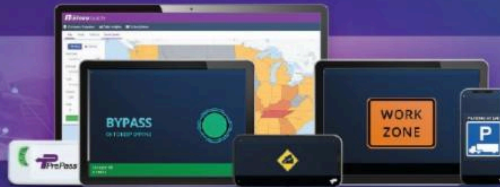
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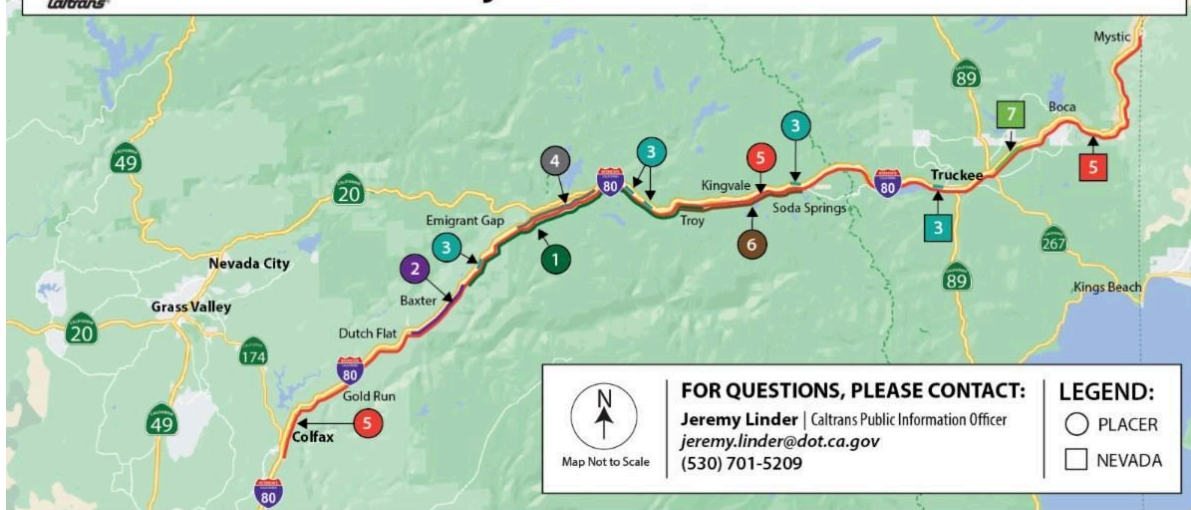


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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Interstate 80 Projects - 2025 Construction Season



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

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 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26 through 11 a.m. Friday, October 31.**
 - **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 26 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 31.**
 - **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 6 a.m. Monday, October 27 through noon Friday, October 31.**

Westbound I-80

- Emergency Culvert Repairs, between Sierra County Line and Farad, **various lane and ramp closures are scheduled from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, October 27 through Thursday, October 30 and from 7 a.m. to noon Friday, October 31.**
- Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Soda Springs and Troy, **various lane closures are scheduled from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, October 27 through Friday, October 31.**

- 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 26 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 31.**
- Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Drum Forebay and Monte Vista, **various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, October 26 through 6 p.m. Friday, October 31.**



Eastbound SR 20

- Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project
 - **SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80, scheduled to be intermittently closed or traffic intermittently held from 9 p.m. Sunday, October 26 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 31. Motorists will experience 30-minute delays during these traffic holds. 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. When closed, motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.**

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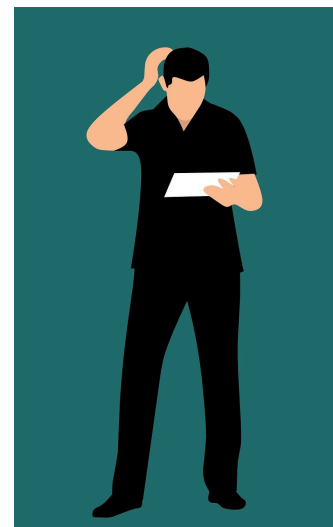
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Remember to use the “Help Desk Online Contact Form” when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 30 - [Webinar: New for Electric Trucks: More Funding, More Range](#)
- October 30 - [Webinar: California Employers Legislative Update: What's at Stake in 2026](#)

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

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