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New Week: June Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings

Our 2026 **June Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings** are set for **June 17 and 18** at **TEC Equipment** in **Fontana**.

Please join us next month for impactful discussions about our Association, updates on this year's legislative session and industry issues... and a little networking in-between.

All CTA members are welcome and encouraged to attend!



Wednesday, June 17

- 10:30 - CEO Advisory (Private)
- 11:30 - Officer's Council (Private)
- 1:30 - Environmental Policy Committee
- 3:30 - 5:30 Allied Conference Happy Hour Event @ Hamilton Family Brewery

Thursday, June 18

- 9:00 - Highway Policy Committee
- 10:15 - Safety, Security, and Human Resources Policy Committee
- Noon - Grab-n-Go Lunch
- 12:30 - 2:30 - Board of Directors Meeting

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

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, please register [here](#) to participate remotely via Zoom.



ATRI Seeks Motor Carrier & Truck Driver Insight on Onboard Safety Technologies

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is conducting a follow-up survey to motor carriers and truck drivers on adoption levels and user perspectives for onboard safety technologies. **Do you have a few minutes to share your experiences?**

This survey on adoption of onboard safety systems will allow the research team to compare and contrast updated findings with an original TechCelerate survey conducted in 2023.

ATRI has split this data collection effort into two surveys: one for carriers, and one for drivers:

The **Motor Carrier survey** helps identify which safety technologies are most and least preferred by motor carriers, and what issues and perspectives they've encountered relating to truck driver acceptance, repair & maintenance and safety benefits – among other topics. The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. [The motor carrier survey can be found here.](#)

The **Truck Driver survey** focuses on truck driver familiarity and experiences with the onboard safety technologies, and which technologies had the most and fewest safety benefits, from a driver's perspective. The truck driver survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. [The truck driver survey can be found here.](#)

CTA Launches Virtual Safety Seminars Series With Driver Qualification Class

Keeping track of the recordkeeping required for carriers to maintain on their drivers is critical to your day-to-day operations and trouble-free audits.

Learn the essential FMCSA requirements for building and maintaining compliant **Driver Qualification (DQ) files**, including required documents, retention rules, and best practices to avoid common violations during audits.



Join our **DOT Ready** presenters **Tyna Bryan** and **Kimberly Arnold** for this virtual seminar, as they will share their decades-long experience on this critical topic.

Wednesday, June 24 at 1:00

CTA Member: \$99
Non-Member: \$149

Register Now!

For more information or questions on seminars, contact **DOT Ready** at



Cloudastructure to Offer Free Webinar: Same Cameras, Smarter Security

CTA Preferred Circle Club Sponsor [Cloudastructure](#) offers services layering proprietary AI and machine learning onto existing security camera systems. The result turns passive video footage into active, real-time security.

The company works with 7 of the top 10 NHMC-ranked property management companies in the U.S., and is now seeks to expand into logistics and transportation. It's a timely move in the era of cargo theft as carriers redouble their efforts to secure service yards.

Cloudastructure's founder, **Rick Bentley**, his Chief Security & Operations Officer, **Ed Burnett**, and CTA CEO **Eric Sauer** will host a free one-hour webinar, entitled **Same Cameras, Smarter Security**, which is designed to demystify AI surveillance and answer any questions you might have on this revolution in security monitoring. It will take place on:

Thursday, June 25 at 9:00

[Register for Webinar](#)

Virtual Safety Seminars: Driver Hiring Compliance & Retention

Good help can be hard to find, and even harder to keep without a plan. You have a plan, right?

CTA partner **DOTReady** will help you get your ducks (or drivers) in a row with this useful one-hour virtual seminar on hiring and retaining your best crew.

Explore best practices for compliant driver hiring processes, background checks, and strategies to improve driver retention while meeting DOT/FMCSA regulations.



Wednesday, July 8 at 1:00

CTA Member: \$99
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[Register Now!](#)

For more information or questions on seminars, contact **DOT Ready** at tyna@readyfordot.com.

CHP Training Comes Sacramento Next Month

Safety on the road isn't just important for your drivers - it shows your commitment to the passenger traffic that surrounds them. Join us for an in-depth safety training event hosted by



CTA's Sacramento Unit and the California Highway Patrol Commercial Industry Education Program.

Wednesday, July 15 from 1:00 to 5:00

**CTA Headquarters
4148 East Commerce Way
Sacramento**

(A happy hour gathering follows at 5:00)

The event will cover:

- **Basic Inspection of Terminals (BIT)**
- **English Language Proficiency (ELP)**
- **Hours of Service (HOS), with details on Ag HOS**
- **Cargo securement exemption for transporters of agricultural products**

This event is open to CTA members and non-member motor carriers who are interested in joining the membership. Space is limited, so register soon.

Register Today!

Fleet Safety & Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year Awards - Honoring CTA's Best



Nominations for our next big driver and carrier recognitions - the **Fleet Safety Awards** and the **Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year (DOM/DOY)** - are **now in full swing**. See below to learn how to submit your top picks for these prestigious awards.

Fleet Safety Awards

It's not just drivers who make the roads safe, but also carriers who demonstrate a commitment to keeping equipment and procedures up to the highest standards.

Every year we seek out nominations to honor the state's ground-breaking safety programs and talented safety professionals for the annual **CTA Fleet Safety Awards**.

[Nominations](#) are open through **August 14**.

Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year

Our member businesses and the people working for them succeed professionalism and dedication to safety. Recognizing this, the CTA honors our state's best truck drivers with the **Driver of the Month (DOM)** award.

Each November our award recipients are invited to the with the north and south DOM/DOY banquets, where each monthly winner is recognized for their outstanding service. The night is also filled anticipation as the **Driver of the Year (DOY)** honor is revealed for the first time.



Nominations are open until July 31. Current CTA company members in good standing may enter California domiciled drivers with no limit of entries free of charge. Member companies will be charged \$125 if one of their drivers is selected for an award.

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

DOM/DOY Nomination Info

Fleet Safety Nomination Info



Calling All Noms for 2027 Golden Jubilee Club!

Nominations are now being accepted for the trucking industry's pioneers to be honored in the **Golden Jubilee Club**. Members of this distinguished group meet each year at CTA's **Annual Membership Conference** to hail the pioneers of our industry and to introduce new members of the group.

Eligible candidates are either working with or retired from CTA member organizations and have served a minimum of 50 years in the trucking industry.

Recipients will be honored at the CTA Golden Jubilee Club Breakfast on **January 22, 2027** during **CTA's Annual Membership Conference (AMC27)** at the **Monterey Plaza Hotel & Spa**.

The [nomination form can be found here](#). Contact: Tina Ferguson at tferguson@caltrux.org or 916-373-3528.

An advertisement for BAC Community Bank Equipment Loans. It features a white semi-truck with a green trailer carrying a large white pipe. The truck has a yellow sign on its roof that says 'OVERSIZE LOAD'. The background is a lush green forest. The text 'EQUIPMENT LOANS' is written in large, bold, white letters. Below the image, the phone numbers '(209) 944-1516 | (925) 308-7545' are listed, followed by the BAC Community Bank logo.

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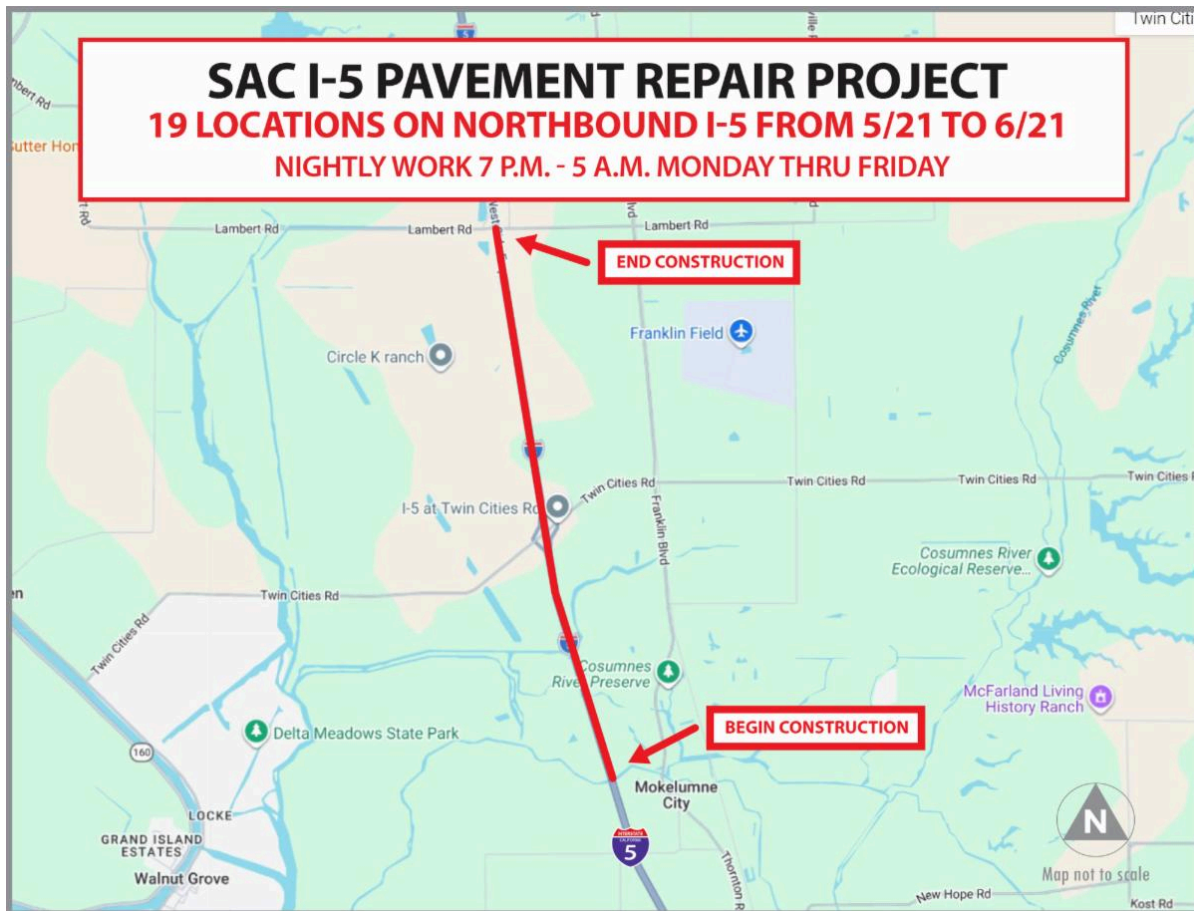
ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Monthlong Repairs on I-5 to Require Traffic Control South of Elk Grove

Caltrans is alerting motorists to pavement repairs over the next month on northbound I-5 south of the city of Elk Grove.

Work has already begun and will continue through the end of the month on **Thursday, June 30**. Crews will undertake nightly roadwork on 19 locations with traffic control between the hours of 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. **During the work northbound I-5 will be reduced to one lane through the work zone.**

For real-time traffic information, click on Caltrans QuickMap quickmap.dot.ca.gov/ or check the QuickMap app.



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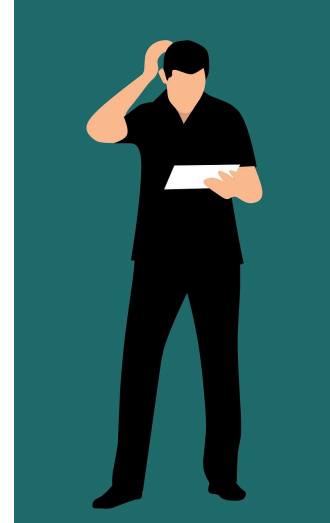
Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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...

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

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

[June 17 & 18: CTA June Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings](#)

[June 24: Virtual Seminar: Driver Qualification Files](#)

[June 25: Webinar - Cloudastructure: Same Cameras, Smarter Security](#)

[July 8: Virtual Seminar: Driver Hiring Compliance & Retention](#)

[July 15: Sacramento Unit CHP Training](#)

[July 30: San Diego/Imperial Unit 17th Annual Golf Tournament](#)

[August 12: Virtual Seminar: Accident Management](#)

[August 29: Bay Cruise - Coastal Unit President's Night](#)

[September 9: Central Valley & San Joaquin Units Truck Driver Appreciation Event](#)

[September 15: Fall Government Affairs Update](#)

[September 18: Central Valley Unit President's Casino Night](#)

[October 14: Virtual Seminar: CA BIT Inspections & Audit](#)

[November 4: Virtual Seminar: 6 Audit Factors](#)

[December 9: Virtual Seminar: Data Q's, Contesting Preventability, SMS & FMCSA Portal](#)

[January 19 - 22: CTA's 73rd Annual Membership Conference](#)

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