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Learn How to Make Your Community's Road Network Safer

Have you ever noticed that stop sign with the tree branch hanging in front of it? Or maybe you've wondered why the crosswalks in the business district are faded.

Those are the kinds of roadway issues you'd be trained to find during the daylong Road Safety Audit class offered through the Local Technical Assistance Program. The class will be offered for the first time in Pennsylvania, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., September 11th at the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) offices.

"This was added to the schedule because people have been requesting it," said Brian Hite, Senior Planning Technician at LVPC. "We know there's a need in the community. We're lucky enough to be the first in the state to offer it."

The first half of the class will be spent going over federal and state regulations, and how to spot road needs, and the second half will be spent in the field viewing examples of roadways that can be made safer.

A second class, Project Overview — also new to the schedule — will be offered September 13 at the LVPC. Project overview gives municipal employees the tools they need to oversee projects being done by their crews or consultants.

Anyone interested in registering for either course can visit <http://lvpc.org/ltap.html>.

LTAP classes in the Lehigh Valley are now among the most well-attended in the state. More than 400 people attended classes on the 2017-18 schedule, averaging 22.5 students per course — a more than 50% increase over the previous year.

All classes are free, but seats are limited.