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### Next Week! 2015 Workshop and Law Institute



With so many new developments in the field of motor vehicle and law enforcement administration, you'll want to make sure you attend AAMVA's 2016 Workshop & Law Institute, NEXT WEEK, March 9-10 in Cincinnati, Ohio. If you haven't already registered make sure you [register today!](#) Visit the [AAMVA 2016 Workshop & Law Institute Web site](#) for more details.

### Save the Date! 2016 Annual International Conference



Save the date to join us in Williamsburg, Virginia for the 2016 Annual International Conference, August 16-18. Online registration will be available to everyone this Spring. In the meantime, mark your calendars and invite your family to join us in Williamsburg this August.

### Submit Nominations for Martha Irwin Awards

The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE).

- [Download the 2016 Awards Program Submission and Nomination Packet](#) and see page 4 for specific Martha Irwin Award (Motor Vehicle Administration) submission requirements.
- [Download the 2016 Awards Entry Form](#). Each jurisdiction agency should complete and send one award entry form with the accompanying information specified in each award description **by April 1, 2016**.

### JURISDICTION NEWS

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## OUR WEBINARS

### MARCH

1, 8, 15, 22, 29| [NMVTIS State Web Interface \(SWI\) 3.0 - Understanding the New Data Elements](#)  
2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

16, 24| [High Level Overview of National Registry II Solution](#)  
1:30 - 3:00 pm ET

## OUR SURVEYS

Please respond to these surveys from Ontario, Nebraska, Louisiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Kansas.

## Governor Cuomo Announces Major Enhancement to Department of NY Motor Vehicles' Facial Recognition Program

New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a major enhancement to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles' facial recognition program to help combat identity theft and fraud, in addition to removing high-risk drivers from the road. The Department of Motor Vehicles, a national leader in the use of facial recognition technology, recently implemented an improved system that doubles the number of measurement points mapped to each digitized driver photograph to vastly improve the system's ability to match a photograph to one already in the database. [Read the full press release here.](#)

## Governor Deal Names Georgia Department of Driver Services Commissioner

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal announced that he has named Bert Brantley, deputy executive director of the State Road & Tollway Authority (SRTA), to succeed Rob Mikell as commissioner of the Department of Driver Services (DDS). Brantley is the deputy executive director of the SRTA, a state-level, independent Authority created by the Georgia General Assembly to operate tolled transportation facilities within the State and act as the transportation financing arm for the State. Prior to his current position, Brantley served in private practice leading communications efforts on campaigns such as the statewide 2012 Charter School Constitutional Amendment and advising corporate clients. Brantley also served as director of communications and press secretary during Gov. Sonny Perdue's second term, following more than six years in communications roles at the Georgia Department of Transportation and the Georgia Department of Economic Development.

## FEDERAL NEWS

## Secretary Foxx Presents Department of Transportation Budget to House Appropriations

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx presented his agency's 2017 budget request before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations during [a hearing](#) held last week. The agency's \$98.1 billion request amounted to a nearly 30 percent increase over the fiscal 2016 level, including a proposed shift in more than \$4.3 billion in discretionary funding to mandatory funding. Republican members noted concerns throughout the testimony that the request would run counter to the bipartisan agreed upon budget deal reached in November (P.L. 114-74). The Secretary noted the recent momentum provided by Congressional passage of the FAST Act, the need for stability in funding long-term projects, and the need to innovate new projects while undertaking extensive repairs on existing infrastructure as the impetus behind the increase in funding. Secretary Foxx also indicated that the budget proposal does not come without any funding mechanisms of its own – specifically a per-barrel oil fee and a business tax overhaul.

## Federal Grant Opportunities

AAMVA tracks federal grant opportunities that are made available to our state-based membership. The following federal grants are open for application:

- FY 2016 CVISN Notice of Funding Availability
- FY 2016 PRISM Notice of Funding Announcement
- FY 2016 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation

**Gender Designation on DL/ID**  
(Ends 03/7/2016)

**Crash Reports** (Ends 03/21/2016)

**Revocation/Suspension for Mandatory Insurance** (Ends 03/15/2016)

**Research - Customer Service and New Initiatives** (Ends 03/04/2016)

**License Plates for Trailers** (Ends 03/25/2016)

**Medical Examiner's Certificate (Form MCSA-5876)** (Ends 03/15/2016)

**CDL Rehabilitation Program** (Ends 03/15/2016)

**Medical Marijuana and CDL Holders** (Ends 03/11/2016)

**Fraud and enforcement investigation sections** (Ends 03/11/2016)

**Mobile App Statistics** (Ends 03/07/2016)

**Driver's Licence Exchange Fees** (Ends 03/07/2016)

These jurisdictions appreciate your assistance with their research. If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please send an e-mail to [webportalsupport@aamva.org](mailto:webportalsupport@aamva.org) or call Janice Dluzynski at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site [here](#).

- FY 2016 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training Grant Program
- FY 2016 Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grants
- FY 2016 National Infrastructure Investment (TIGER Discretionary) Grants

These grants can be found on AAMVA's [Federal Grant](#) page along with others as they become available.

## **USDOT Requests Applications for \$800 Million New FASTLANE Grant Program**

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced that it is now soliciting applications for the Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies ([FASTLANE grant program](#)). The FASTLANE program is a new program in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act to fund critical freight and highway projects across the country. The FAST Act authorizes \$800 million in funding for the FASTLANE program for fiscal year 2016, with 25 percent reserved for rural projects, and 10 percent for smaller projects.

## **FMCSA Issues Commercial Zone Final Rule**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published a [final rule](#) regarding the commercial zones at the international border with Mexico. Included in this notice was an interim final rule establishing an expanded commercial zone for the City of El Paso. FMCSA is required to establish a commercial zone that clearly includes new border crossing areas, which, unlike the current border crossing, will be used by motor carriers of both property and passengers. The expanded commercial zone must also include the intersection of Interstate 10 with O.T. Smith Road and Texas Farm-to-Market Road 3380 so that trucks and buses that have FMCSA authority to operate only within the current El Paso commercial zone may use the new international bridge. FMCSA has found that there is good cause for omitting notice and opportunity for public comment on the rule codifying the Commercial Zone, so the general practice of issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking prior to the final rule have been averted in this case for the crossing in New Mexico.

## **FMCSA Issues ICR on Financial Responsibility**

FMCSA has issued an [Information Collection Request](#) (ICR) regarding U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) responsibility for implementing regulations establishing minimal levels of financial responsibility for for-hire motor carriers of property and for-hire motor carriers of passengers. The Endorsement for Motor Carrier Policies of Insurance for Public Liability and the Motor Carrier Public Liability Surety Bond contain the minimum amount of information necessary to document that a motor carrier of property or passengers has obtained the minimum levels of financial responsibility. Comments on the ICR are due by April 25, 2016.

## **FHWA Releases Guidance on FAST Act Truck Size and Weight Provisions**

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released [a memo](#) regarding provisions included in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) regarding truck size and weight and the relative safety and enforcement impacts associated with these provisions. Particularly, the memorandum provides guidance on the following FAST Act truck size and weight provisions: Milk Products (Section 1409), Interstate weight Limits (Section 1410), Emergency Route Working Group (Section 5502), Commercial Delivery of Light and Medium Duty Trailers (Section

5523), and a report to Congress (Section 5525) relating to the safety and enforcement impacts of several commercial motor vehicle provisions. FHWA advises their Division Offices that the truck size and weight provisions of the FAST Act may affect States compliance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards – particularly the potential impacts on bridge load rating and posting requirements.

## PARTNER NEWS

### **AASHTO Washington Briefing Focuses on FAST Act and Innovation**

More than 300 transportation executives from across the country attended the 2016 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Washington Briefing just blocks from the U.S. Capitol. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was a primary focus of last week's four-day meeting. Keynote speakers on Wednesday, included some of the architects of the bipartisan legislation: Sen. Jim Inhofe, R-Okla., chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and EPW's ranking member Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., as well as House Transportation and Infrastructure Ranking Member Peter DeFazio D-Ore. and Rep. Sam Graves R-Missouri, Chairman of the House T&I Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. A regulatory panel on implementation of the FAST ACT and its predecessor MAP-21 included top officials from the FHWA, Federal Railroad Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Transit Administration. And Tesla Vice President Diarmuid O'Connell discussed the latest developments in electric vehicle technology during a luncheon keynote address. Video recordings of remarks by Sens. Inhofe and Boxer; and Reps. DeFazio and Graves can be viewed in their entirety at [www.transportationtv.org](http://www.transportationtv.org).

### **3M Continues Pledge to Work Zone Safety**

3M recently teamed up with the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation in an effort to continue its support for families of roadway workers. For the fifth year in a row, 3M has donated to the scholarship program which provides opportunities for children of roadway construction workers killed or permanently disabled on the job. This year, however, 3M added an interactive 'Toward Zero Deaths Pledge Wall' and a match component. Attendees at the 46th Annual Convention & Traffic Expo could donate to the scholarship program through the pledge wall with 3M matching the contributions. The 'Toward Zero Deaths Pledge Wall' raised \$13,637.00 for The Foundation, and 3M has committed to matching the total amount.

