

Wanted: Mentors to Participate in the FHWA Local and Tribal Road Safety MATCH Program

Are you a transportation safety professional from a public agency or center of learning? Do you have expertise in local or tribal road safety? Do you want to help save lives on our Nation's local and tribal roads?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, then FHWA invites you to apply to be a volunteer Mentor for the FHWA Local and Tribal Road Safety **Mentoring, Assistance, Training, and Communication Help** (MATCH) Program!

Local and tribal road agencies are a large and diverse group. Their safety challenges and the strategies that will work to address these challenges are large and diverse as well. Yet it is likely that you have successfully mitigated some of these challenges in your jurisdiction. Wouldn't it be nice to share this knowledge with others and help reduce roadway injuries and fatalities beyond your jurisdiction?

MATCH facilitates this knowledge sharing by matching experts (Mentors) with local or tribal agencies requesting technical assistance (Mentees) to help address roadway safety concerns such as roadway departure, intersection safety, speed management, pedestrian and bicyclist safety, and more.

Ok, but what's in it for me? Why should I sign up to be a Mentor?

Helping to save lives and reduce serious injuries beyond your own jurisdiction is the primary benefit of participating as a Mentor. FHWA intends to share MATCH success stories and case studies online and in webinars and presentations; therefore, your expertise will go far beyond just the agencies that you are paired with.

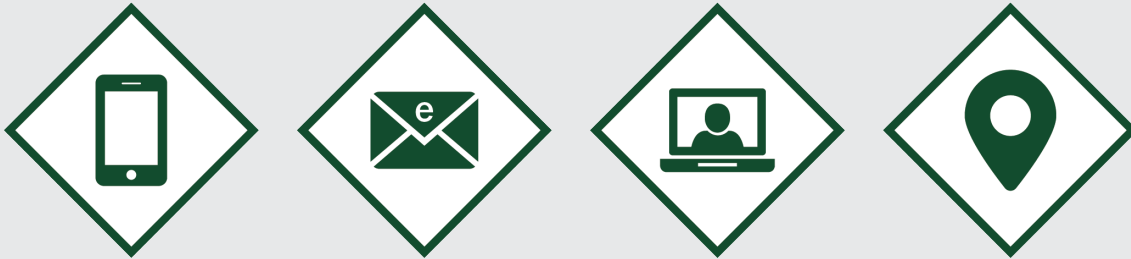
Participating as a Mentor also allows you to expand your network and connects you with other transportation professionals. You may even learn a thing or two from the agencies that you are assisting that you can bring back to your own agency!



Mentors sharing their expertise with local and tribal agencies enables continued deployment of effective roadway safety technologies and countermeasures across the United States, leading to more saved lives and less serious injuries on our Nation's local and tribal roads.

This sounds great, but how will I provide technical assistance?

Mentoring can be provided in the form of phone calls, email exchanges, web-conferences, or very limited site visits. The level of mentoring will vary and will be proportionate to the Mentee's need. The MATCH Coordinator will match Mentors with Mentees based on the required expertise and the availability of the Mentor and will identify the best delivery method. When applicable, FHWA will cover all travel costs for Mentors for MATCH activities and will also provide teleconference and web conference capabilities as needed.



Is there anything else I will need to do?

Once you are accepted as a Mentor you will need to provide a bio, resume, self-assessment, and signed letter of commitment to participate as a Mentor. When a Mentor accepts a technical assistance assignment, he/she will be expected to be available to provide the requested technical assistance. Following the provision of technical assistance, Mentors will use a report template to submit to FHWA a brief summary of the mentoring activities, recommended actions or strategies, any additional resources that can help the Mentee, and feedback on their experience with MATCH.

I'm interested! How do I apply to be a Mentor?

Mentors must be actively employed by or retired from a public transportation agency or center of learning. They must also have an educational background in transportation safety (or completed transportation-related training/workshops), or have a minimum of five years of continuous transportation safety experience.

Email MATCH@dot.gov to express your interest and include your name, agency (or prior agency if retired), job position/role, years of relevant experience, relevant certifications (if appropriate), and description of areas/expertise where you feel you would best serve as a Mentor. The MATCH Coordinator will respond to your message within two business days.

Is there a place I can learn more about MATCH?

More information about MATCH can be found at https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/MATCH.