



CT Safety Academy



Solving ADA Design Challenges with a Complete Streets Mindset

A CT Safety Academy Workshop

This course will provide an overview of Complete Streets concepts and introduce you to the background and key aspects of design guidance related to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Attendees will learn how to meet the obligations of ADA within the complexities of the public right-of-way. We will discuss approaches to take when real-world conditions don't look like the picture in the book. Participants will join in a classroom exercise evaluating and making recommendations for these challenging situations.

Who Should Attend

This class is designed for local transportation and public safety professionals who are responsible for the maintenance and construction of pedestrian facilities within the public right-of-way and those who may be responsible for the development of ADA Transition Plans. Local Traffic Authorities, Chief Elected Officials, ADA Coordinators, Public Works Directors, Municipal Engineers, and Planners are encouraged to attend.



Date & Location

October 17, 2023
Cheshire, CT

Session is 8:30am—3:00pm
(Registration begins at 8:00am)
Lunch will be provided

Participants will receive 6 credit hours toward their CT Safety Champion Designation

Class Notes

Participants are encouraged to submit questions, photos, or plans illustrating a local ADA design challenge for discussion during the workshop to melissa.evans@uconn.edu by September 29th.

Course Instructors

Brooke Struve, P.E., is a Safety and Design Engineer for the FHWA Resource Center. She provides technical assistance and training nationwide on design flexibility, performance-based design decision-making, and designing for the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Prior to joining the Resource Center, she was on the Preconstruction Team in FHWA's Office of Infrastructure. There she worked to advance best practices in the design discipline across the agency and provided technical support for Interstate access, geometric design, and accessible design for disabled pedestrians.

Stephen Ratke, P.E., RSP₂₁, Steve is a Senior Safety and Geometric Design Engineer for the FHWA Resource Center Safety and Design Technical Service Team. His primary duties include safety analysis in project development and advancement of the safe system approach. He has worked in highway safety in the areas of highway design, general project delivery, operations, and ITS. He has been supporting zero fatalities/vision zero programs since 2009 and been involved in activities to adopt the safe system approach nationwide.

Registration

- Please visit [www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2 Workshop Schedule.asp](http://www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2_Workshop_Schedule.asp) to register for this class online.
- **Registration Contact:** Please direct any questions to Lisa Knight at lisa.knight@uconn.edu.
- **Free.** No registration fee is charged for this class. This training opportunity is offered by the Training & Technical Assistance Center's Connecticut Safety Academy.
- Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.
- Approximately one week prior to the class, you will receive an email confirmation of your attendance, along with the address of the workshop location.
- If you require an accommodation to participate in this workshop, please contact Lisa Knight at lisa.knight@uconn.edu.
- Please advise if you have dietary restrictions.
- Videos/Photographs may be taken for promotional and training purposes. Please notify us during registration if you do not wish to be photographed/filmed.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the relationship between Complete Streets, Safety, and Accessibility for Pedestrians with Disabilities.
- Explain and apply the select design guidelines of the Public Rights-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG).
- Adapt design criteria from the PROWAG to constrained locations.



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