

**15<sup>th</sup> Statewide Local Bridge Conference**  
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**Engineering the Federal Aid Process**

**4 hour Training Session**

**Presented by NYSDOT Local Projects Bureau**

**Course Instructor Bios:**

**Diane Kenneally, P.E.**

Diane Kenneally, P.E. is the Director of the Local Programs Bureau at NYSDOT which administers State and Federal Aid programs available to municipalities, non-governmental organizations and other State Agencies. These programs include State Aid Programs: CHIPS, Multi-modal Program and Member Items as well as Federal Aid guidance for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) and the Procedures for Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects Manual.

Diane began her career at NYSDOT as a construction inspector working summers during college. She joined NYSDOT as a Junior Engineer in the Design Services Bureau, designing and developing highway and bridge projects, eventually leading a design squad for 3 years. Diane has worked as an Assistant to a number of Executives including the Chief Engineer and Director of Operations. She led the Local Projects Team that developed the NYSDOT Procedures for Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects Manual.

Diane has a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a B.S. in Physics from the State University College at Oneonta. Since 1996, she has been an adjunct lecturer teaching Highway Engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

**Ken Rupert, P.E.**

Ken Rupert, P. E. received his BS degree in Civil Engineering from Union College in 1987 and is a licensed Professional Engineer in NY. Ken joined the New York State Department of Transportation in 1989 after working for an Engineering firm specializing in Land Development and Urban Planning. Ken worked in the Design Services Bureau of the Office of Design at NYSDOT for over 18 years starting out as a Junior Engineer and ended his association with Design as the Rail Design Squad Supervisor. Ken began working in the Local Programs Bureau in December of 2007 and is responsible for keeping the Procedures for Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects (PLAFAP) manual up to date and in compliance with Federal and State Laws, Rules and Regulations and NYSDOT policies and procedures.