



2026 TDOT-ACEC Partnering Conference May 11 – 13, 2026 | Chattanooga Convention Center

Agenda*

(*agenda subject to change)

MONDAY, MAY 11

- 10:00 am Exhibit Hall Load-In
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Registration / Exhibit Hall Open | Lunch included for TDOT and invited guests
- 1:00 pm** **Welcome**
Kasey Anderson (ACEC Tennessee)
- 1:15 pm** **Fireside Chat with the Commissioner**
Commissioner Will Reid (Tennessee Department of Transportation)
Chris Peoples, Chief Operating Officer (North Carolina Department of Transportation)
- 2:00 pm** **Legislative Roundtable**
Senator Becky Massey (Chair, Senate Transportation Committee, Tennessee General Assembly)
Representative Dan Howell (Chair, House Transportation Committee, Tennessee General Assembly)
- 2:30 pm** **TDOT Leadership and Executive Updates**
Joe Deering (Bureau Chief for Field Operations & Maintenance)
Preston Elliott (Deputy Commissioner for Planning)
Natalie Kryzstof (Deputy Commissioner for Finance)
Bryan Ledford (Bureau Chief for Major Projects)
- 3:00 pm Break with Exhibitors
- 3:45 pm** **Panel Discussion: Alternative Delivery in Peer States**
Clayton Markham, Moderator (Director of Alternative Delivery, Tennessee Department of Transportation)
Chandria Brown (P3 Division Pre-Let Asst. Administrator (Georgia Department of Transportation)
Andrew Hoenig, Design-Build Program Manager (Georgia Department of Transportation)
Jennifer Marshall, Chief Engineer of Production (Florida Department of Transportation)
Boyd Tharrington, Deputy Chief Engineer (North Carolina Department of Transportation)
- 4:15 pm** **Communications and Integration into Project Delivery**
Beth Emmons, Director of Communications (Tennessee Department of Transportation)
- 4:45 pm** **Day One Closing Comments**
Kasey Anderson (ACEC Tennessee)
- 6:00 pm Welcome Party at Southside Social (dinner, drinks, & activities included with conference registration) | Shuttles begin at 5:45 pm

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00 am Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

There are two opportunities to hear each breakout session. For each session, choose one to attend in the 5 morning, and one the afternoon. Each session is 90 minutes, with two or three presentations per session. See below for information on the presentations available in each session.

8:30 am Breakout Session One

10:00 am Break with Exhibitors

10:30 am Breakout Session Two

12:00 pm Networking Lunch in Exhibit Hall

1:30 pm Breakout Session Three

3:00 pm Break with Exhibitors

3:30 pm Breakout Session Four

5:45 pm Shuttles begin to Erlanger Park

6:00 pm Chattanooga Lookouts Game (dinner, drinks & game included with conference registration)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

7:00 am Networking Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30 am West Alabama Highway Progressive Design-Build Panel Discussion

Frank Anderson (Brasfield & Gorrie)

Trey Ogle (Brasfield & Gorrie)

Lance Taylor (Neel-Schaffer)

9:00 am ACEC Federal Update

Matt Reiffer (ACEC National)

9:30 am Professional Services Update

Laura Doss (Tennessee Department of Transportation)

Joe Deering (Tennessee Department of Transportation)

10:00 am Break with Exhibitors

10:30 am Manday Estimate Working Group Update

Shane Hester (Tennessee Department of Transportation)

Brad Winkler (STV / Chair, ACEC Tennessee Transportation Committee)

11:00 am PDN: A Panel on Implementation Perspectives

James Kelley (Tennessee Department of Transportation)

Alex Carpenter (HMB Professional Engineers)

Daniel Jordan (HDR)

11:30 am Conference Wrap-Up / Exhibitor Door Prizes

Kasey Anderson (ACEC Tennessee)

TUESDAY TOPICS: BREAKOUT SESSIONS ONE & THREE

Session One 8:30 – 10:00 am

Session Three 1:30 – 3:00 pm

ASSET MANAGEMENT | Classroom Three

- **Fiber Asset Management System (FAMS): GDOT's ITS Infrastructure and Asset Management Program**
David Miranda (Georgia Department of Transportation)
- **Designing What Comes Next: A Maintenance & Asset Management Conversation**
Panelists: **Jamie Waller & Justin Underwood** (Tennessee Department of Transportation) / **Ryan Bowman** (Arcadis) / **Sharon Law**, moderator (Cornerstone Consulting)

TECHNOLOGY | Classroom Four

- **Advancing Fully Integrated Model Delivery**
Eddie Giese & Gordon Greene (Patel, Greene & Associates)
- **TDOT Technology for Everyone**
Jennifer Lloyd, Jeremy Bryson & Heather Ogg (Tennessee Department of Transportation) / **Amy Lorentz, Heather Scott, & Nirbesh Dhakal** (Arcadis) / **Levi Littler** (WSP)

PEER STATE ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY | Classroom Five

- **Progressive Design-Build Under Pressure: Rebuilding US-74 After Hurricane Helene**
Tom Harris (STV)
- **I-95 & US 1 Interchange Modified Phased Design Build | FDOT District 5**
Walfry Pevida (Ardurra) / **Jennifer Marshall** (Florida DOT)
- **GDOT Alternative Delivery Methods: Lessons Learned**
Tyler McIntosh (I.C.E.) / **Andrew Hoenig** (Georgia Department of Transportation)

STRUCTURES | Classroom Six

- **Bridge Load Rating – A Ted Talk**
Ted Kniazewycz (Tennessee Department of Transportation)
- **The New TDOT Hydraulic Design Guidelines**
Wesley Peck (Tennessee Department of Transportation) / **Lina Khoury** (Arcadis)
- **Triple I-Girder Steel Straddle Bent Caps**
Nikolas Kalos (LJA Engineering)

TUESDAY TOPICS: BREAKOUT SESSION TWO & FOUR

Session Two 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Session Four 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

QUALITY, INITIATIVES, AND PROCEDURES | Classroom Three

- **Driving Efficiency: Leveraging Collaboration for Big Data Solutions**
Matt Glasser (Arcadis)
- **Independent Quality Management: TXDOT & GDOT**
Barry Burks & Francis Mouafong (Atlas Technical Consultants)
- **The Impact of Design on ROW**
Dyan Damron (JMT) / **Holland Padgham** (Tennessee Department of Transportation)

PEER STATE PROJECTS A | Classroom Four

- **Improving Capacity and Enhancing Safety on a Rural Corridor with Innovative Intersections**
Andrew Schlichting & Nikki Patke (CMT)
- **Building Better Value: Lessons Learned from UDOT's I-15 VE Study**
Brian Ralstin & Liz Schwartz (Benesch)
- **Tunnelling Under Amtrak's Northeast Corridor**
Joseph Schrank (Schnabel Engineering)

ENVIRONMENTAL | Classroom Five

- **KYTC's Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Reduction Project: Incorporating Ecology into Kentucky's Roadways**
Tony Miller (Lochner)
- **NEPA Assignment at GDOT**
Amber Phillips (Georgia Department of Transportation)
- **Bat Signals in the Transportation Network: Turning Regional Surveys into Smarter Transportation Projects**
Chrissy Bienz & Nikki Guigou (Terracon)

PEER STATE PROJECTS B | Classroom Six

- **VDOT I-81 Corridor Improvement Plan: Virginia Department of Transportation**
Thomas Glueckert & Terrance Hill (Kimley-Horn)
- **Facing the Underminer: The Fellowship that Saved I-440**
Jessica Halbrosk & AJ Khari (Garver)
- **Hayden Roundabout Series at Exit 284**
Tony Montanaro (Sain Associates)