



ARKANSAS

TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

ROGERS | NOVEMBER 4 – 6, 2026



250 years of Transportation Innovation

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BICYCLE FACILITIES WORKSHOP

Embassy Suites Lobby · Pre-Registration Required
Facilitator: Ryan Hale, Laneshift

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM PDH 2.0

GENERAL SESSION I

Grand Ballroom VII-X · Moderator: Dave Parker

11:00 AM - 12:15 PM PDH 1.0

Welcome

Chairman Philip Taldo, Arkansas State Highway Commission

ARDOT Update

Director Jared D. Wiley, ARDOT

Fireside Chat with the FHWA Administrator

Administrator Sean McMaster, Federal Highway Administration

12:15 PM - 1:30 PM BUFFET LUNCH – GRAND BALLROOM VI

GENERAL SESSION II – PROTECTING WHAT MATTERS: INNOVATIONS IN SAFETY

Grand Ballroom VII-X · Moderator: Steve Frisbee

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM PDH 1.5

Development, Deployment, and Safety Evaluation of a Variable Speed Limit Algorithm on I-70, Colorado

Jake Kononov, DiExSys

Rapid Safety Assessments: Measuring the Impact of Roadway Safety Treatments

Ryan McMahon, Cambridge Mobile Telematics

Advanced Warning for End of Green (AWEG)

Hussain Alfaraj, ARDOT

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM BREAK – GRAND BALLROOM I - V

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

BREAKOUT SESSION 1A GROWING INTO TOMORROW: INNOVATIONS IN PLANNING

Ambassador Ballroom

Moderator: Casey Covington

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

PDH 1.5

Ready for 1 Million? The MPO's Role in Preparing for Northwest Arkansas' Future

Tim Conklin, Northwest Arkansas Regional
Planning Commission

Nicole Gibbs, Northwest Arkansas Regional
Planning Commission

Landbanking: The Revitalization of a Legacy Neighborhood

Mayor Josh Agee, City of Paragould
Allison Hestand, Paragould Forward

Transportation as a Catalyst: Leveraging Cross-Sector Funding Opportunities

Leesa Freasier, Metroplan

BREAKOUT SESSION 1B DESIGNING THE FUTURE: INNOVATIONS IN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

Grand Ballroom VII-X

Moderator: Austin Hales

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

PDH 1.5

We Don't Guess, We Estimate

Josh King, ARDOT

Digital Delivery Beyond Design: Building the Foundation for Construction

Marisabel Ramthun, HNTB

I-49 Arkansas River Bridge – Project Update & Drilled Shaft Challenges

Steve Peyton, ARDOT

Seth Yancey, Garver

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

RECEPTION WITH ATS 250 TEAM TRIVIA – GRAND BALLROOM VI



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

GENERAL SESSION III – YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

Grand Ballroom VII–X • Moderator: Chad Adams

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM PDH 1.5
The Mack-Blackwell Amendment: The Contest over Highway Governance Cody Besett, ARDOT
The ABC's of ARDOT's Winter Weather Operations Deric Wyatt, ARDOT
Balancing Act: Modernizing ARDOT's Rules for Access Driveways to State Highways Travis Brooks, ARDOT

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM BREAK – GRAND BALLROOM I - V

BREAKOUT SESSION 2A FINANCING PROGRESS Ambassador Ballroom Moderator: David Siskowski	BREAKOUT SESSION 2B SPANNING CENTURIES: BRIDGES OF THE FUTURE Grand Ballroom VII–X Moderator: Andy Nanneman
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PDH 1.5	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PDH 1.5
Intersection Improvement Program: Federal Funding for Local Connections Brighton Huynh, ARDOT	Materials and Testing Specifications for Drilled Shaft Concrete Cameron Murray, University of Arkansas
County Road and City Street Program Bryan Freeling, ARDOT	Post-Flood Bridge Inspections in North Carolina Michael Craig, Strinteg
Highway Safety Office Opportunities Holly Terry, Arkansas State Police	We Built This Bridge: ARDOT's SH-77 Modular Bridge Project Kevin Weston, ARDOT David Greenwood, ARDOT Sam McIntare, ARDOT

BUFFET LUNCH AND GUEST PRESENTATION

Grand Ballroom VI

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
How the Trail of Tears Influenced the Modern Transportation Network Carolyn Kent, Arkansas Trail of Tears Association John McLarty, Arkansas Trail of Tears Association

POSTER SESSION: CONNECTING IDEAS AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE

Grand Ballroom Hallway

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM PDH 0.5

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

BREAKOUT SESSION 3A SUSTAINING THE NEXT 250 YEARS

Ambassador Ballroom

Moderator: Josh Seagraves

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

PDH 1.5

Sound Decisions: How ARDOT Measures, Models, and Minimizes Traffic Noise

Danielle Herron, ARDOT

Don Nichols, ARDOT

Preserving the Past, Informing the Future: ARDOT's Historic Bridge Inventory Portal

Cindy Jester, ARDOT

Remonumenting of Arkansas's Western Border

Daniel Phillips, Arkansas Division of Land Surveys

BREAKOUT SESSION 3B RETHINKING MATERIALS: ADAPTING FOR THE FUTURE

Grand Ballroom VII-X

Moderator: Tamara Boggs

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

PDH 1.5

Building a Culture of Innovation: Why DOTs Need It, Why It's Hard and How We Make It Happen

Paul Tinsley, ARDOT

Alkali-Silica Reaction Management of Arkansas Aggregates

Chandni Balachandran, Federal Highway Administration

West Memphis South Loop: Goals and Lessons Learned

Luke Stovall, Michael Baker

3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

BREAK - GRAND BALLROOM I - V

BREAKOUT SESSION 4A PLANNING THE FUTURE WITH A MULTIMODAL MINDSET

Ambassador Ballroom

Moderator: Reese Brewer

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

PDH 1.5

Arkansas Statewide Travel Demand Model (AR TDM)

Mike Chaney, DCCM

Cacho Wang, DCCM

Building a Safe, Connected, and Resilient Region: A Complete Streets Framework for Northwest Arkansas

Luke Aitken, NWARPC

John Paul Shaffer, Toole Design

Sidewalks, LiDAR-based Assessment

Hans Haustein, Metroplan

Nathan Boone, Toole Design

BREAKOUT SESSION 4B PRESERVING THE FUTURE: ADVANCEMENTS IN MAINTENANCE

Grand Ballroom VII-X

Moderator: Deric Wyatt

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

PDH 1.5

Back in the Mix: Recycled Asphalt Pavement Chip Seals

Sarah Tamayo, ARDOT

Matt Emberton, ARDOT

Split Center Line Rumble Strips: Impacts on Safety Benefit, Pavement Condition, and Implementation

Derrick Anderson, Surface Preparation Technologies, LLC

National Center for Asphalt Technology

Carolina Rodezno, National Center for Asphalt Technology

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

GENERAL SESSION IV – AI AND THE NEXT AGE OF TRANSPORTATION

Grand Ballroom VII–X • Moderator: Heather McKim

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM PDH 1.5

Panelists:

Shashank Shekhar, Boston Consulting Group

Chris Bosco, Freese and Nichols

Ngan Le, University of Arkansas

Gayle Combs, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)

Eric Simpson, ARDOT

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM **BREAK – GRAND BALLROOM I - V**

GENERAL SESSION V – TRANSPORTATION DATA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Grand Ballroom VII–X • Moderator: David Hall

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM PDH 1.5

Lessons Learned from Using Third-Party Mobility Data in Transportation Planning

Brian Culpepper, University of Arkansas

Bridge Data: Out with the Old, In with the New

Nate Brown, ARDOT

Jake Norris, ARDOT

Going from Data Rich, Information Poor to Information Rich

Sarah Tamayo, ARDOT

CLOSING - DAVID HALL

Grand Ballroom VII–X

11:30 AM

