

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
Transportation and Highway Engineering Conference
March 1, 2022
I Hotel & Conference Center
Champaign, IL

7:30 am **Conference Registration- Heritage Hall Lobby**
Exhibit Hall & Continental Breakfast- Illinois Ballroom

General Session

Heritage Hall

Moderator: Jeffery R. Roesler, T.H.E. Conference Director

9:00 am **Opening Remarks**
Jeffery R. Roesler, T.H.E. Conference Director

9:10 am **O'Hare 21 Capital Program**
Robert Hoxie
Chief Development Officer
City of Chicago Department of Aviation
Chicago, IL

9:50 am **FHWA Update**

10:30 am **Break (Illinois Ballroom)**

10:50 am **EV Implications-Nationally to Locally**
This panel will explore electric vehicle legislation. FHWA will discuss legislation of the Infrastructure Bill as it relates to EVs. IDOT and IEPA will discuss State legislation for electric vehicles and what it means to state projects. ASPIRE will discuss pilot projects and EV implementations on an agency level.

Presentations by FHWA, IDOT, IEPA and ASPIRE

12:00 pm **Recess for Lunch**
Light lunch provided in the Illinois Ballroom

Bridges & Structures

Chancellor Ballroom

Moderator: Dan Brydl, Bridge Engineer, FHWA-Illinois Division

- 2:00 pm Composite Bridge
Maine DOT**
- 2:40 pm Design and Construction of the CTA Red-Purple Bypass
Amanda Budnik
Assistant Project Manager
Walsh Construction
Chicago, IL**
- Hemal Patel
Structural Engineer
EXP
Chicago, IL**
- 3:20 pm Break (Illinois Ballroom)**
- 3:40 pm 88 Pedestrian Bridge Tunnel Coordination
Mohammad Faraj
Senior Project Engineer
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL**
- 4:20 pm I-40 Hernando de Soto: Critical Actions for a Critical Find
Mary Lou Kutska
Bridge Technical Manager
Michael Baker International**
- TBD
Michael Baker International**
- 5:00 pm Mixer @ State Farm Center**

**Design, Construction & Environment
Heritage Hall**

Moderator: Ama O. Addai, Director, Ardmore Roderick

2:00 pm Planning and Environment Linkage (PEL) Studies: Streamlining the Federal Process

**Jason Longsdorf
PEL Practice Group Manager
HDR
Denver, CO**

**Gina McAfee
Environmental Planning Program Manager
HDR
Denver, CO**

**Jeff Young
Roadway Section Manager
HDR
Rosemont, IL**

2:40 pm Rehabilitation of the Montrose Avenue Bridge over I-90/94 and the CTA

**Salvatore DiBernardo
President
Ciorba Group
Chicago, IL**

**Brett Sauter
Vice President
Ciorba Group
Chicago, IL**

3:20 pm Break (Illinois Ballroom)

3:40 pm BNSF/I-294 Bridge Construction (Train Traffic)

**Demico Cole
Resident Engineer II
TranSystems
Chicago, IL**

**Dan Filice
Manager-Bridge
Gannett Fleming
Chicago, IL**

**TBD
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL**

4:20 pm Underground Detention to Solve Jane Byrne Interchange Flooding Woes

**Matt Cooper
Project Engineer
AECOM
Chicago, IL**

**Jennifer Golemba
Project Engineer
TranSystems
Schaumburg, IL**

**Roman Meropolski
Construction Department Manager
Tecma Associates
Chicago, IL**

**Edward Yousif
Lead Drainage Engineer
AECOM
Chicago, IL**

5:00 pm Mixer @ State Farm Center

**Traffic, Operations & Safety
Heritage Hall**

Moderator: Dean Mentjes, Transportation Operations Engineer, FHWA Illinois Division

- 2:00 pm Oversize Overweight Permitted Load Technologies for 2021
Geno Koehler
Permit Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
Springfield, IL**
- 2:40 pm PACE Park & Ride: I-90 Transit Accommodations
Rick Hanba
Project Manager
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL**
- Charlotte Obodzinski
Department Manager
Priority Project Management Office at Pace Suburban Bus
Chicago, IL**
- 3:20 pm Break (Illinois Ballroom)**
- 3:40 pm EDC 5 Crowdsourcing & Travel Midwest Website
Terrence M. Heffron
ITS Unit Manager
IDOT, ITS Program Office
Springfield, IL**
- 4:20 pm Roadway Electric Training System: Build a Better Mousetrap
Joe Dragovich
Roadway Maintenance Manager
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL**
- 5:00 pm Mixer @ State Farm Center**

**Local Roads & Streets
Heritage Hall**

Moderator: Shawn L. Ortgiesen, Local Roads Field Liaison Engineer, District, 2, IDOT, Dixon, IL

- 2:00 pm** **When ‘I Didn’t Know’ is an OSHA Citation**
Harry Hileman
Marketing/Outreach Coordinator
Illinois Department of Labor
Springfield, IL
- 2:40 pm** **A Session with the Local Roads Team – Innovations, Improvements and Initiatives that the IDOT BLRS has undertaken to enhance the safety, quality and policies for our local partners, and the road users in Illinois**

George A. Tapas
Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets
Office of Highways Project Implementation
Illinois Department of Transportation
Springfield, IL
- 3:20 pm** **Break (Illinois Ballroom)**
- 3:40 pm** **Randall Road: “A Community Working Together to Improve the County’s Busiest Commercial Corridor”**
Todd Bright
Principal
TranSystems
Chicago, IL

Ben Redding
Design Manager
McHenry DOT

Jeff Young
Roadway Section Manager
HDR
Rosemont, IL
- 4:20 pm** **Pressed Brake Tub Girder**
Jeff Blue
County Engineer, Champaign County Highway Department
Champaign, IL

Greg Mitchel
Sales Representative
The Will Group
Wheaton, IL
- 5:00 pm** **Mixer @ State Farm Center**

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8:15 am **Remarks**
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8:25 am **IDOT Update**
Stephen Travia
Director-Office of Highways Project Implementation
Illinois Department of Transportation
Springfield, IL

8:50 am **ICT Update and Project Highlight**

9:35 am **Illinois Tollway Update**
José Alvarez
Executive Director
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL

10:00 am **Break (Illinois Ballroom)**

10:20 am **The Houbolt Road Extension: A Public Private Partnership in Illinois**
Robert Harbour
Senior Advisor Infrastructure Development
CenterPoint
Chicago, IL

Martin Ross
Senior Vice President
TranSystems
Chicago, IL

Ken Szeliga
Vice President of Construction and Operations
United Bridge Partners
Chicago, IL

11:00 am **ISP Update on the TCRU UAS Program**
Trooper Ray Sutton
Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation
Du Quoin, IL

11:30 am **Awards**

12:15 pm **Annual Luncheon (Chancellor Ballroom)**