

**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**  
**Moderator: Dana Al-Qadi, AECOM**

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 Prairie Path Underpass Improvements at the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88)  
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  
Brett Sauter  
Vice President  
Ciorba Group  
Chicago, IL**

**Joseph Vondra  
Vice President-Electrical and Lighting  
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**      **Press Brake Tub Girder Bridges**  
**Jeff Blue**  
**County Engineer, Champaign County Highway Department**  
**Champaign, IL**  
  
**Guy Nelson**  
**Structural Engineer**  
**Valmont Structures**  
**Valley, NE**
- 5:00 pm**      **Mixer @ State Farm Center**

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**8:15 am**      **Remarks**  
**Jeffery R. Roesler, T.H.E. Conference Director**

**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)**