

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**
Joseph Stilwell
Fabrication Engineer
Maine DOT-Bridge Program
- 2:40 pm** **Design and Construction of the CTA Red-Purple Bypass**
Dena Abakumov
Transit & Rail Sector Lead
Stantec
Chicago, IL
- Amanda Budnik**
Assistant Project Manager
Walsh Construction
Chicago, IL
- Hemal Patel**
Structural Engineer
EXP
Chicago, IL
- Carrie Wagener**
RPM Deputy Chief Engineer
CTA
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
Chicago, IL
- Aaron Stover**
Regional Bridge Practice Lead
Michael Baker International
Louisville, KY
- 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
- 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)**
Jeff Allen
Executive Project Engineer
Illinois Tollway
Downers Grove, IL
- Demico Cole**
Resident Engineer II
TranSystems
Chicago, IL
- Dan Filice**
Manager-Bridge
Gannett Fleming
Chicago, 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. Orgiesen, 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**

Greg Lupton
Local Project Implementation Engineer

Tim Peters
Local Policy & Technology Engineer

Stephane Seck
Local Program Development Engineer

George A. Tapas
Bureau Chief of Local Roads and Streets

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
Engineering Director-Highway and Civil Design
STV
Chicago, IL

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

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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 **TBD**

11:30 am Award Presentations
IACE UIUC Student Scholarship and Zone Awards
Rick Johnson, IACE President and Coles County Engineer

FHWA Transportation Excellence Award
Arlene Kocher, Division Administrator, FHWA

IDOT Awards
Justan Mann, Deputy Director, Office of Highways Project Implementation, IDOT

12:15 pm Annual Luncheon (Chancellor Ballroom)