

ND TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE 2026

HALL A • March 10, 2026

G	9:00 AM–9:05 AM	Presentation of Colors
G	9:05 AM–9:30 AM	Opening Remarks <i>Matt Linneman, NDDOT Deputy Director</i>

Facilitators: Brady Hausler / Sharon Taylor

P	9:40 AM–10:30 AM	Chateau Road Reconstruction–Medora, ND <i>Adam McGill, Jon Bach, Chad Frisinger</i>
P	11:00 AM–11:50 AM	Planning A Sustainable Transportation Growth Plan <i>Jamie Olson, Joe Devore, Joshua Skluzacek</i>
K	1:00 PM–1:50 PM	Be Legendary <i>Rick Denley</i>

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P	2:00 PM–2:50 PM	Partnership Contracts with Local Government <i>Dana Larsen, Jim Neubauer</i>
P	3:20 PM–4:10 PM	Indirect Cost Rates and Consulting Projects <i>Chad Taylor, Emily Ulmen</i>
G	4:20 PM–5:00 PM	Governor's Address Awards

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Facilitators: Jennifer Kern / Faezeh Jafari

G	8:00 AM–8:50 AM	Safety Has Always Been Our First Priority – Saving Lives in the 1920s and 1930s <i>Ben Kubischta</i>
P	9:00 AM–9:50 AM	Keeping Talent on the Road: Engaging a Multigenerational Workforce <i>Michelle Blakeman</i>
P	10:10 AM–11:00 AM	Scenario Planning and the NDDOT <i>Stewart Milakovic</i>
G	11:10 AM–12:10 PM	Ethics <i>Dr. Dennis Cooley</i>
G	12:10 AM–12:20 PM	Closing Remarks

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HALL B • March 10, 2026

G 7:30 AM–7:00 PM Registration/Networking

G 10:30 AM–11:00 AM Tuesday Morning Networking | Break

G 11:50 AM–1:00 PM Lunch

G 2:50 PM–3:20 PM Tuesday Afternoon Networking | Break

G 5:00 PM–7:00 PM Social

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G 7:00 AM–7:50 AM Breakfast

G 9:50 AM–10:10 AM Wednesday Morning Networking | Break

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HALL C • March 10, 2026

Facilitators: Adam Berglund / Jen Einrem

P	9:40 AM–10:30 AM	ASTM C595 Cements: Concrete Prescriptive VS Performance Based Specifications <i>Manuel Zamora, PE</i>
P	11:00 AM–11:50 AM	Pavement Rehabilitation, the Different Levels and Remediation Methods and Current National Industry Recommendations <i>Nick Davis, PE</i>
P	2:00 PM–2:50 PM	Quality Assurance in Concrete Pavement Design <i>Luke McHugh</i>
P	3:20 PM–4:10 PM	Concrete Placement for the Engineer & Technician <i>Gregory Johnson</i>

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Facilitators: Korby Seward / Dustin Lang

P	8:00 AM–8:50 AM	Test Strips in North Dakota <i>Tyler Wollmuth</i> Innovations and Pavement Density <i>Aaron Perez</i>
P	9:00 AM–9:50 AM	Thin Asphalt Pavements <i>Travis Walbeck</i>
P	10:10 AM–11:00 AM	Mat Defects & How To Fix It – Cold Weather Paving <i>Bryce Wuori</i>

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PRAIRIE ROSE ROOM 101/102 • March 10, 2026

W 8:00 AM–8:50 AM Consultant Administration Services (CAS)
Training – PE & CE Contracts in 2025
Chad Taylor

Facilitator: Ramona Bernard

P 9:40 AM–10:30 AM Revenge of the Planners: A New Hope for
Coordinated Communities
*Will Hutchings, Stephen Larson, Dave Sweeney,
Dave Wiosna, Isak Johnson*

P 11:00 AM–11:50 AM The Fargo-Moorhead-West Fargo Interstate
Interface
Mike Bittner, Chris Braband, Kevin Mackey

P 2:00 PM–2:50 PM Scour Smart: Innovative Risk Based Monitoring
to Protect North Dakota Bridges
Matt Luger

Images from Below, Direct Decisions from
Above
Aislyn Ryan, Kyle Nicks

R 3:20 PM–4:10 PM The ND Moves Statewide Active and Public
Transportation Plan
Dave Leingang, Spencer Ulvestad

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Facilitator: Jea Monje

P	8:00 AM–8:50 AM	Root Cause Analysis–Practical Application for Serious Incidents/Accidents <i>Matt Maresh</i> Quick Builds – A Guide to Safety Projects to Quickly Implement in Your Community <i>Jonathan Markt</i>
P	9:00 AM–9:50 AM	Safe Streets, Vibrant Communities: Leveraging Planning for Safer Transportation Systems <i>Cody Christianson, Blue Weber, Connor Cox</i>
P	10:10 AM–11:00 AM	When the River Meets the Road: Leveraging Nature Based Design Approaches for Transportation Projects <i>Paige Baker</i>
W	1:15 PM–3:15 PM	UAS Peer Exchange <i>Scott Clausen</i>

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Facilitator: Amy Beise

P	9:40 AM–10:30 AM	NDDOT Approaches to Historic Bridge Preservation <i>Paul Demers, Jesse Kadrmas, Bryan Tykwinski</i>
P	11:00 AM–11:50 AM	NDDOT's New Geotechnical Design Manual – What to Know and How to Use It <i>David Vara, Colter Schwagler</i>
P	2:00 PM–2:50 PM	From CAD to Construction: How OnStation Partners with NDDOT <i>Ward Zerbe, Patrick Held</i>
P	3:20 PM–4:10 PM	Common Research and Implementation Efforts Between Minnesota and North Dakota <i>Amy Biese, Curt Dunn, Ben Worel</i>

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Facilitator: Jody Issak

R	8:00 AM–8:50 AM	Map the Message: Telling Your Story Through GIS <i>Jerame Novak, Stephanie Weiland</i>
P	9:00 AM–9:50 AM	Strategic Engagement: Turning Public Involvement into Lasting Value <i>Jamie Olson</i> PEL in Practice: Accelerating Project Delivery in North Dakota <i>Theresa Maahs</i>
P	10:10 AM–11:00 AM	Activation of Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Data <i>Steve Larson, Kim Riepl, Daniel Farnsworth, Aiden Jung, Daniel Legere</i>
W	1:15 PM–3:15 PM	NDDOT District Culvert Inspection Training <i>Jon Stork</i>

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PRAIRIE ROSE ROOM 105 • March 10, 2026

Facilitator: Susann Cuperus

P	9:40 AM–10:30 AM	32nd Ave South Reconstruction – Underground Utility Challenges <i>Josh Olson, James Mickelson</i>
P	11:00 AM–11:50 AM	Assessing Condition of Rehabilitated Concrete Pavement with Slab Fracturing and Asphalt Overlay Using Distributed Fiber Optic Sensors <i>Ying Huang</i> Advancing Weigh-In Motion Systems for Vehicle Weight and Wheel Position Prediction <i>Ying Huang</i>
P	2:00 PM–2:50 PM	Autonomy for Transportation Infrastructure Monitoring and Construction <i>Sattar Dorafshan</i>
P	3:20 PM–4:10 PM	ADA Transition Plans – Current Requirements <i>Joseph Kapper, Stacy Johnson</i>

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PRAIRIE ROSE ROOM 105 • March 11, 2026

Facilitator: Rhoda Sautner

P	8:00 AM–8:50 AM	Exit 161 Overpass: Modified SPUI Design and Construction <i>Bernie Southam, Biran Raschke, Sam Welch, Jared Loegering, Joe Devore</i>
P	9:00 AM–9:50 AM	Highway and Flyways: When Wildlife Meets the Road <i>Wyatt Mack, Hanna Edens, Karliegh Wattier</i>
P	10:10 AM–11:00 AM	Reflection of Inspection Data Collection: A case Study in Innovative Inspection – Note Taking Methodologies <i>Jeffrey Pfeffer, Tanner Wild</i> To Provide and Produce with Drones <i>Brian Schroeder, Tristan Sanderson</i>

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