

# 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Local Road Conference

October 19 – 21, 2026

Denny Sanford Premier Center – Sioux Falls, SD

## Monday, October 19, 2026

| Time              | Event                                                      | Location           |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Kickoff – Vendor Sponsored Social and Exhibit Booth Visits | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |

## Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Morning Moderator: Paul Albritton, IA LTAP – *Ballroom A*

Morning Moderator: Bryon Fuchs, NDLTAP – *Meeting Space 8-10*

| Time              | Event                                                                                  | Location           |
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| 6:30 am – 7:45 am | Breakfast (provided)                                                                   | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |
| 8:00 am – 8:15 am | Welcome – <i>Sioux Falls Mayor - Tentative</i>                                         | Ballroom A         |
| 8:15 am – 9:15 am | Utility Permitting within ROW – Tony Bernt, Nance County, NE<br>Highway Superintendent |                    |
| 9:15 am – 9:45 am | You Show Us – Innovation Champions<br>(Heather Carlson and Paul Albritton)             |                    |

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| 9:45 am – 10:15 am | Break – Exhibit Booth Visits | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |
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| Time                | Breakout Sessions                                                                                                           |                    |
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| 10:15 am – 10:45 am | Gravel Specs from the local perspective – Greg Vavra, SDLTAP &<br>Mike Suska, Nicollet County, MN                           | Ballroom A         |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | Gravel Crushing from a Contractors Perspective – Rob Rebel, Knife<br>River                                                  |                    |
| 10:15 am – 11:00 am | Geotextiles in Urban Areas – Brendon Stieb, Tensar                                                                          | Meeting Space 8-10 |
| 11:00 am – 11:45 am | Concrete Pavement Repair –<br>Chad Erickson, General Manager of Concrete Operations, Construction<br>Division – Knife River |                    |

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| 11:45 am – 1:00 pm | Lunch (provided) | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |

Afternoon Moderator: Andrew Wrucke, MNLTAP – *Ballroom A*  
 Afternoon Moderator: Heather Carlson, COLTAP – *Meeting Space 8-10*

| Time              | Event                                              | Location   |
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| 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Leadership – Steve Johnson, City of Des Moines, IA | Ballroom A |
| 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm | Grants – Sandy Zimmer, Ulteig                      |            |

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| 2:45 pm – 3:15 pm | Break – Exhibit Booth Visits (Vendor meeting at 3:15 pm) | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |
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| Time              | Breakout Sessions                                                  |                    |
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| 3:15 pm – 3:45 pm | Lifecycle Costs for Counties – Greg Vavra, SDLTAP                  | Ballroom A         |
|                   | Base & Subgrade stabilization in Urban Areas – <i>Rep from HDR</i> | Meeting Space 8-10 |
| 3:45 pm – 4:30 pm | Bridge Rehab/Repair – Dana Larsen, Ward County, ND                 | Ballroom A         |
|                   | Urban Roundabouts – Chris Holzer, City of Bismarck, ND             | Meeting Space 8-10 |

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| 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Vendor Sponsored Social & Exhibit Booth Visits | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |

### Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Morning Moderator: Megan Patent-Nygren, NLTAP – *Ballroom A*  
 Morning Moderator: Denise Brown, NDLTAP – *Meeting Space 8-10*

| Time              | Event                | Location           |
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| 6:30 am – 7:45 am | Breakfast (provided) | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |

| Time              | Breakout Sessions                                                                                                                                                                      |                    |
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| 8:00 am – 8:45 am | Gravel Maintenance Panel – Mike Suska & Devron Havemeier, Nicollet County, MN; Jason Kraft, Ramsey County, ND; Jason Fritzsche, Beadle County, SD; & Barb Keegan, Box Butte County, NE | Ballroom A         |
|                   | Work Zones in Urban Areas – Paul Albritton, IA LTAP                                                                                                                                    | Meeting Space 8-10 |
| 8:45 am – 9:30 am | HBP Maintenance/Preservation – Tom Soucy, Cass County, ND                                                                                                                              | Ballroom A         |
|                   | Right Surface Treatments in Urban Areas – Gill Hedman, SDLTAP                                                                                                                          | Meeting Space 8-10 |

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| 9:30 am – 10:00 am | Break – Final Exhibit Booth Visits | Exhibit Hall 1 & 2 |

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| 10:00 am – 10:30 am | <b>ROW Panel</b> – <i>Jason Johnston, Walsh County, ND &amp; Don Robb, Hall County, NE</i>                 | <b>Ballroom A</b> |
| 10:30 am – 11:00 am | <b>The Real Communication Network</b> – <i>Laura Sievers, P.E., County Engineer – Woodbury, IA</i>         |                   |
| 11:00 am – 11:45 am | <b>Hot in Place Recycling (HIR)</b> – <i>Tom Soucy, Cass County ND &amp; Rich Sanders, Polk County, MN</i> |                   |
| 11:45 am            | <b>Conference Wrap Up &amp; Discussion</b>                                                                 |                   |

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