



27th Annual Public Works Roundup

August 20, 2026

Hurst Conference Center



Morning Sessions - Main Ballroom			
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration, Networking, Vendor Tables & Light Breakfast		
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Welcome & Agenda Overview		
9:15 AM - 9:45 AM	Work Force Solutions: A Discussion on Strategies and Tactics You Can Employ to Get Results! Jim Proce, ICMA		
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	A New I&I Assessment Method Called BASINiQ Can Identify I&I Sources 10-20 Times Faster Than Traditional Methods Colton Stewart, RH Borden and Company, and Glenn Barker, City of Corinth		
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break & Vendor Tables		
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Public Works Role in Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery Justin Stoker, City of Waxahachie		
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Texoma Drive Utility Extension Project: City/EDC Capital Improvement Project Fanchon S. Stearns, City of Denison		
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Managing a Million Spreadsheets, Assets, Decisions, and People with GIS Annie Anand, City of Fort Worth and Chris Akin, Paratum Solutions		
12:00 PM - 1:05 PM	Lunch & Vendor Tables		
Afternoon Sessions			
Tracks	Public Works <i>Main Ballroom</i>	Sustainable Public Rights of Way <i>Rooms E - H</i>	Stormwater <i>Meeting Room 3</i>
1:05 PM - 1:35 PM	Hitting the Mark: How to Align Project Scope, Design, and Construction Cost for Your Capital Projects Tim James, Olsson Corey Nesbit, City of Sachse	Spatializing Public Works Infrastructure and Capital Planning Chris Akin, Paratum Solutions Jerry Hicklen, City of DeSoto	Kicking Arundo Out of Texas Roadways and Waterways Alexa Salinas, TPWD
1:40 PM - 2:10 PM	APWA Accreditation: Benefits, Process, and Real-World Experiences Renee Esses, City of Coppel	Growing Trees in a Concrete Desert Eric Wettengel, Texas Trees Foundation	Evaluation of Fiber Types Commonly Used in Rolled Erosion Control Products Jeff King, American Excelsior Company Christi Upton, NCTCOG

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2:15 PM - 2:45 PM	GIS: The Past, Present, and Future of Spatial Analytics and Mapping in Public Works Sunny Lindsey, City of Highland Village Don Strange, City of Bedford Chris Akin, Paratum Solutions	AI-Assisted Pavement Management and Explainable Budget Simulation for Public Works Planning Koshiro Mori, Central Nippon Expressway Company Dr. Gopal Gupta, UTD	Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure for Resilient Growth in North Texas Sam Sarkar, Halff Associates Matt Lepinski, UTA Jeremy Dixon, Freese and Nichols
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Break & Vendor Tables		
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	City of Plano, TX Public Works Sanding and Brine Operations Procedures Erik Ferner and Joe Riley, City of Plano	Developing a Street and Utility Maintenance Program: Lessons Learned from the City of Gainesville Colton Hermes, Kimley-Horn Allen McDonald, City of Gainesville	Shaping the Future of Flood Safety Glenn Clingenpeel, Region 3 Trinity Regional Flood Planning Group Stephanie Griffin, Halff Associates
3:35 PM - 4:05 PM	Using Acoustic Assessments in Collection System Maintenance Colton Stewart, RH Borden and Company Glenn Barker, City of Corinth	Beyond the Squeaky Wheel: Smarter Infrastructure Decisions for Long-Term Fiscal Health Michael Kovacs, City of Fate Jim Proce, ICMA Kevin Shepherd, Verdunity	Turning Forecasts into Safer Roads: SWIFFT Flood Prediction in North Texas Claire Pollard and Dr. Seth Lawler, Dewberry Engineers Nathan Drozd, NCTCOG



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