

TACERA Conference
October 24-October 26, 2023
Hilton College Station & Conference Center

TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE – Tuesday, October 24, 2023		
7:30am – 5:00pm	Registration	
8:00am – 8:10am	Opening Remarks and Announcements - Stacy Slawinski, P.E., TACERA President	
8:10am – 8:55am (45min)	NACE Update Jeff Blue, P.E. - NACE President Kevan Stone - NACE Executive Director	
9:00am – 9:55am (55min)	Keynote Speaker Glenn Hegar - Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts	
10:00am – 10:30am	Networking Break – Exhibit Hall	
	SESSION A Morning Moderator - Zane Dunnam, P.E.	SESSION B Morning Moderator - Joe Trammel, P.E.
10:35am – 11:20am (45min)	Measuring In-Place Density of Asphalt & the Benefits of Using a Non-Nuclear Density Gauge John Lamond – TransTech Systems, Inc.	Roundabouts for All Yancy Scott, P.E. K Friese & Associates
11:25am – 11:55am (30min)	Design & Planning, Home Grown Pavement Management John Doege - Comal County Road Department	ADA, Grants, and You John Tyler, P.E. & Alisa Max, P.E. Pape-Dawson Engineers
12:00pm – 1:20pm	Lunch (On Your Own)	TACERA Board Meeting
1:20pm - 1:30pm	Announcements - Stacy Slawinski, P.E., TACERA President	
	SESSION A Afternoon Moderator - Jaime Mendoza	SESSION B Afternoon Moderator - Bryan Neaves, P.E., CFM
1:30pm - 2:30pm (60min)	Augmenting Pavement Maintenance Decisions with Structural Evaluation Robert "Reuben" Williams, P.E. Applied Research Associates, Inc	Engineering Ethics Ron Reichert Texas Concrete Pipe Association
2:30pm - 2:45pm	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
2:45pm - 3:20pm (35min)	The "Why" of Pavement Preservation Don Ward - Pavement Restoration, Inc.	Longitudinal Joint Enhancement with Void Reducing Asphalt Membranes Todd Thomas, P.E. - Asphalt Materials, Inc.
3:20pm - 3:35pm	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
3:35pm - 4:25pm (50min)	Improving American One Road at a Time Through Full-Depth Reclamation Barry Dill - Asphalt Zipper, Inc.	Urban County with Rural Traffic Responsibilities Noe Villarreal, P.E. - Dallas County Darrell Young - Dallas County
4:30pm – 5:00pm (30min)	Kicking Asphalt Off Road Equipment Beth Slate - B-Greener	Leveraging Grants & Programs to Promote Rail Safety Brett Sebastian - GoRail
5:00pm – 6:15pm	Social Networking, Food & Drinks - Exhibit Hall	
7:30pm – 10:30pm	42 Domino Tournament – North South 40 Room (Dominos Fall at 8pm)	

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TACERA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Wednesday, October 25, 2023		
7:30am - 5:00pm	Registration	
8:00am - 8:05am	Opening Remarks and Announcements - Stacy Slawinski, P.E., TACERA President	
	SESSION A Morning Moderator - Ted Kantor, P.E.	SESSION B Morning Moderator - Wayne Gisler, P.E.
8:05am - 8:45am (40min)	County Road Maintenance Best Practices Don Bonifay, P.E. Bonifay Engineering	Advancement in Pavement Data Analysis for Optimum Treatment Selection Hossam Saber Abohamer, P.E. Applied Research Associates, Inc
8:50am - 9:30am (40min)	Seal Coat Material Selection and Rate Design Darlene C. Goehl, P.E. Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Increasing Driver Awareness with Connected Work Zones Kirk Thrasher - Horizon Signal Technologies
9:30am - 10:00am	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
10:00am - 10:55am (55min)	Seal Coat Construction (Equipment and Construction Process) Darlene C. Goehl, P.E. Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Managing Growth & Urban Sprawl: Rockwall County's Story Frank New - Rockwall County Judge Daniel Harrison & Connor Roberts - Freese and Nichols
10:55am - 11:20am	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
11:20am - 11:55am (35min)	Tired of Spreadsheets? Using GIS to Enhance Your Road Maintenance Documentation Matt Patyk - Dunaway Associates, LLC	A.I. Bridge Maintenance Solution John Tkachenko - Dynamic Infrastructure
12:00pm - 1:20pm	Lunch (On Your Own)	
1:20pm - 1:25pm	Announcements - Lee Crowder, TACERA Vice President	
	SESSION A Afternoon Moderator - Joe Trammel, P.E.	SESSION B Afternoon Moderator - Joe England, P.E.
1:25pm - 2:10pm (45min)	Destination Retirement Richard Ashcraft, Texas County & District Retirement System (TCDRS)	HB 3697 – How to Move Forward Panel Discussion
2:10pm - 2:35pm	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
2:35pm - 3:15pm (40min)	Are Hot Mix and Chip Seal My Only Options? Kevin Harris - Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc	Boosting Mobility Bond Program Management: Consultant Efficiency in Fort Bend County Gabriel Odreman, P.E. & Kevin Hoffman RPS Infrastructure, Inc. Ike Akinwande – Fort Bend County
3:15pm – 3:35pm	Networking Break - Exhibit Hall	
3:35pm – 4:15pm (40min)	Leveraging Technology to Replace Manual Process with Automation: Smart Cities Simplified Candler McCollum - Roadway Management Technologies	Waters of the US or Ditch; What is the Latest Waters of the US Rule Matt Patyk - Dunaway Associates, LLC
4:20pm – 5:00pm (40min)	Floodplain & County Maintenance - Why it Matters Joe Trammel, P.E. - Tarrant County	Short Closures/Long Service Life with a Press Brake Tub Girder Jeff Simkins Valmont Structures
5:00pm – 6:15pm	Social Networking, Food & Drinks - Exhibit Hall	

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8:00am - 8:05am	Announcements - Stacy Slawinski, P.E., TACERA President
8:05am – 8:50am (45min)	5-Stage Model to Attract & Retain Public Works & Road and Bridge Employees Raymond Belk - TxLTAP Consultant
8:50am – 9:40am (50min)	An Overview on Employee Performance Plans & Conducting Employee Evaluations Raymond Belk - TxLTAP Consultant
9:40am – 9:50am	Break
9:50 am – 10:30am (40min)	TACERA Business Meeting, Officer Elections & Awards Presentations Stacy Slawinski, P.E. Scholarship Report Joe Trammel, P.E.
10:30am – 10:40am	Break
10:45am - 11:55am (70min)	Texas Legislative Update Jim Allison - Allison, Bass, & Magee
11:55am - 12:00pm	Final Review and Announcements Stacy Slawinski, P.E.

Notes from the 2023 TACERA Conference