

# 2026 ODOT Surveyors Conference Agenda

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

8:45 – 9:00am	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Michael Nichols, PLS, State Surveyor &amp; Engineering Automation Manager, ODOT</i>
9:00 – 10:00	<b>Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project</b> <i>Jon Yamashita, PLS, Oregon/SW Washington Regional Director, OTAK</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Update on UAS at ODOT – FCC Covered List</b> <i>Chris Harris, PE, UAS Program Coordinator, ODOT ETA</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break – Poll #1</b>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Navigating the Road to Becoming a Professional Land Surveyor – What it Takes</b> <i>Matthew Larraneta, LSI, Survey Analyst, ODOT Geometronics</i>
11:15 – 12:00pm	<b>Right of Entry Review and Discussion</b> <i>Andrew Miller, PLS, Senior Surveyor, ODOT Region 2</i>
12:00 – 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 – 2:00	<b>Researching County Roads</b> <i>Jason Foose, PLS, Clatsop County</i>
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Locate the rebar anchors?! ...And more!</b> <i>Jonathan Rawlings, PLS, Project Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i>
3:00 – 3:15	<b>Break – Poll #2</b>
3:15 – 4:00	<b>Survey Jeopardy</b> <i>Hosted by: Ralph Morgan, PLS, Senior RW Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i>
4:00 – 4:30	<b>Cloud Processing, Delivery and Analysis</b> <i>Casey Varnum, PLS, Project Surveyor, ODOT ETA</i>

8:55 – 9:00am	<b>Welcome to Day 2</b> <i>Michael Nichols, PLS, State Surveyor &amp; Engineering Automation Manager, ODOT</i>
9:00 – 9:30	<b>Status of NATRF2022 and Oregon Coordinate Systems</b> <i>Randy Oberg, PLS, Senior Geodetic Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<b>OSBEELS and NCEES Updates</b> <i>Jenn Gilbert, Agency Director, OSBEELS</i> <i>Ashley Setzer, Lead Registration Specialist, OSBEELS</i>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Break – Poll #3</b>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>MYCS3 and Transformation Discussion</b> <i>Kevin LaVerdure, PLS, Senior Operations Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i>
11:15 – 12:15pm	<b>“Origin Unknown” – Closing the gap between monumentation and research</b> <i>Pat Gaylord, PLS, CFedS, Clackamas County Surveyor</i>
12:15 – 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 – 2:00	<b>RW Retracement Projects and Lessons Learned, Region 5 Focus</b> <i>Bret Elithorp, PLS, Senior Surveyor, ODOT Region 5</i>
2:00 – 3:00	<b>Surveying the Last Five Icecapped Peaks of the Contiguous US</b> <i>Eric Gilbertson, PhD, Mechanical Engineering Associate Teaching Professor at Seattle University</i>
3:00 – 3:15	<b>Break – Poll #4</b>
3:15 – 4:15	<b>What Makes a Monument, RW Recovery Review</b> <i>Kevin LaVerdure, PLS, Senior Operations Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i> <i>Ralph Morgan, PLS, Senior RW Surveyor, ODOT Geometronics</i>
4:15 – 4:30	<b>Wrap up (You Asked for It)</b>