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Welcome

On behalf of the Oregon Department of Transportation and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon, it is our privilege to welcome you to the 2026 ACEC|ODOT Partnering Conference.

We are happy to welcome you to connect with friends both old and new. This year's conference will provide the perfect opportunity to both celebrate what we have already accomplished and consider ways we can further empower the partnership between ODOT and ACEC members.

We will focus on how we can better depend on each other as partners by removing roadblocks, improving communication, leveraging technology, and navigating rapid change. Whether it's during our presentations or through impromptu networking during snack breaks, we expect several opportunities for new or renewed connections to arise.

We are pleased to offer a range of topics and perspectives, including:

- Updates on the state of the industry from Oregon's transportation leaders.
- A variety of relevant and interesting breakout sessions throughout the afternoon with focuses on innovative projects, new tools, and new processes.

You are also encouraged to visit the display tables located in the foyer of the second floor. Our exhibitors are listed on the back cover.

We welcome your perspective, your experience, and your ideas during today's conference (and beyond). Please enjoy the conference and this opportunity to network and learn from each other.

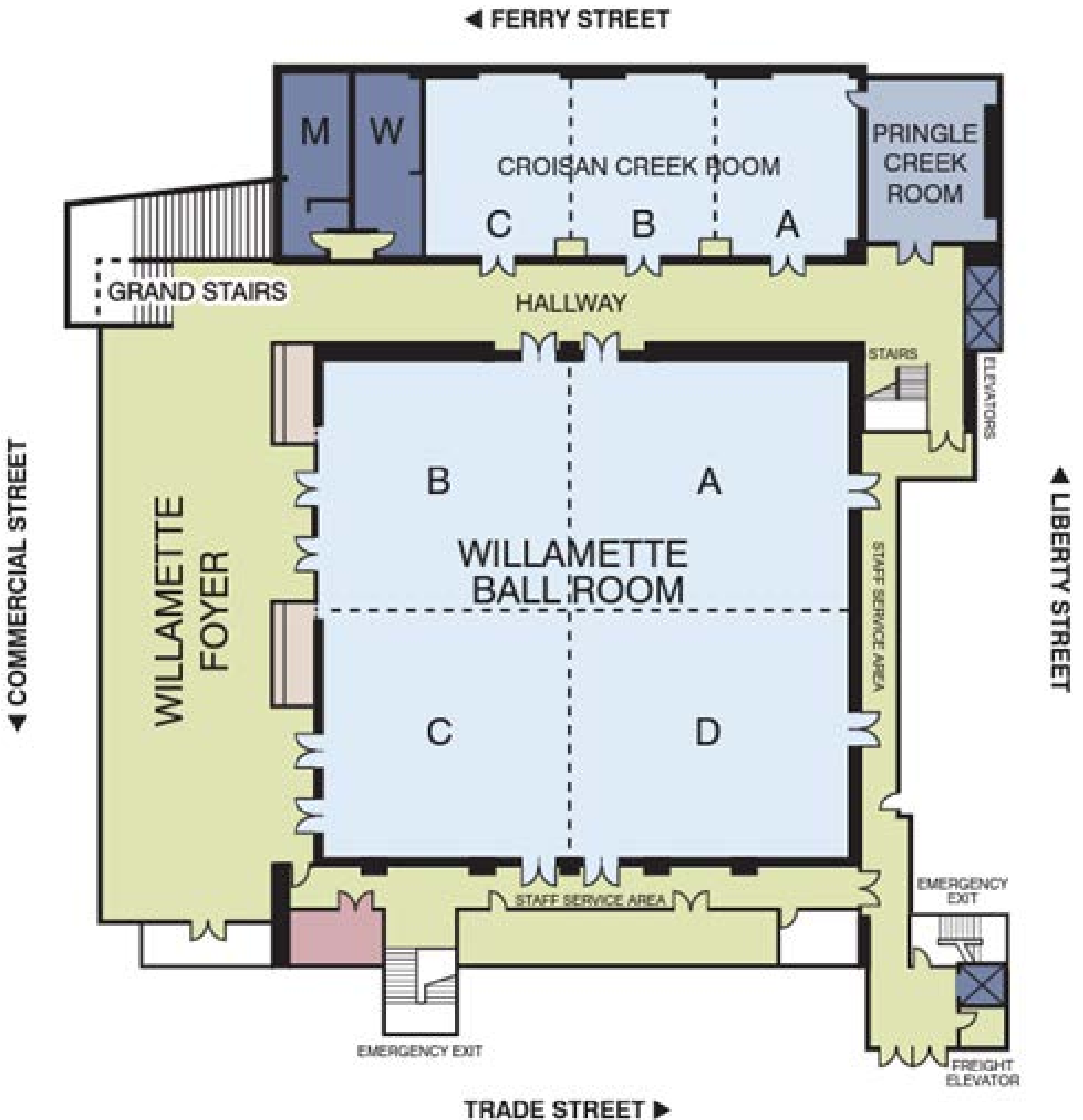
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Morning General Session

Event Check-in | 7:00-8:00a

Sign in. Socialize. Grab a snack. Find a seat.

Welcome by ACEC and ODOT | 8:00-8:15a

Katherine Benenati | ODOT — Assistant Communications Manager

Mark Leece, P.E. | ACEC Oregon – President

Tova Peltz, P.E., G.E. | ODOT – Delivery & Operations Division Administrator

Conference commencement by our MC, along with welcome addresses by ACEC and ODOT.

State of the Agency & Budget | 8:15-8:35a

Travis Brouwer | ODOT — Deputy Director for the Office of Revenue, Finance, and Compliance

An overview of agency goals, direction, and financial stability.

Transportation Legislative Update | 8:35-8:55a

Kelly Scannell Brooks | Office of the Governor — Transportation and Infrastructure Advisor to Governor Kotek

Current legislative outcomes and critical transportation focus areas for Gov. Kotek and staff.

ACEC Oregon Update | 8:55-9:25a

Mark Leece, P.E. | ACEC Oregon – President

Steve Litchfield, P.E. | ACEC Oregon – President-Elect

Partnering to Plan, Advocate, and Execute for Oregon's Transportation Future.

Break | 9:25-9:50a



Morning General Session

Capital Investment Plan | 9:50-10:20a

[Tova Peltz, P.E., G.E. | ODOT – Delivery & Operations Division Administrator](#)
[Amanda Pietz | ODOT – Policy, Data & Analysis Division Administrator](#)
[Ken Shonkwiler | ODOT – CIP Project Manager](#)

An update on ODOT's 10 year rolling Capital Investment Plan and how it helps align long term needs with short term budgets and project development.

Cost Risk Analysis in Portfolio Management | 10:20-11:05a

[Zach Davis, P.E. | ODOT – Value Engineering/Project Risk Engineer](#)
[Omar Ahmed, P.E. | ODOT – Interim Statewide Capital Program Engineer](#)
[Joe Wolf | ODOT – Cost Estimating Program Manager](#)

This session introduces cost risk analysis and its role in managing uncertainty in transportation project delivery. It highlights how cost and schedule variability affect projects and portfolios and how structured risk analysis improves reliability.

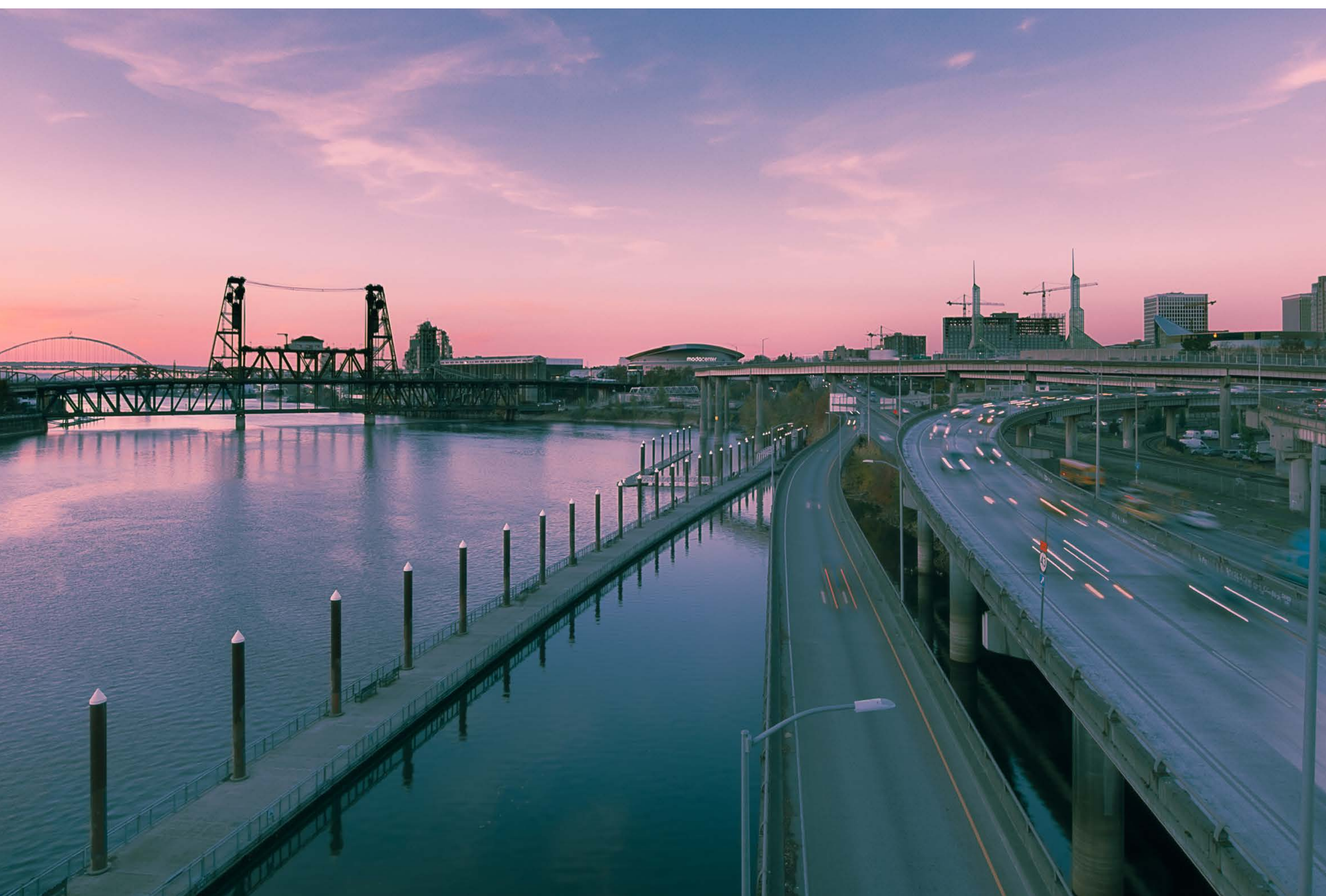
Break | 11:05-11:20a

Standardizing Success: Optimizing the Region 1 Technical Center Plans Review Clearinghouse | 11:20-12:00p

[Raymond Douglas Chong, P.E. | ODOT – Senior Roadway Manager](#)

Delivering transportation projects efficiently requires clear design standards and streamlined plan reviews. This session shows how the Region 1 Technical Center Permit Plans Review Clearinghouse improves technical quality and consistency through a transparent, step-by-step process from submission to approval, giving attendees practical strategies to navigate ODOT design standards and make project reviews faster, smoother and more predictable.

Lunch | 12:00-1:30p



Rooms & Facilitators

Room 1 | Willamette Ballroom

Facilitator – Kris Scott | ODOT – Transportation Projects Manager

Room 2 | Croisan A

Facilitator – Rachel Fast, P.E. | Consor Engineering

Room 3 | Croisan B

Facilitator – Karla Keller | ACMS Northwest – Operations Manager

Room 4 | Croisan C

Facilitator – Slaven Ljuboja | Mott MacDonald –
Principal Major Projects | Area Mgr.-OR & SW WA

Room 5 | Pringle Creek | Experience Suite

Facilitator – Bethany Veil, P.E. | ODOT – Senior Urban Design Engineer



Breakout

Session One

1:30-2:15p

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Application of Liquidated Damages in Lane Closures & Pedestrian Crosswalk Closures | Room 1

[Chi Mai, P.E. | ODOT – Senior Transportation Performance Reporting Engineer](#)
[Justin King, P.E. | ODOT – State Traffic Work Zone Engineer](#)

Liquidated damages are contract provisions that incentivize timely construction by assigning a predetermined cost for failing to meet contract requirements. ODOT has developed two resources—the 2025 Liquidated Damage Estimates for lane closures and the 2025 Crosswalk Liquidated Damage Estimates—that quantify user delay costs and recommend fee structures. This presentation highlights the data and calculations behind these estimates and aims to increase industry awareness, so these tools are more widely used to support contract certainty, reduce disputes and improve work zone safety.

Partnered Construction Engineering & Inspection (OR 217) | Room 2

[Ashan Fernando, EIT | DOWL – Project Coordinator](#)
[Kelly Martin, MBA, OPMA | ODOT – Region 1, Transportation Project Manager](#)

This session provides an overview of the OR 217 Auxiliary Lane Project, a four-year \$150 million effort involving highway widening, bridge replacements, multimodal upgrades and extensive stormwater, ITS and interchange work in a highly constrained corridor. It highlights the project's scale, technical complexity and need for coordinated staging while maintaining traffic. The session also outlines the collaborative construction management approach, organizational structure and key coordination practices that supported delivery, offering insights relevant to large, multidisciplinary transportation projects.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and Recertification | Room 3

[Diponker Mukherjee \(He/Him\) | ODOT – DBE Program Manager](#)
[Omar Alvarado \(He/El\) | ODOT – Small Business programs Navigator](#)
[Veronica Brummell | Business Oregon – Lead Compliance Specialist III](#)

This presentation provides an update on the status of Oregon's DBE Program and the recertification of firms under the new requirement for individualized social and economic disadvantage without consideration of race or gender. The U.S. Department of Transportation issued an interim final rule Oct. 3, 2025, immediately suspending DBE certification based on race and gender, as well as compliance monitoring, reporting, goal setting and other DBE activities on federally funded projects until recertification is complete. This joint presentation by COBID and Office of Equity and Civil Rights outlines the current state of the program and what lies ahead for DBE certification in Oregon.

Multnomah Falls Viaducts Rehabilitation Project: Preserving a Century Old Landmark of the Historic Columbia River Highway | Room 4

[Anthony Calcagno, P.E. | David Evans and Assoc – Senior Bridge Engineer and Project Manager](#)
[Terra Lingley | ODOT – Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area Coordinator](#)

This session highlights the major goals and challenges of rehabilitating two 100-year-old viaducts along the Historic Columbia River Highway at Multnomah Falls. It outlines the structural deterioration uncovered during design, the constraints of working within a national scenic area and active railroad right of way, and the complexities of maintaining traffic and pedestrian access during construction. The session also covers key design and logistical considerations for preserving historic character while implementing modern materials and repair methods.

Breakout

Session Two

2:30-3:15p

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The High Value of Engineering | Room 1

[Ed Chamberland, P.E. | David Evans and Assoc. – Transportation Project Manager](#)
[Kumar Rethnasamy | ODOT – Transportation Project Manager](#)
[Austin McGuigan | Polk County – Community Development Director](#)

During the most recent phase of the OR 22: Rickreall Road to Doaks Ferry Road project, ODOT, Polk County and David Evans and Associates collaborated on an alternatives analysis, pre-NEPA work and community engagement. This effort resulted in a preliminary preferred alternative that was later vetted through an extensive value engineering process. This presentation will focus on the collaboration between ODOT and Polk County that led to a highly implementable Phase 1 project designed to address the top safety issues in the corridor.

Collaborative Planning: Safe and Efficient I-5 Paving Project from Halsey to the Lane County Line | Room 2

[Chris Link, P.E. | Consor – District Manager, OR/ID Transportation](#)
[Ian Roholt, P.E. | ODOT – Region 2, Area 4 – Resident Engineer, Consultant Projects](#)

The I-5: Halsey–Lane County Line pavement preservation project repaved more than 26 miles in both directions and placed about 100,000 tons of asphalt concrete pavement. Work also included bridge deck rehabilitation, bridge rail retrofits, guardrail and barrier replacement, and updated signing and striping. The project required enhanced work zone safety and traffic control strategies, especially for a unique 6-inch-deep grind and inlay in the right travel lanes. The session highlights the planning, coordination and communication needed to manage this large-scale effort and maintain traffic through a challenging work zone.

Utility Coordination & Submitting the Utility Certification for Signature | Room 3

[Nicole Frankl | ODOT – State Utility and Rail Liaison](#)
[Tina Adams, P.E. | Casso Consulting, Inc. – Senior Civil Engineer](#)

This session explains the purpose of utility coordination and utility certification and outlines best practices for completing both. Topics include identifying and coordinating with utility owners, selecting the correct notices to send, determining when utility agreements are required, managing risk, and resolving conflicts and timing issues. The session also covers placing utility work in the correct subsection of 00150.50 and preparing a complete certification package to streamline signatures.

Local Agency Project Delivery: Success & Lessons Learned from the Stewart Park Bridge Preservation Project | Room 4

[Josh Goodall, P.E. | David Evans and Assoc. – Senior Bridge Engineer](#)
[Teresa DeWald | ODOT – Project Manager and Local Agency Liaison](#)

ODOT and its consultant partners are working collaboratively to deliver federally funded projects on behalf of the state's local agencies with increasing frequency. These projects require both ODOT and consultants to work together in serving the end client: the city or county. Successful delivery of the ODOT-Delivered Local Agency Program (ODLAP) requires a high level of collaboration between not only the project team (ODOT and consultants), but a perspective shift, as ODOT is now functionally working on behalf of an outside owner. This presentation will explore some of the successes, lessons learned, and recommendations for future ODLAP projects through a case study of the recently completed Stewart Park Bridge Preservation Project – completed by ODOT and David Evans and Associates for the City of Roseburg.

Break | 3:15-3:30p

Breakout

Session Three

3:30-4:15p

03

What makes for a Successful Project? Contractor Perspective for Project Design | Room 1

[Pat Prescott | Hamilton – Construction Manager](#)

[Tyler Dent | Knife River – Estimator and Project Manager](#)

This session explores what contractors view as the essential elements of a successful project, with a focus on how design decisions influence construction outcomes.

Participants will gain practical insights into improving project efficiency, constructability and collaboration by integrating contractor perspectives early in design.

What is 5.4 Miles of Trail Worth? Building the Council Creek Region Trail | Room 2

[Amanda Blankenship, P.E. | David Evans and Associates – Project Manager, Bridge Engineer](#)

[Renus Kelfkens | Washington County – Senior Project Manager](#)

This session explores how Washington County is delivering the 5.4-mile Council Creek Region Trail using a RAISE grant, Metro funding and close FHWA and ODOT coordination. It highlights the county's local agency certification pilot effort, the fast-tracked design completed within existing right of way, and solutions to rails-to-trails challenges such as permitting, trestle rehabilitation and long-term maintenance.

Attendees will gain insight into budget and schedule management, federal compliance and the next steps as the project awaits FHWA construction funding approval.

ADA Program Management – ODOT's ADA Delivery Program | Room 3

[Steve Litchfield, P.E. | Jacobs, Portland – ADA Deputy Program Manager](#)

[Tony Snyder, P.E. | ODOT – ADA Delivery Program Director](#)

Now in its ninth year, ODOT's ADA Delivery Program is one of the nation's largest long-term ADA compliance efforts, targeting upgrades to more than 27,000 curb ramps statewide. This session provides an update on program progress and explains how delivery strategies, process improvements and lessons learned are shaping the remaining years of work. Topics include current trends, approaches for upcoming projects, alternative delivery, small business participation and key design and construction refinements. Attendees will gain practical insights applicable to other large, multi-year transportation programs focused on improving efficiency, coordination and outcomes.

Alternative Assessment for the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement | Room 4

[Quentin Marzari, P.E., S.E. | Arup – Senior Engineer](#)

[James Scheer | Kiewit Corporation – Project Manager](#)

This session outlines the alternatives assessments for the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project, a seismically resilient and environmentally responsible crossing over the Columbia River. It highlights the key Phase 1A work, focusing on the environmental, navigational, geotechnical and constructability constraints that shaped four structure alternatives and the technical evaluations comparing cost, constructability, environmental compliance and long-term performance. Attendees will gain an inside look at the major factors driving bridge type selection for this critical crossing.

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Katherine Benenati

**Master of Ceremonies & Assistant
Communications Director**

Katherine has served as assistant Communications director at ODOT since July 2019. Previously she served as a public information officer at the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and as chief of the Public Outreach and Assistance Division at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality. Before moving to public affairs, Katherine worked as an editor and reporter at newspapers in Maryland (her native state), California, and Arkansas. She graduated from Towson University with a bachelor's in history and a minor in mass communication

Today, Katherine lives in Salem with her husband Greg and two very energetic dogs, a German shepherd named Holiday and a boxer mix named Parker.



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Mark Leece, P.E.
ACEC Oregon President

Mark Leece has more than 30 years of experience in engineering consulting, spanning business development, operations and technical project delivery. He has led large scale projects and programs across the industrial sector and has a strong background in project management. Mark practices a consensus-based leadership style and promotes a people first culture centered on safety, respect and collaboration.

Based in Portland, he serves as the Business Unit leader for Apex Companies, LLC, overseeing the West business unit. His team provides civil, environmental and geotechnical engineering, as well as survey services, to public and private clients, with a focus on civil and transportation infrastructure, stormwater engineering and management, and environmental and industrial hygiene.

Mark holds a bachelor's in environmental engineering from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. His professional affiliations include the ACEC Oregon Board of Directors, where he serves as president; ACEC Oregon's Legislative Committee and Public Agency Liaison Steering Committee, where he is a former board representative; Oregon Business and Industry; and the Northwest Environmental Business Council.



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Tova Peltz, P.E., G.E.
Administrator, Delivery & Operations Division

Tova Peltz, P.E., G.E., serves as division administrator for the Delivery & Operations Division at the Oregon Department of Transportation. The position also serves as the agency's chief engineer. In this role, she oversees ODOT's largest division, which is responsible for maintenance, operations and project delivery for the statewide transportation system.

Peltz joined ODOT in 2007 and spent more than 15 years in the greater Portland metro area as a geotechnical engineer, construction project manager and program manager. Before joining ODOT, she worked in the consulting engineering industry as a geotechnical engineer and engineering geologist.

With more than 25 years of experience in the public and private sectors, Peltz is committed to growing the engineering profession. She has co-chaired the annual Engineers Week High School Program in the Portland–Vancouver metro area since 2006. She was named a Daily Journal of Commerce Woman of Vision in 2018 and the ASCE Oregon Section's Engineer of the Year in 2023.



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Travis Brouwer

**Deputy Director for Revenue,
Finance, and Compliance**

Travis Brouwer serves as deputy director for Revenue, Finance, and Compliance. In this role, he oversees all ODOT's financial and revenue functions, including the DMV, Commerce and Compliance Division, and Finance and Budget Division. He has responsibility for ensuring sustainable revenue and maintaining the agency's fiscal health.

Brouwer joined ODOT in 2005. Previously, he served for more than five years as assistant director for public affairs, overseeing all the agency's externally facing functions. He also served eight years as the agency's federal affairs advisor, working with Oregon's congressional delegation and other federal officials on legislation, funding, and policy.

Prior to joining the Oregon Department of Transportation, he worked for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley for over six years, including serving as her district co-director and running her Salem district office.

Travis graduated from Willamette University in 1999 with a degree in politics. He lives in Salem with his wife and three children.



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Kelly Scannell Brooks

Transportation and Infrastructure
Advisor to Governor Kotek

Kelly Scannell Brooks is the Transportation and Infrastructure advisor to Oregon Governor Tina Kotek. Prior to joining the administration, Kelly served as the assistant city manager of Milwaukie from 2017 to 2023. At Milwaukie, she helped the city redevelop its historic city hall, build several new multifamily housing developments and reconstruct the Ledding Library. From 2011 to 2017, she worked at ODOT Region 1 in various roles which included serving as the region's Policy and Development manager.



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Amanda Pietz

**Policy, Data & Analysis
Division Administrator**

Amanda Pietz leads the Oregon Department of Transportation's policy, planning, public transit, biking and walking, passenger rail, safety, climate, research and data programs as administrator of the Policy, Data and Analysis Division. She has been with ODOT for nearly 20 years, setting multimodal policy and investment direction. Pietz received the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' President's Award for Planning and chairs the association's Subcommittee on Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy.



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Steve Litchfield, P.E.
ACEC Oregon President-Elect

Steve Litchfield has 32 years of experience leading transportation projects from pursuits through design and construction. As Jacobs' deputy program manager and delivery manager for ODOT on the ADA Program, he focuses on planning, tracking and developing process improvements to remediate more than 27,000 curb ramps on Oregon highways. He is also active on the ACEC Oregon board as well as ODOT and TriMet committees.



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Zach Davis, P.E.
VE/Project Risk Engineer

Zach Davis serves as the Oregon Department of Transportation's value engineering and project risk engineer. From 2022 to 2026, he also served as the Region 4 Bend North Corridor resident engineer, where he used value engineering and proactive risk management to help lead the successful delivery of the \$190 million Bend North Corridor design-build project ahead of schedule and under budget.

In his current role, Davis leads the development, implementation and performance of ODOT's project risk management, constructability review and value engineering programs. He brings a well-rounded perspective to project delivery, having worked as a designer, resident engineer and builder on more than 30 infrastructure projects.

He also serves on the SAVE International Board of Directors as director of marketing and communications and is a member of the U.S. Advocacy for Value Committee. Davis is a registered professional engineer in Oregon and holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the Oregon Institute of Technology.



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Omar Ahmed P.E.
**Interim Statewide Capital
Program Engineer**

Omar Ahmed, is currently the interim statewide capital program engineer at the Oregon Department of Transportation. In his role, he serves as deputy chief engineer and leads project delivery and technical functions statewide.

Omar has been with ODOT since 2019, working as a project manager, tech center manager, area manager and interim Region 4 manager, He helped lead the delivery of the \$191 million dollar Bend North Corridor design-build project. Prior to joining ODOT, Omar served at the Virginia Department of Transportation in northern Virginia, and later, VDOT's headquarters in Richmond. He has 15 years of experience at the state government level. Omar is a graduate of Virginia Tech.



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Raymond Douglas
Chong, P.E.

Senior Roadway Manager

Raymond Douglas Chong is a senior roadway manager for the Oregon Department of Transportation in Portland, where he oversees preliminary engineering for State Transportation Improvement Program projects. He also manages the Region 1 Technical Center Permit Plans Review Clearinghouse.

A highly credentialed civil engineer, Chong is a licensed professional engineer with specialized certifications as a Professional Traffic Operations engineer, Professional Transportation planner, Road Safety professional and Certified Public Works Professional–Management. He holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California and a master’s degree from San Jose State University. He is also a specially appointed professor at Shandong Jiaotong University in China.



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Speakers below are listed in alphabetical order by last name.



Tina Adams, P.E. **Senior Civil Engineer** **Casso Consulting, Inc.**

Tina Adams, P.E., has 30 years of experience in roadway widening and modernization, intersection improvements, at-grade rail crossings, pavement preservation, bridge replacements, pedestrian enhancements and transit improvements. She has served as a project manager, utility coordinator, designer, specifications writer and QA/QC reviewer for ODOT and other agency projects throughout the state. Adams specializes in multidisciplinary transportation infrastructure projects, and her firm, Casso Consulting Inc., subcontracts with prime consultants to deliver projects within a multidisciplinary, multi-firm framework.



Omar Alvarado (he/el) **Small Business Programs Navigator** **ODOT**

Omar Alvarado is a lifelong Oregonian dedicated to strengthening small businesses and advancing economic development across the state. With more than 10 years of experience supporting entrepreneurs and helping organizations build long-term stability and growth, Alvarado brings a practical, relationship-centered approach to his work. As a Small Business Programs navigator with the Oregon Department of Transportation, he helps businesses understand how to work



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with ODOT, access certification and contracting opportunities, and navigate available resources. You can often find Alvarado representing ODOT at outreach events, community engagements and trainings, connecting directly with business owners and ensuring they have the tools they need to successfully compete for agency projects.



Amanda Blankenship, P.E. **Project Manager, Bridge Engineer** **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

Amanda Blankenship has 21 years of experience serving the Pacific Northwest as a project manager and bridge engineer. She has a passion for local projects and providing cost-effective, durable solutions. She has worked on more than 45 bridge replacement projects and more than 1,000 bridge inspections. Her experience as a project manager includes multidisciplinary transportation and bridge projects. She lives in Salem, Oregon, with her husband, 11-year-old son and mother. She enjoys gardening, camping and fishing.



Veronica Brummell **Lead Compliance Specialist III** **Business Oregon**

Veronica Brummell has an extensive background in investigations and compliance, during her service in the Army and while working with several state agencies. She joined the military as a young person to ensure she could pay for college, and as someone who grew up in a military family, the path felt natural. After nine years, she left the service to have her two children. She began her state career as a



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criminal fraud investigator with the Department of Human Services and has spent the last 12 years working for various agencies in investigation and compliance roles. She feels fortunate to do work she loves and values being part of the essential support Business Oregon provides to small businesses. In her spare time, she can be found reading, training for marathons and Spartan races, raising her two smart and sassy little girls, remodeling her home, and enjoying her side hobby as a personal trainer and nutritionist.



Anthony Calcagno, P.E. **Senior Bridge Engineer and Project Manager** **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

Anthony Calcagno is a senior bridge engineer and project manager at David Evans and Associates Inc. in Salem, Oregon, with more than 19 years of experience supporting bridge projects throughout the state. He is a registered professional engineer in Oregon and has worked with clients ranging from ODOT, Western Federal Lands and TriMet to numerous cities and counties across the state. Outside of work, he enjoys visiting national parks with his wife and two children and pursuing outdoor photography.



Ed Chamberland, P.E. **Transportation Project Manager** **David Evans and Associates, Inc.**

Ed Chamberland is a registered civil engineer in Oregon with more than 30 years of experience in planning and delivering federal-aid transportation projects. Throughout his career, he has focused on improving safety



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and mobility for communities across the region through effective project management and technical expertise. He is currently a transportation project manager at David Evans and Associates in Salem, Oregon. He earned his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Portland. Outside of his professional commitments, Chamberland enjoys an active lifestyle that includes volunteer work, hiking, biking and traveling with family and friends.



Tyler Dent Estimator and Project Manager Knife River

Tyler Dent is an estimator and project manager with Knife River's Western Oregon Division, with nine years of experience in transportation and heavy civil construction. He has spent seven years with Knife River supporting DOT, public agency, and railroad projects, with two years in between at a civil engineering firm working as a construction administrator. Tyler's background spans estimating, contract review, value engineering and preconstruction services, and project delivery, giving him a practical, well-rounded perspective on how projects move from design to construction. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and values collaboration that leads to successful project outcomes.



Teresa DeWald Project Manager and Local Agency Liaison ODOT

Teresa DeWald is a transportation project manager in Region 3 with the Oregon Department of Transportation. She brings more than 12 years of project management experience



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and over 20 years in contract administration. In her current role, she partners with local agencies and consultants to deliver ODOT-delivered local agency projects, guiding them from development through completion. Teresa is passionate about building strong, trust-based partnerships and takes pride in helping deliver projects that serve and strengthen Oregon communities. Outside of work, Teresa enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband of 25 years, their two children and four grandchildren. She is also an active community volunteer and enjoys decorating, gardening and traveling.



Ashan Fernando, EIT **Assistant Project Manager** **DOWL**

Ashan Fernando, EIT, is an assistant project manager in DOWL's CEI group. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Portland State University and began his career in the construction industry in 2013. Fernando started as a construction inspector for the Oregon Department of Transportation on the OR 224 Sunrise Expressway Extension project. Since then, he has remained in the construction industry, gaining experience with both ODOT and DOWL. Throughout his career, he has served in a variety of roles, including project inspector, construction designer, project coordinator and assistant project manager. Fernando has worked closely with engineers and contractors on transportation construction projects throughout the Portland metro region, supporting project delivery through effective coordination, field oversight and collaboration across multidisciplinary teams.



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Nicole Frankl State Utility and Rail Liaison ODOT

Nicole Frankl is ODOT's state utility and rail liaison. Prior to this role, Nicole spent time with ODOT as a program development specialist, as a civil engineer with WSP, a director with Nebraska LTAP, various engineering capacities within the South Dakota Department of Transportation, and worked in construction. Nicole holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and a Master of Civil Engineering from North Carolina State University.



Josh Goodall, P.E. Senior Bridge Engineer David Evans and Associates, Inc.

A graduate of Oregon State University, Josh Goodall is a bridge engineer and project manager at David Evans and Associates. His experience includes bridge design, inspection and retrofit, and he has worked with city, county and state partners throughout the western states. Josh is passionate about providing context-appropriate project solutions that meet user needs and client expectations. He has two children and a wonderful wife and lives in Salem, Oregon.



Renus Kelfkens Senior Project Manager Washington County

Renus Kelfkens spent six years working on capital expansions of natural gas pipelines in Houston, Texas, before joining Washington



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County in 2014. Since then, he has managed a range of capital projects, including roundabouts, new and replacement bridges, and road extensions. Kelfkens takes pride in delivering projects for the public and values collaboration with partner agencies in Washington County. Outside of work, he is an avid runner, having completed 10 marathons. He is also a certified yoga instructor, a practice that provides welcome balance to the many hours he spends running.

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Justin King, P.E. State Traffic Work Zone Engineer ODOT

Justin King is ODOT's state work zone engineer, working on work zone policy for the agency. He has worked in transportation engineering for government agencies for 23 years, including positions with WSDOT and ODOT. King attended Oregon State University and earned a degree in civil engineering. In his free time, he enjoys fishing, camping, the outdoors, coaching youth sports and spending time with his family.



Terra Lingley Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Coordinator ODOT

Terra Lingley began serving as ODOT's Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area coordinator in 2017, four days before the Eagle Creek Fire closed sections of the Historic Columbia River Highway and Interstate 84. She is the program manager for both the Historic Columbia River Highway and State Trail, responsible for remembering, restoring and reconnecting the highway as a recreation facility. As coordinator, she works closely with partner agencies, communities and



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the public to ensure ODOT's work in the gorge aligns with National Scenic Area requirements. Terra is a transportation planner by training and previously worked for a private consulting firm. When she's not working in the gorge, Terra enjoys hiking and traveling with her family.



Chris Link, P.E. **District Manager, OR/ ID Transportation Conсор**

Chris Link has been with Conсор for more than 20 years and has served in various project management, design and construction roles on ODOT projects. In addition to his technical and project leadership experience, Link serves as Conсор's district manager for the Oregon and Idaho transportation group, working from the Bend office and guiding operations, client service and strategic project delivery. He served as Conсор's project manager on the I-5: Halsey–Lane County Line project during the design phase and supported the Conсор-led CA/CEI team during construction. His long-standing involvement with ODOT programs gives him a well-rounded perspective on both design development and field execution.



Chi Mai, P.E. **Senior Transportation Performance Reporting Engineer ODOT**

Chi Mai is a senior transportation performance reporting engineer with ODOT's Transportation Planning Analysis Unit. She leads the Data Analytics and Performance Reporting team, which delivers analysis for required federal and state mobility performance reporting and statewide planning efforts.



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Kelly Martin, MBA, OPMA Senior Project Manager ODOT

As a senior project manager with ODOT's Region 1, Kelly Martin has worked on projects in both design and construction. As a senior project manager in design, she oversaw large, complex and schedule-compressed projects. Kelly was part of the project management team overseeing the OR 217 Auxiliary Lane project in construction. She holds an MBA, a bachelor's degree in psychology and is OPMA certified. She serves as a mentor to staff at ODOT and is also a WTS mentor. She is chair of the WTS annual leadership program (LEAP and LEAD) and has received an ODOT statewide excellence award for outstanding leadership.



Quentin Marzari, P.E., S.E. Senior Engineer Arup

Quentin Marzari is an associate at Arup with more than 11 years of experience in bridge design. He holds master's degrees in structural engineering from MIT and the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, and PE/SE licenses in California. During his career, Marzari has developed expertise in long-span steel bridges, working on the load rating and bike path preliminary engineering of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge and the erection engineering of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement. On the Hood River–White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project, he serves as the deputy structural lead and heads the detailed design of the superstructure.



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Austin McGuigan Community Development Director Polk County

Austin McGuigan graduated from Oregon State University and has more than 20 years of experience overseeing the planning, building, environmental health and economic development divisions for Polk County, Oregon. He serves on the Travel Salem Executive Board and was an original Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center public corporation councilman. McGuigan can usually be found enjoying his vintage Porsche collection on some of the best-maintained roads in Oregon, which are, of course, in Polk County.



Diponker Mukherjee DBE Program Manager ODOT

Diponker Mukherjee serves as the DBE Program manager for ODOT's Office of Equity and Civil Rights. Diponker is involved in DBE goal setting, disparity study, DBE supportive services, DBE Advisory Committee, and other activities related to various FHWA-funded projects. Prior to joining ODOT in 2022, he managed civil rights programs of transit systems in Texas and Oklahoma for over 20 years. His education includes an MA in Geography from Kansas State University and M.S. and B.S. in Geography from University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Pat Prescott Construction Manager Hamilton Construction

Pat Prescott is a construction manager with Hamilton Construction and has 19 years of



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heavy civil experience, including 17 with the company. He is recognized for strong field leadership, practical construction expertise and complex logistical planning. His work includes major nationally noted projects such as the Willamette River Bridge and award-winning accelerated bridge replacements, including transporting a fully assembled 260-foot truss up the Columbia River to the Wind River site. Outside of work, he spends time with his wife and three children and enjoys hunting, whitewater rafting and dirt biking.



Kumar Rethnasamy Transportation Project Manager ODOT

Kumar Rethnasamy has worked in Salem at the Oregon Department of Transportation for more than 6 years as a project manager. Before moving to the United States, he lived in Australia, where he spent 11 years in project management and civil engineering roles with local government, state utilities and public transportation. He has overseen diverse projects ranging from development of a multistory car park and culvert relining to highway rehabilitation and geothermal HVAC building upgrades.



Ian Roholt, P.E. Region 2, Area 4 – Resident Engineer, Consultant Projects ODOT

Ian Roholt is the interim Area 5 manager with the Oregon Department of Transportation, bringing 13 years of experience in delivering transportation projects. He holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Portland and a



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master's degree from Oregon State University. Roholt spent seven years specializing in traffic and roadway design before transitioning into project management, where he has led complex, multidisciplinary projects for the past six years. He served as the resident engineer for consultant projects on the I5: Halsey to Lane County Line project, managing the contract with Consor.



James Scheer Project Manager Kiewit Corporation

James Scheer is a sponsor/project manager at Kiewit with more than 29 years of experience in bridge construction and project management. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1997. Scheer has worked on several bridges across North America. He began on Interstate 84 in Troutdale, Oregon, and progressed to larger projects, including the Benicia Martinez Bridge in northern California, the Port Mann cable stay bridge in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the Kingston Third Crossing (Waban Crossing) in Kingston, Ontario. For the Hood River–White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project, he serves as Kiewit's project manager overseeing design and construction.



Tony Snyder, P.E. ADA Delivery Program Director ODOT

Tony Snyder is the ADA Delivery Program director for the Oregon Department of Transportation. He is a professional engineer with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Mississippi open and more than 40 years of experience. Snyder worked in public works



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for 18 years with the U.S. Air Force, the city of Corvallis and as the Polk County public works director. He has worked for ODOT since 2002, most recently as a project manager (RECP) and as the area manager in Astoria. The ADA Ramp Program is now in its eighth year and is working to bring more than 27,000 ADA ramps into compliance by 2032, with a budget range of \$1.6 billion to \$1.9 billion. The program also includes updates to pedestrian push buttons at signals to ensure ADA accessibility. Snyder lives in Ashland, Oregon, with his wife and two cats.



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