North Dakota Association of County Engineers

77th Annual NDACE County Roads Conference
January 27 – January 29, 2027
Bismarck Hotel & Conference Center – Bismarck ND

WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 27, 2027

11:00a–12:30p	Executive Board Meeting
12:30p–4:00p	Exhibitor Set Up
12:30p–6:00p	Registration
1:00p–4:00p	Pre-Conference Session – Equipment, Products and Services County Highway Departments Need
4:30p–6:30p	Member & Exhibitor Welcome Social
6:30p–9:00p	Awards Banquet

THURSDAY – JANUARY 29, 2026

7:15a–8:15a	Breakfast
7:15a-4:00p	Registration
8:00a–8:15a	Welcome –*Jon Mill, Retired Burleigh Co. Engineer*
8:15a–9:00a	NDDOT Update – *NDDOT Management*
9:00a–9:15a	FHWA Update – *Lindsey Handel, Division Administrator*
9:15a–10:0a	NACE Update – *Kevan Stone, NACE Executive Director*
10:00a–11:00a	Exhibitor Networking Break
11:00a-12:15p	KEYNOTE: Developing a Culture of 360 Communication – *Paul Laney, Drive the Road Leadership*
12:15p-1:15p	Lunch
1:15p–2:00p	NDDOT Local Government Update – *Jesse Kadrmas, Asst. Division Engineer*
2:00p-2:45p	ND Game & Fish Wildlife Crossings –
2:45p-3:30p	SurfaceCycle – *Dan Schellhammer, Bus. Development Director*
3:30p-4:30p	Exhibitor Networking Break
4:30p–5:30p	NDACE Business Meeting
5:30p–6:30p	Social (Dinner on your own following social)

FRIDAY – JANUARY 30, 2026

7:15a–8:15a Breakfast

8:15a–9:00a FM Diversion Update – *Jason Benson, Metro Flood Diversion Authority*

9:00a–9:45a usRAP Road Safety Network Screening – *Kim Vachal, UGPTI*

9:45a-10:30a Engineered Backfills – *Hank Hauge, Knife River*

10:30a–11:00a Break

11:00a–11:45a Round Table Discussion: Policies, Permits & Essentials
-Policies on Mud, Snow, Access, Mowing, etc.
-Permits covering Utility, Drainage and Access
-Essentials covering online bidding, dust suppressants, haul roads
– *County Highway Engineers/Superintendents*

11:45a–12:00p Conference Wrap Up & Door Prizes

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