



2026 Annual Meeting & Exhibits Preliminary Agenda
November 17-19, 2026-Oklahoma City, OK
Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel

SEAUPG Chairman: David Vivanco, Ph.D., P.E., Oklahoma DOT

TUESDAY - November 17, 2026

TASK GROUP MEETINGS

8:15-9:15 AM **CAPRI Updates**

9:30-10:30 **Aggregate Task Group**

Chair: Alicia Brooks

Presentation:

10:30-11:30 **Binder Task Group**

Chair: John Christensen, NALCO Water

Presentation:

11:30-1:00 PM LUNCH ON OWN BEFORE GENERAL SESSION

1:15-1:30 WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
-Oklahoma DOT

SESSION I: OUTLOOK -The Future to Come with Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Moderator: David Vivanco, SEAUPG Chairman

1:30-2:00 **AI and Analytics for Asphalt Mix Design & Construction Quality**
-Dr. Louay Mohammad, LTRC / LADOTD

2:00-2:30 **CAPRI – AI Applications in Asphalt Materials**
-Mike Copeland (Tom Harman)

2:30-3:00 **Creating the Future Leadership in the Industry**
- Tanya Nash (Travis Walbeck)

3:00-3:30 BREAK / Visit EXHIBITORS

SESSION II: SEAUPG REGIONAL UPDATES

Moderator: Derek Gaw, P.E., Tennessee DOT

3:30-4:00 PM **Central Update (AL, FL, GA, KY & TN)**
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4:00-4:30 **East Update (NC, SC, VA & WV)**
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4:30-5:00 **West Update (AR, LA, MS, OK, & TX)**
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6:30-8:00 PM SPONSORED RECEPTION (In Exhibit Areas)

WEDNESDAY - November 18, 2026

7 :30 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast

SESSION III: ASPHALT BINDERS

Moderator: John Christensen, NALCO Water

8:30-9:00 **Asphalt Binder Testing Methods & Equipment**

-Andrew Hanz, Mathy Group (Gaylon B)

9:00-9:30 **Impact of Asphalt Binder Chemical Composition on High and Intermediate Temps performance of Asphalt Mixtures** *-Dr. Louay Mohammad - LTRC*

9:30-10:00 **Advanced Binder Modification: What is Actually Improving Mix Performance?**

-Codrin Daranga, Paragon Technical Services

10:00-10:30 BREAK in EXHIBIT AREAS

SESSION IV: MAINTENANCE & PRESERVATION

Moderator: Grover Allen, Ph.D., Asphalt Institute

10:30-11:15 **Asphalt Innovation Opportunities**

-Buzz Powell, APA (Travis Walbeck)

11:15-12:00 **Producing Quality Asphalt at the Best Price-Optimizing RAP, Recycling agents, additives & Softer Binders for Optimum Value**

-Travis Walbeck (Jason Moore / Buzz Powell)

Noon – 1:30 LUNCH PROVIDED

SESSION V: SAFETY & ALTERNATIVE MATERIALS

Moderator: Robert Lee, P.E., Texas Materials / CRH

1:30-2:00 PM **Carbonite Study using XRF in Virginia**

-Ilker Boz (Alicia Brooks / Angela Beyke)

2:00-2:30 **Lab & Test Track Experience with Skid Resistant Aggregates**

-Nathan Moore (Tom Harman)

2:30-3:00 **Exploring Low-Carbon Materials: Focusing on Performance**

-Heather Dylla (Louay)

3:00-3:30 BREAK / VISIT EXHIBITORS

SESSION VI: INDUSTRY INNOVATION

Moderator: Cliff Selkinghuas, SCAPA

3:30-4:00 **TxDOT Experience**

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4:00-4:30 **TxAPA Asphalt 'Road-eo' & Workforce Development (Panel)**

-Robert Lee, CRH

4:30-5:00 **Thick Lift Asphalt Paving Solutions**

-Travis Walbeck (Andrew Brooks)

THURSDAY - November 19, 2026

7:30-8:15 AM Continental Breakfast

SESSION VII: BALANCED MIX DESIGN

Moderator: Jason Wielinski, P.E., Asphalt Institute

8:30-9:00 AM Standard Practice for Balanced Mix Design (BMD) of Asphalt Mixtures Using a Tiered Framework (New AASHTO Provisional Practice)

- Tom Harman (Jason Moore)

9:00-9:30 Applications & Limitations of Current Testing Methods from LTRC

- Dr. Louay Mohammad, LTRC / LADOTD

9:30-10:00 Ruggedness Study of Specimen Preparation & Fine-Tuning Test Methods for IDEAL-CT and HT-IDT Test-Adam Taylor, P.E., NCAT (Jason Moore)

10:00-10:30 BREAK in Exhibit Area

SESSION VIII: NCAT FINDINGS

Moderator: Andrew Brooks, C.W. Matthews Contracting Co.

10:30-11:00 Alabama DOT Balanced Mix Design Validation Projects

-Chance Armstead, P.E., Alabama DOT

11:00-11:30 Florida Department of Transportation's Experiment on In-Place Density on the Test Track-Randy West, Director, NCAT (Jason Moore)

11:30-Noon Oklahoma Balanced Mix Design Validation Project

-David Vivanco, PhD, P.E., Oklahoma DOT- SEAUPG Chair

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