

... just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you attend, have attended or have interest in transportation conferences, classes or seminars. This newsletter is ONLY sent out once a month and is to be used as a platform for locating national and local educational transportation conferences, classes, trade shows, and seminars.

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# The Industry Conference Resource

October 2016

## **CRITICAL DATES**

- **2nd Infrastructure Advancement Institute Summit** - *registration deadline is quickly approaching.*

Click [HERE](#) to register before the conference is full.

- **51st California Transit Association Annual Fall Conference and Expo** - *early registration deadline is October 25.*

Click [HERE](#) to register.

- **4th Annual Automated Vehicles Summit** - *the early registration deadline is October 25.*

Click [HERE](#) to register.

- **Specifier Webinar: New Technologies in Bridge Construction - A DOT Perspective** - *this free webinar takes place October 27.*

Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

- **AASHTO Annual Meeting** - *the early registration deadline is October 14.*

Click [HERE](#) to register before the deadline and save \$100.

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## **NEW RELEASES**

- **2017 AASHTO re:source Technical Exchange** - *Designed to benefit laboratory managers, quality managers, supervising laboratory technicians and similar positions in the construction materials testing industry. To learn more about this one of a kind event click [HERE](#)*

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## Article

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### A Vote for Transportation

To say the presidential race of 2016 is interesting is an understatement. No matter your political affiliation, the process has been long and arduous as the candidates wrestle through both the issues and the insults. From tax returns to feinting spells, this year has been like no other. However, there is one issue that ultimately we can all coalesce behind - transportation investment.

The continued investment into the roads and bridges of our national infrastructure is critical to our national economic health. The efforts of MAP-21 and FAST Act have contributed to sustaining the aging infrastructure, but that investment and more must continue as we look to keep our economy going forward. The reality is that transportation projects not only keep people moving, they keep them employed too. Fortunately, both candidates in the presidential race seem to appreciate the value of this investment as well.

There are challenges, of course, when it comes to developing the necessary funding. Grant programs like Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) and Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) highlight an effort in the right direction, but only represent the tip of the iceberg when it comes to need. The next administration will have to be creative when working with Congress to find the money.

So what's next? Time will tell and the results of November 8 will likely play a role in answering that question. However, as voters and representatives from the industry, it is important that we collectively continue to shout about the value of the investment in our infrastructure. Now, get out there and vote for transportation in 2016 (and beyond).

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## 2016 Conference List

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### OCTOBER 2016

- **AASHTO Standing Committee on Rail Transportation**

**October 4 - 7 | Chicago, IL**  
**W Chicago City Center**

*AASHTO's Standing Committee on Rail Transportation Annual meeting is an opportunity for members and delegates to engage in peer exchange and technical sessions relating to both freight and passenger rail. A focus on safety will be a top priority along with the advancement of new technologies. Members will also engage with federal leaders from the USDOT, FRA, Amtrak, Class I and Shortline Railroads, the Shipping and Research Communities. To register or sponsor click [HERE](#).*

- **2016 ARTBA National Convention**

**October 4 - 6 | Tucson, AZ**  
**JW Marriott Tucson Star Pass**

*The theme for this year's October 4-6 ARTBA National Convention, "Really Putting Safety First," is no coincidence. Through ARTBA's Foundation, these industry leaders will announce a game-changing safety program that has been years in the making. The program goal: to significantly boost the hazard awareness and risk management skills of all transportation project professionals who are in positions of influence-from project inception through completion-to cause a decline in safety incidents. To register, sponsor and/or learn more click [HERE](#).*

- **23rd ITS World Congress**

*ITS technologies include communication, data processing and electronic technologies for in-vehicle, vehicle-to-vehicle, vehicle-to-infrastructure and mode-to-mode systems that increase transport safety and mobility, improve the sustainability of travel, reduce congestion, and improve the performance and competitiveness of all modes of transport. Registration is now open, click [HERE](#) to register today!*

- **Infrastructure Advancement Institute**

**October 12 - 13 | College Station, TX**  
**Hilton College Station and Convention Center**

*Infrastructure Advancement Institute is a non-profit organization established in the State of Texas. The Institute is organized to foster development in infrastructure construction, operation, and maintenance, while encouraging cooperation between public and private sectors. The Institute will strive to collaborate with other appropriate associations and agencies in considering matters of mutual interest in serving the public need as well as to educate the general public about infrastructure in United States of America. To learn more click [HERE](#).*

- **11th Mississippi Transportation Institute Conference**

**October 17 - 18 | Jackson, MS**  
**Hilton Garden Inn Jackson Downtown**

*Please put this event on your calendar and join us for an informative and enjoyable conference that will be attended by federal, state, and local officials along with leaders from the intermodal transportation community. For those that are involved in Mississippi's transportation community, there is not a better platform than the MTI Conference to network with fellow transportation friends and supporters. To learn more click [HERE](#).*

- **20th Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) Conference**

**October 19 - 21 | Las Vegas, NV**  
**Caesar's Palace**

*Financial professionals in the construction industry come together to discuss latest industry issues and their financial implications. Registration is available and can be found [HERE](#).*

- **Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference**

**October 25 - 28 | Seattle, WA**  
**Hotel info to come**

*The AMPO Annual Conference brings together MPO staff, Policy Board members, federal and state employees, and consultants to share information on a variety of MPO issues. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.*

- **2016 TPTA Conference & Expo**

**October 25 - 28 | Memphis, TN**  
**Cook Convention Center**

*Mark your calendars for the 2016 Tennessee Public Transportation Association Conference and Expo. Meeting website is now available and can be found [HERE](#).*

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## **NOVEMBER 2016**

- **The Colorado Transportation Matters Summit**

*The focus of the meeting will be the user experience and we will take a closer look at how we all experience our transportation systems and the effects that experience has on our daily lives and our ability to conduct business to keep our state moving forward in a highly competitive world. The meeting will be a half day format with a lunch keynote followed by two rounds of break-out sessions. CDOT anticipates to have 500+ attendees. More information on this conference can be found [HERE](#).*

- **The Year in Infrastructure Conference**

**November 1 - 3 | London, UK  
Hilton London Metropole**

*Each year, Bentley Systems hosts the Year in Infrastructure Conference and Be Inspired Awards celebration. This event brings together industry experts and global thought-leaders to share best practices and to define the future of infrastructure project delivery and asset performance. We invite you to join us in London, November 1-3 and be among the industry leaders who are shaping the future. We're confident you'll find the offering of Forum options to be on point, session topics to be stimulating, and the speakers to be informative and dynamic. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.*

- **AASHTO Annual Meeting**

**November 12 - 16 | Boston, MA  
The Westin Boston Waterfront**

*The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Annual Meeting is one of the industry's most important gatherings of transportation, government and commercial organizations. The Annual Meeting offers transportation executives the opportunity to network and share the latest in industry policies and innovations. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.*

- **51st California Transit Association Annual Fall Conference and Expo**

**November 16 - 18 | Oakland, CA  
Oakland Marriott City Center**

*This is the signature event of the year for the California Transit Association. There are over 700 transit professionals of all levels along with more than 100 suppliers that attend. Registration, sponsorship and exhibit information can be found [HERE](#).*

- **4th Annual Florida Automated Vehicles Summit**

**November 29-30 | Tampa, FL  
Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel**

*The 4th Annual Florida Automated Vehicles Summit is an event dedicated to showcasing Florida's progress in preparing for automated vehicles. With an organized agenda full of industry experts, keynote speakers, and ongoing live demonstrations, attendees will have the opportunity to gain insight into what Florida is doing to create the ideal climate for the implementation and deployment of autonomous and connected vehicle technologies. To learn more click [HERE](#).*

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## **DECEMBER 2016**

- **Self Help Counties Coalition Focus on the Future Conference**

**December 4 - 6 | Hollywood, CA  
Loews Hollywood Hotel**

More than 800 transportation professionals attend this California Transportation Conference. Registration, exhibitor and sponsorship information are now available and can be found [HERE](#).

- **Georgia Transit Association Annual Conference**

**December 7 - 9 | Athens, GA**  
**Hotel information coming soon**

*The GTA Conference provides a unique opportunity for transit leaders across the state to come together to share best practices, find solutions, and improve services throughout communities in Georgia. This year's conference will once again have high caliber speakers, innovative exhibitors and high quality networking opportunities such as our ever-popular casino night.*

*The Georgia Transit Association continues to advance the policies and priorities of our rural and urban transit entities. This year's conference will be hosted in coordination with the Southeast Chapter of the Association for Commuter Transportation (SEACT), a leading advocate for commuter transportation and transportation demand management. This partnership will provide a state-wide forum to exchange valuable information, ideas and experiences. Our collective work facilitates adequate and stable funds for public transit while crafting a positive image for transit and alternative transportation across Georgia and the Southeast. To learn more click [HERE](#).*

## 2017 Conference List

### February 2017

- **AASHTO Legislative Briefing**

**February 28 - March 2 | Washington, DC**  
**Washington Court Hotel**

*The meeting information and website will be available soon.*

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