

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Traffic Engineering and Safety Conference

I Hotel & Conference Center

October 16 & 17, 2019

**Wednesday, October 16**

**7:00 am**      **Registration and Coffee/Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (Illinois Ballroom)**

**General Session**

**Chancellor Ballroom**

**Moderator: Arlene Kocher, Division Administrator, FHWA, Springfield, IL**

**9:00**            **Opening Remarks**  
**Ray Benekohal**  
**Conference Director and Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering**  
**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
**Urbana, IL**

**9:05 am**        **Public Protests-Preparation and Response**  
**Matt Daeda**  
**Expressway Traffic Operations Engineer, District 1**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Schaumburg, IL**

**Jim McKay**  
**Emergency Patrol Manager, District 1**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Schaumburg, IL**

**9:45 am**        **Stop Distractions**  
**Jennifer Smith**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**StopDistractions.org**  
**River Forest, IL**

**10:25 am**      **Break**

**10:55 am**      **Illinois Tollway Update- Planning for Technology**  
**Paul Kovacs**  
**Chief Engineer**  
**Illinois Tollway**  
**Downers Grove, IL**

**11:35 am**      **Illinois DOT Update**  
**Omer Osman**  
**Acting Secretary of Transportation**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Springfield, IL**

**12:15 pm**      **Luncheon- Intelligent Traffic for the City of Nashville**  
**to**                **Robert Swope**  
**1:40 pm**      **Nashville Metro Councilman- District 4**  
**Partner of TDG, Inc.**  
**Nashville, Tennessee**

## **Safety Performance & Services**

### **Lincoln Ballroom**

**Moderator: Cynthia Watters, Bureau Chief of Safety Programs and Engineering, IDOT, Springfield, IL**

- 1:45 pm**      **Illinois New Crash Data Collection Form**  
**Mark Blankenship**  
**Crash Information Section Manager**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Springfield, IL**
- 2:20 pm**      **Vision Zero Initiatives**  
**Sean Wiedel**  
**Assistant Commissioner**  
**Chicago Department of Transportation**  
**Chicago, IL**
- 2:55 pm**      **Break**
- 3:25 pm**      **Panel Discussion: Distracted & Impaired Driving/ Scott's Law**  
**Mindy Carroll**  
**Trooper**  
**Illinois State Police**  
**Springfield, IL**
- Michael Geier**  
**Chief Deputy Director**  
**Illinois Secretary of State Police**  
**Springfield, IL**
- Bill Bader**  
**President & CEO**  
**MakeWay Safety**  
**St. Louis, MO**
- Mehdi Nassirpour**  
**Manager of the Evaluation Section**  
**Illinois Department of Transportation**  
**Springfield, IL**

**Dr. Jonlee S. Anderle**  
**Regional Administrator**  
**National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Region 5**  
**Matteson, IL**

**Don Winterbauer**  
**Firefighter, Retired**  
**Lincoln, IL**

**5:10 pm**      **Poster Session and Reception**

## **Operations & Management**

### **Chancellor Ballroom**

**Moderator: Michael R. Pedigo, Mason County Engineer and IACE President, Havana, IL**

**1:45 pm            Communications Center Coordination & Incident Management – Planning Ahead**

**Brandon Oxley  
Communications Center Manager  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Springfield, IL**

**2:20 pm            Third Party Traffic Data- Illinois Tollway Study**

**Elyse Morgan  
Traffic Operations Center Manager  
Illinois Tollway  
Downers Grove, IL**

**Jeff Hochmuth  
Senior ITS Engineer, CDM Smith  
Traffic Engineer, Illinois Tollway  
Chicago, IL**

**2:55 pm            Break**

**3:25 pm            Chicago's Logan Square Reconstruction**

**Nathan Roseberry  
Acting Assistant Chief Highway Engineer  
Chicago Department of Transportation  
Chicago, IL**

**John J. Wirtz  
Project Manager  
Jacobs  
Chicago, IL**

**4:00 pm**

**Wrong Way Drivers- Illinois Tollway Pilot Program**

**Steve Mednis**

**Incident Manager**

**Illinois Tollway**

**Downers Grove, IL**

**Jessica Carroll**

**Traffic Engineering and ITS Manager, WSP USA**

**General Engineering Consultant- ITS Lead, Illinois Tollway**

**Lisle, IL**

**4:35 pm**

**Weigh-in-Motion on the Illinois Tollway**

**Amarpal Matharu**

**Traffic Operations Manager**

**Illinois Tollway**

**Downers Grove, IL**

**Michel Lavigne**

**Director of ITS**

**Ardmore Roderick**

**General Engineering Consultant, Illinois Tollway**

**Chicago, IL**

**5:10 pm**

**Poster Session and Reception**

**Traffic/Signal**

**Alma Mater Room**

**Moderator: Steve Beran, Operations Engineer, District 6, Illinois Department of Transportation, Springfield, IL**

**1:45 pm Adaptive Signal Control Systems (ASCT) Implementation Results  
Kyle Armstrong  
Engineer of Operations  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Springfield, IL**

**Ray Benekohal  
Professor, Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Urbana, IL**

**2:20 pm Raised Pavement Marker (RPM) Research Findings  
Carmine Dwyer  
Senior Engineer  
Applied Research Associates, Inc.  
Champaign, IL**

**2:55 pm Break**

**3:25 pm Illinois Statewide ITS Architecture & Strategic Plan  
Terry Heffron  
ITS Unit Manager  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Schaumburg, IL**

**Kevin Price  
ITS Operations Manager  
Illinois Department of Transportation  
Schaumburg, IL**

**4:00 pm Advanced Transportation Controllers (ATC)  
Doug Pershall  
Director of Business Development  
gba Systems Integrators  
Moline, IL**

**4:35 pm**      **Lake Country PASSAGE Traffic Management Update**  
**Jon Nelson**  
**Engineer of Traffic**  
**Lake County Division of Transportation**  
**Libertyville, IL**

**5:10 pm**      **Poster Session and Reception**



## Thursday, October 17, 2019

7:00 am Coffee/Breakfast outside of Chancellor Ballroom

### General Session

#### Chancellor Ballroom

Moderator: Cynthia Watters, Bureau Chief of Safety Programs and Engineering, IDOT, Springfield, IL

8:00 am Transportation Law Updates in Illinois  
Master Sergeant Joe Hutchins  
Illinois State Police  
Springfield, IL

Lieutenant John Thompson  
Illinois State Police  
Springfield, IL

8:35 am Effective Social Media  
Sergeant Tracy Lillard  
Statewide Social Media Coordinator  
Illinois State Police  
Springfield, IL

9:10 am FHWA Update  
Martin Knopp, invited  
Associate Administrator for Operations  
FHWA  
Washington, DC

9:55 am Break

10:15 am Shared Vehicle Initiatives in Chicago  
Rupal Bapat  
Deputy Commissioner, Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection  
City of Chicago  
Chicago, IL

**10:55 am**      **Illinois Connected Vehicle Update**  
**Jerry Quandt**  
**Executive Director**  
**Illinois Autonomous Vehicle Association (ILAVA)**  
**Chicago, IL**

**11:35 am**      **National Connected Vehicle**  
**USDOT**  
**Washington, DC**

**12:15 pm**      **Evaluations & Adjourn**