



# ANNUAL MEETING 2026

June 24-25, 2026

Hilton Orlando  
Orange County, Florida

# AGENDA

## WEDNESDAY

8:30A

**Embracing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in County Engineering Operations: Practical Use Cases and Governance Considerations**

Dr. Christopher van der Kaay  
AI & Data Strategy Advisor, Founder  
Castle AI Consulting  
Christopher Simpron, FCCM  
Assistant County Manager  
Dr. Bobby Keene  
Capital Projects Manager  
Hardee County

9:15A

**AI Innovations in Automated Pavement Cracking Analysis**

Scott Stevens  
Principal Project Manager  
Katia Delgado  
Senior Project Manager  
Michael Nieminen  
CEO  
Mott MacDonald;  
International Cybernetics

10:00A

**Managing and Resolving Conflict Effectively**

Matthew Sowcik, Ph.D.  
University of Florida/IFAS

10:45A

**Break**

11:00A

**Ride Smart Florida: Advancing Motorcycle Safety and Saving Lives**

James Landini  
FDOT

11:45A

**Lunch on your own**

1:30P

**2025 Florida Infrastructure Assessment - ASCE Report Card Overview**

Kathleen Ruvarac  
Bentley Group

2:15P

**2026 Legislative Session - What Counties Need to Know**  
FAC Public Policy

3:00P

**FACERS Elections**

3:15P

**Implementing Radar Traffic Counters: Lessons from the Field**

Tiffany Crosby  
Alachua County

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## **THURSDAY**

8:30A

**Asphalt 101: Industry Overview,  
Material Challenges, and  
Smart Design Considerations**

David Allain  
Technical Director  
ACAF

9:15A

**Best Practices for Engaging Consulting  
Engineers: A View from the “Dark Side”**

Rick Baldocchi  
AVCON

10:00A

**Induction of New FACERS Officers**

10:15A

**Modernizing Local Government Fleet  
Facilities: Planning for Efficiency,  
Resilience, and Growth**

Nik Jindal  
Senior VP  
Brook Sherrard  
Director of Architecture  
Veronica Garcia Mejia  
Senior Architectural Designer  
CPH Consulting

11:00A

**Safe Streets for All (SS4A):  
Grant Application, Design, and  
Implementation Overview**

Steve Ferrell  
Senior Vice President  
HDR/Orange County

11:45A

**Lunch on your own**

1:30P

**Florida Department of Transportation  
(FDOT) Update**

Chris Lewis  
Office of Forecasting and Performance  
Director

2:30P

**National Association of County  
Engineers (NACE) Update**

Kevan Stone, Executive Director  
Pam Dingman, President Elect  
NACE

3:00P

**Break**

3:30P

**FACERS Roundtable**

6:00P

**FACERS Social**

Dave & Busters  
8986 International Dr,  
Orlando, FL

## **FRIDAY**

8:30A

**FACERS Board Meeting**