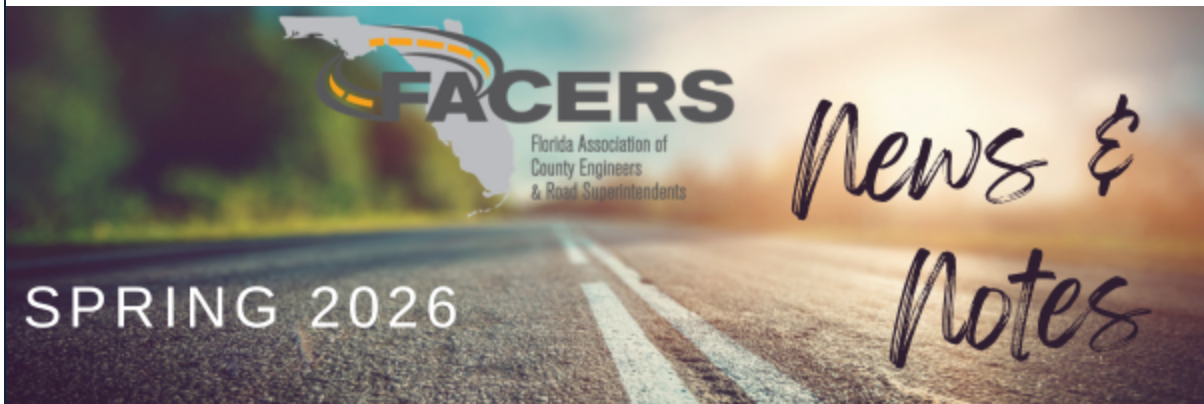




PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



FACERS members, as we are working on preparations for our upcoming annual conference in Orange County, I wanted to send out a quick message to the group.

We had our FACERS Board meeting online last month, on February 27. Points of interest were:

- The upcoming NACE Annual Meeting in Dallas
- Discussions on the possibility of the 2030 NACE annual meeting in Florida
- Legislative issues and concerns
- Upcoming FACERS annual meeting

Regarding the upcoming FACERS annual conference, I hope everyone can attend the event, and the two days of technical sessions. It

will be at the Hilton Orlando, Orange County FL – June 26-27. To register, please visit the FACERS website: <https://facers.net/annual-meeting-2025/> We have a great selection of presenters this year, and the agenda will be available very soon. The Thursday night social is being scheduled, and we will keep everyone notified. The Board meeting will be Friday morning at 8:30 AM, June 28th. Reach out to your neighboring counties, and please invite them to the conference!

We are currently working through the submissions for this year's annual awards. We received submittals for Small Agency Project of the Year, Large Agency Project of the Year, and Local/State Agency Collaboration Project of the Year. The committee is working on the list, and the awards should be finalized in March. The awards will be presented at the annual conference. If you didn't get your submittals in time for this year, go ahead and start preparing your submittals for next year.

The NACE annual meeting this year is in Arlington, Texas. FACERS will be sending a contingent of 9 attendees, and we will provide the membership with updates of the NACE annual meeting at the FACERS annual conference this June.

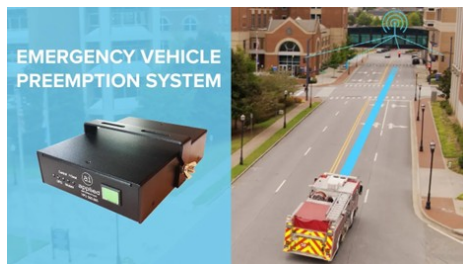
As we look ahead for FACERS, several of our extremely dedicated and committed members are approaching retirement. If you would like to become more involved in FACERS, please reach out to a Board Member and let us know. We can always use more help on the Board and our committees. Your participation helps shape FACERS' direction and influence moving forward, which helps protect our Counties. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference in June.

Thanks,
Chad

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

PBC Leads the Way with New Traffic Technology

From roads and bridges to traffic signals, EPW is working to improve efficiency and increase safety through leading-edge technology. While not always visible to the naked eye, these changes are already making a difference for residents in fast-growing Palm Beach County.



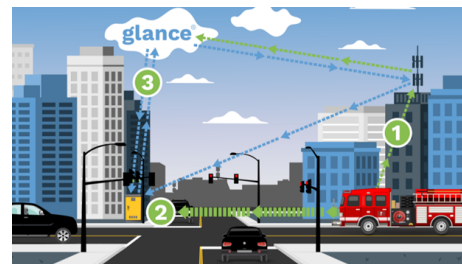
Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP)

The Emergency Vehicle Preemption project involves a collaboration between EPW and Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. The purpose is to reduce response time and increase safety for emergency vehicles rushing to rescue people in life-threatening situations.

The EVP system temporarily overrides normal signal patterns by giving the emergency vehicle a green light along the route it is traveling.

Phase 1 involves 29 vehicles and 165 intersections. The intersections are generally between State Road 7 and Interstate 95 from Okeechobee Boulevard to Lake Worth Road.

The second phase involves 19 vehicles and 42 intersections, and it



Transit Signal Priority (TSP)

Palm Beach County joins only two other counties in Florida (Manatee and Sarasota) in piloting Transit Signal Priority, which helps more riders of public transit reach their destinations on time. It uses similar technology to EVP but involves public buses.

It works like this: if a bus that is behind schedule on a designated TSP route is approaching a traffic signal that is about to turn red, the light will remain green for a few additional seconds to allow the vehicle to cross the intersection safely. TSP can also bring the green phase up sooner for the bus.

TSP is being implemented in phases and funded through a Palm Tran grant. The pilot/ first phase of TSP is currently underway along U.S. 1 deploying equipment at 106

will include portions of Northlake Boulevard, Seminole Pratt Whitney Road, Okeechobee Boulevard and Southern Boulevard. Both the first and second phases are completed.

Phase 3, which will involve 33 vehicles and 205 intersections, is in an area south of Lantana Road. Together, the three phases are estimated to cost \$7.6 million.

intersections between Palmetto Park Road and PGA Boulevard and equipping 125 buses with required on-board devices. Future phases of TSP along Lake Worth Road, State Road 7 and Okeechobee Boulevard will be implemented next.

TSP and EVP utilize a cloud-based communication system known as Glance. This system uses cellular and radio technology to enable real-time location tracking for emergency and transit vehicles, and it offers reporting on such metrics as response times.

Together, EVP and TSP are helping Palm Beach County chart new pathways that provide better transportation and emergency services to its residents.

2026 FACERS ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION OPEN



The FACERS Annual Meeting will be held on June 24-25, 2026 at the *Hilton Orlando* and REGISTRATION IS OPEN! To see the program agenda click [HERE](#) and for more information click [HERE](#).

If you are looking to spend some sponsorship dollars, look no further than FACERS. For specifics, please contact Amy Blaida at amy.blaida@ergon.com and check out sponsorship opportunities [HERE](#).



Registered for the 2026 FACERS Annual Meeting?
Please join us for the Social on Thursday evening, 6/25,
at Dave and Busters at 6pm.



Stay tuned for additional details and please RSVP your
attendance to **Amy Blaida** at amy.blaida@ergon.com
at your earliest convenience.

FACERS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE



If you have not joined FACERS for 2026, don't miss out! The membership drive is open NOW and new members are welcome. For detailed information on FACERS, check out the membership pamphlet [HERE](#) or the [FACERS website](#). If you are a renewing member, please sign-in to your FAC portal and renew [HERE](#).

Is Your County a Member? Click [HERE](#) to check out the 2025 County Member Map.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 2026 Legislative Session wrapped up March 19, 2026. The FAC Public Policy team has created a Sine Die Report, which you can access [HERE](#).

For a comprehensive review of what passed and what did not impacting all areas of local government, you can check out the 2025 Public Policy Webinar on the FAC website [HERE](#).

If you have any questions regarding the report, please contact our Senior Associate Director of Public Policy, Tonnnette Graham, at tgraham@fl-counties.com.

NACE UPDATE



Greetings from Washington, where we find ourselves balancing world events with our field of expertise, that being the upcoming expiration of the surface transportation reauthorization, up on September 30. Congress has lots to do in the next 9 months, and that's not even counting the two months the city in essence shuts down so folks can go campaign at home.

These events in Washington are a prime example of why our annual advocacy fly-in is so crucial. This year's visits with the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (T&I) and USDOT/FHWA had us relaying our policy priorities to those that will help shape the new legislation. Additionally, we met with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the first time in our organization's history. This outreach, much like our outreach with FEMA the past few years (we had another meeting scheduled this year, but the DHS shutdown nixed that), proves invaluable not only so we can discuss our tribulations with environmental reviews and NEPA, but allows a new avenue of contact should our members need assistance from that agency. We look forward to continuing that relationship in the coming years. At T&I and USDOT/FHWA, we stressed the need for increased and direct funding opportunities for county governments and outlined why those on the ground are able to identify needs better than the federal or respective state governments. We look forward to intensifying those discussions as September draws nearer. In that vein, we are thrilled to announce that the FHWA administrator, Sean McMaster, will be keynoting our conference in Arlington, TX, next month.

Speaking of, preparations are in the final stretch for our 2026 annual conference in Arlington. As of this note, we have witnessed registration numbers which will result in the best show NACE has ever hosted, not to mention similar attendance numbers to our record attendee numbers from 2025. We hope you make plans to join us. The host hotel is almost full, but act now to reserve one of the few rooms left.

NACE continues to explore ways to enhance our membership. We are proud to roll out our inaugural leadership/management track at this conference, which will join our technical tracks as premier educational opportunities for attendees. We look forward to growing this committee in the coming years, as this committee was created solely by member input. As a member-driven organization, we are thrilled to make it happen.

If I can ever be of assistance to you or your staff, please do not hesitate to contact me. As the page has turned to 2026, we could not be more excited for NACE's future and appreciate the support FACERS has shown us. I hope to see you in April but will surely see many of you at the FACERS conference in Orlando this summer.

Best,

Kevan Stone
Executive Director
National Association of County Engineers

FACERS HAPPENINGS

FACERS FALL MEETING RECAP

The FACERS Fall Meeting was held on November 19-20, 2025 at the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay, Hillsborough County, Florida. The two-day meeting covered diverse topics, from Problematic Roads and Performance to Organizational Attitudes: Elevating Attitudes to Fuel Success. The meeting concluded with the Social which was held at The Rusty Pelican. All of the presentations can be found on the FACERS website [HERE](#).

A big shout out to all of the sponsors below who made the meeting a huge success!





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