

OHIO ASPHALT PAVING CONFERENCE

WITH

VIRTUAL OPTION



51st Conference

Wednesday, February 4th 2026

Fawcett Center for Tomorrow

2400 Olentangy River Rd.

On the Campus of The Ohio State University

PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE

To present current information concerning new developments and techniques and to provide practical, usable solutions to problems encountered in the design, construction, and maintenance of asphalt pavements.

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Ohio University

MORNING SESSION

Presiding

Eric Heckert

Ohio Dept. of Transportation

8:30-8:45 **Welcome – Opening Remarks**
Education Offerings
Speaker: John Olivier
County Engineers Association of Ohio

8:45-9:00 **ODOT Update**
Speaker: Eric Biehl
ODOT Asphalt Materials Engineer

9:00-10:00 **Asphalt MixBusters: Shedding Light**
on Long-held Beliefs
Speaker: Dave Johnson
Asphalt Institute

10:00-10:30 **Break**

10:30-11:15 **Everyone Wins: The Benefits of Warm**
Mix Asphalt
Speaker: Dr. Adam Hand
University of Nevada-Reno

11:15-12:00 **High-Rap Mixes; Trends, Terminology**
& Case Studies
Speaker: Tom Harman
National Center for Asphalt Technology

LUNCH

Presiding

Andrew Gall

Flexible Pavements of Ohio

12:00-1:30 **Speaker:** Capt. Guy D. Gruters
Fighter Pilot, P.O.W. 5 Yrs.
Leadership & Team Building even in
Tough Situations

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presiding

Joe Kindler

Kindler Associates

1:30-2:30 **Pavement Distress-Identification,**
Repair & Resources
Speaker: Jason Wielinski
Asphalt Institute

2:30-3:20 **How COTA's LinkUS will**
modernize Central Ohio's Transit
System & Pathways
Speaker: Brad Foster, Franklin
County Engineers Office
Robbie Banks, COTA

3:20-3:30 **Closing Remarks**

3:30 **Adjournment**

Professional Development Hours Conference
participants will receive a certificate for 5.0
professional development hours.

Registration,
7:30 to 8:30 AM with
Coffee & Pastries

Interactive Exhibits
7:30 AM to 3:00 PM in the lobby
Please take advantage of these added resources
Inquiries for exhibiting: Ph (614) 791-3600

Conference Hotel: The Blackwell Inn,
2110 Tuttle Park Place, OSU Campus
Reservations: (614) 247-4000
Room block:
Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference Flexible
Pavements Rate \$165.00

OAPC 2026 REGISTRATION FORM Submit one form for each attendee being registered)

Select one attendance option: ☒

On-Site ☐

Virtual ☐

Name: (print)

City:

State:

Agency/Company:

ZIP:

Telephone:

Email:

Registration fee: per person

Early bird: \$90 (ends Jan. 12th) Standard: \$120 Student: No Charge

Detach registration form and return with check payable to: Ohio Asphalt Paving Conference

Mail to: Flexible Pavements of Ohio, 6205 Emerald Parkway, Suite B Dublin, Ohio 43016

Credit card registrations may be done by fax: 614-791-4800, or made on-line at flexiblepavements.org

Card holder ☐

Credit Card# ☐

Substitutions are permitted. Cancellations may be made until January 26, 2026 and are subject to a \$25.00 fee

Direct questions to the FPO office by calling (888-4-HOTMIX) or 614-791-3600. Or e-mail

info@flexiblepavements.org Refunds cannot be made for: inclement weather, personal emergencies, electing not to participate
once deadlines have passed. Lunch choices: ☐ Regular ☐ Vegetarian (No selection defaults to Regular)