

# OHIO ASPHALT PAVING CONFERENCE

WITH

VIRTUAL OPTION



## 51<sup>st</sup> 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.

## CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Asphalt Institute

**Jim Norden**

Resource International

**Shad Sargand, PhD**

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  
Zach Sunderland, 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:

ZIP:

Agency/Company:

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](http://flexiblepavements.org)

Card holder ☐

Credit Card# ☐

Expiration: ☐

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](mailto: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)