

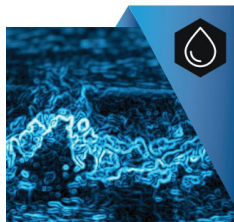
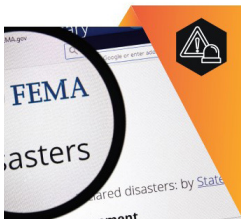


# TALKING POINTS

## December 2024

### US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- » The APWA *Washington Report* has returned! Watch for our weekly publication every Monday through December 16. Please continue to look for immediate updates every day on APWA Government Affairs social media platforms, [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).
- » APWA's new public policy priorities for the 119th Congress will be considered this month by the board. Your APWA Government Affairs team will hand-deliver the [emergency management](#), [transportation](#), and [water resiliency](#) statements, once approved, to all 535 congressional offices in January.



- » As you fill your 2025 calendar, include the Government Affairs team in your plans. Director of Government and Public Affairs Director Andrea Eales is booking in-person visits to chapters for advocacy training, face-to-face outreach, and on-site participation. So send your invitations soon! Email [aeales@apwa.org](mailto:aeales@apwa.org).

### Call for Committee Nominations 2025!

Nominations are open for individuals interested in serving on a nominating committee to select candidates for the APWA Board of Directors. The following positions will be selected by either the national or regional nominating committee:

- » President-Elect
- » Technical Director for Fleet and Facilities
- » Region I, II, V, VI, and VIII Directors

If interested, visit the [nominations portal](#) and complete the survey, indicating your interest in either the National Nominating Committee and/or the appropriate Regional Nominating Committee (as applicable based on your chapter).

**Nominations for the nominating committees, including a brief biographical statement, must be completed online by close of business December 16, 2024.** For more information, contact Teresa Hon at (816) 595-5224 or [thon@apwa.org](mailto:thon@apwa.org).

### MEMBERSHIP

31,975

### ACCREDITATION

- » Lee's Summit, Missouri Public Works Department. 6th accreditation
- » Golden, Colorado Public Works Division. 6th accreditation
- » Port St. Lucie, Florida Utility Systems Department. 1st accreditation

### Submit a Nomination in the APWA Awards Program

Today, Monday, December 2, is the deadline to submit for the **Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award**. [Click here](#) to nominate for this award. Other upcoming deadlines in the [APWA Awards Program](#) are noted below.

#### 2025 Awards deadlines

##### March 3, 2025

Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year, Public Works Projects of the Year, and all other awards except the PACE

##### June 2, 2025

Presidential Acknowledgment for Chapter Excellence (PACE)

# WEBINARS & More

## ACCREDITATION

### January 21, 2025—Accreditation Open Forum: Right Sizing Compliance Statements



There are two core requirements for agencies that are working toward accreditation. First, the agency must document its practices. Secondly, the agency must describe how it complies with each applicable practice in the manual. This compliance statement is entered into the self-assessment software. Our panel of experienced accreditation program evaluators will share their perspectives on how to effectively describe how you meet these practices. Their discussion will help you write compliance statements that are clearly understood, concise yet inclusive, and effectively answer how your agency meets compliance.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



### DEI Chapter Toolboxes Available

Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) is a key initiative within APWA's Strategic Plan. The ideas suggested in our toolboxes can be adapted and implemented by APWA chapters to advance their DEI efforts in a manner that resonates with their communities.

Click on a roadmap below to learn more.

- » [APWA DEI Roadmap: Overview](#)
- » [APWA DEI Roadmap: Education](#)
- » [APWA DEI Roadmap: Governance](#)
- » [APWA DEI Roadmap: Organization Culture](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### Environmental Permitting Toolbox

A collaboration between the Water Resources Management and Transportation committees, this toolbox provides general information on permits. These include National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) permits, NPDES Construction General permits, and Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification and Section 404 permits, Endangered Species Act consultation, and Section 106 consultation. This toolbox is not all-inclusive of permitting processes but does provide an initial framework public works staff can use when presented with project opportunities and challenges.

[Click here](#) to access the toolbox.



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# CONFERENCES

## AI Summit Registration Now Open



Artificial Intelligence (AI) is impacting public works. During the virtual AI Summit, January 29 and 30, 2025, learn what AI is, its status and future, and the ethical and workforce implications of using AI.

[Click here](#) to learn more and register.

## Planning Underway for Snow 2025



The 2025 North American Snow Conference (NASC) will be in Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 6–9, 2025. The NASC

Program Review Committee met in November to make final selections. Submitters have been notified of their submission status.

## Solid Waste Summit

With heavy emphasis in the solid waste industry on regulations, and reduce, reuse, and recycle, we can overlook the trucks and people that make responsible solid waste management possible. The Solid Waste Summit, March 13, 2025, will cover innovative ways to maintain a healthy fleet and limit downtime. Learn how to plan to transition to an alternative fuels fleet with the rise in electric and natural gas options. A panel will present on the future of debris management and collection methods.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register.

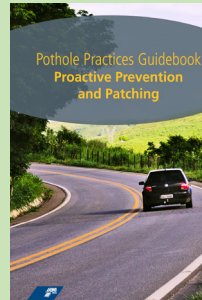
## A Plethora of Proposals!

The PWX Program Review Committee is reviewing a record breaking number of proposals—512!— and will meet in Kansas City in January 2025 to plan the education program for the conference.

# NEW! PUBLICATIONS

Two new publications are now available for purchase in the APWA Store! Both are also available in eBook format on Apple, Google, and Kindle.

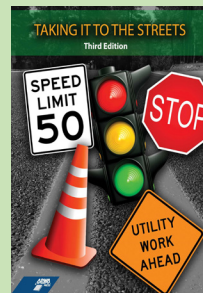
## ***Pothole Practices Guidebook: Proactive Prevention and Patching***



This introductory level guidebook provides an overview of how potholes form, pothole repair methods and materials, and preventive measures. Its intended audience ranges from roadway maintenance workers to transportation agency directors. The *Pothole Practices Guidebook* is the brainchild of the APWA Transportation Committee and authors Dave Bergner, MA, PWLF, CPWP-M, of Mesa, Arizona, and Michael C. Hale, PE, MSCE, PLS, of Overland Park, Kansas.

[Click here](#) to order your copy today.

## ***Taking it to the Streets, Third Edition***



Responding to questions from citizens unhappy or concerned about transportation-related matters is not the easiest task. To assist those who will be answering these calls, we've curated a list of frequently asked questions (submitted by public works directors, traffic engineers, and other transportation providers) paired with short, easy-to-understand answers. *Taking it to the Streets* covers topics such as speed limits, street paving, project costs, traffic signals, and more.

[Click here](#) to order your copy today.

# IMPORTANT LINKS

[Focus On Public Works](#)

[Tell Your Story](#)

[Education/Credentialing Calendar](#)

[Technical Committees—Your Public Works Experts!](#)

[Groups & Committees](#)

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[Government Affairs](#)

• [Washington Report](#)

• [Legislative Action Center \(US\)](#)

• [Ottawa Report](#)