

Day 1 – March 3, 2026

	Regency Ballroom Classroom for 1,500			
8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration - Breakfast			
9:00 – 9:10 am	Welcome – Chris Engle, Director, Public Agency Advocacy, OCA & Josh Bowman, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Management, ODOT			
9:10 – 9:20 am	FHWA – Dave Snyder, FHWA Ohio Division Administrator			
9:20 – 9:30 am	OCA Opening Remarks – Chris Runyan, President, Ohio Contractors Association (OCA)			
9:30 – 9:40 a.m.	ODOT Opening Remarks – Pamela Boratyn, Director, Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)			
9:40 – 10:45 am	Don Conaway Partnering Awards – ODOT Emcees: Matt Bruning & Renee DeFord			
10:45 am – 11:45 am	Guest Speaker - Charles Marshall, Motivational Speaker, Comedian, & Author – <i>“The Seven Powers of Success”</i>			
	Regency Ballroom 3 rd Floor - Capacity 530	Delaware A & B 2 nd Floor - Capacity 180	Delaware C & D 2 nd Floor - Capacity 180	Fairfield 2 nd Floor - Capacity 150
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00 – 1:50 pm	Akron Beltway Project Jim Jones, Gary Chodkowski & Vanessa Hanus, Michael Baker Raymond Fridley, ODOT Thomas Hill, The Ruhlin/Shelly & Sands JV, Dale Arnold, MS Consultants	Recent Disputes & Claims Chase Wells, ODOT	A Safer Way Home: Innovative Ways to Keep Pedestrians and Vehicles Safe Brian Watson, Horizon Signal & Rich Lolli, Lane Light	BABA Submissions/Concerns Dan Miller, ODOT
2:00 – 2:50 pm	Columbus Downtown Ramp Up Andrew Opsitnik, ODOT D-6 Kokosing	SUM- 8 Bridge Launching Josh Smith, ODOT Mark Myers, Ruhlin-Great Lakes SR8 Joint Venture	ODOT MOP & Spec Changes Structures Abby Helser, Traffic & Roadway Hans Gucker, Hydraulics Craig Landefeld, Pavements	Pavement Performance in Historically Under-Performing Regions Dr. Eddie Chou, University of Toledo
3:00 – 3:50 pm	The Law of Dirt – Differing and Changed Condition Claims Aaron Evenchik, Hahn Loeser	Truck Parking Projects Chris Hughes, ODOT	ODOT MOP & Spec Changes Clint Bishop, Contract Admin. Justin Gardner, Earthwork Chris Shonk, Structures	Full Depth Reclamation/Cold-in-Place Recycling Craig Landefeld, ODOT
4:00 – 4:50 pm	Wood US 23 Roundabout – Where Progressive Design/Build Meets 3D Modeling Chase Wells, ODOT Rick Chaffin, Kokosing	Ethics in the Public Sector (4:00 – 5:00) Tom Pannett, Kegler Brown Hill & Ritter	Ohio University Research Projects Dr. Shad Sargand, Ohio University	Stormwater Issues and Solutions Hans Gucker, ODOT

Day 2 – March 4, 2026

	Delaware
7:30 – 8:30 am	Registration – Breakfast
OCA & ODOT - Celebrating 25 Years of the Don Conaway Conference	
8:30 – 8:35 am	Welcome – Josh Bowman, Deputy Director, Division of Construction Management, ODOT
8:35 – 9:00 am	ODOT Outlook 2026-2027 – Sara Downs, Chief Financial Officer, Division of Finance, ODOT
9:00 – 9:25 am	I-73 Corridor Study – Jordan Whisler, Project Manager, Division of Planning, ODOT
9:25 – 9:50 am	Current and Future Projects at John Glann and Rickenbacker Airports - Eric Hensley, Senior Project Manager, Planning & Engineering, CRAA; Kevin Jackson, Project Manager, Planning & Engineering, CRAA; Corrie Feldman, Senior Project Manager, Planning & Engineering, CRAA
10:00 – 10:20 am	Break
10:20 am – 10:40 am	SBEWD Update – Deborah Green, Deputy Director, Division of Small Business and External Workforce Development, ODOT
10:40 am – 11:20 am	Construction Economic Update - Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, Associated General Contractors (AGC)
11:20 am – 12:00 noon	Plan to Program to Project – Jim Gates, Deputy Director, Division of Planning, ODOT