

# 2024 Highway Maintenance Conference



**April 30 - May 2 • Mount Pleasant, MI**  
Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center

## Participants Can Attend In-Person or Virtually

### Registration:

Registration is separate for each day.

**Day 1:** Tuesday, April 30 - Bridge Maintenance Workshop  
\$70 per person (in-person or virtual)

**Day 2:** Wednesday, May 1 - Conference  
\$100 per person (in-person or virtual)

**Day 3:** Thursday, May 2 - Supervisors Workshop  
\$70 per person (in-person or virtual)

To register, visit the page(s) linked above.  
**Registration Deadline: April 21st, 2024**

### Lodging:

Limited Rooms are available for  
\$85 / night

To reserve your room, visit  
<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/CJ03N2> or call **(989)772-4000**  
and mention the Highway Maintenance Conference.

**Room block / rates expire April 12, 2024**

## PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Jerry Byrne - Kent County Road Commission  
Ken Harris - Washtenaw County Road Commission  
Jody Norman - Delta County Road Commission  
Matt Pratt - Michigan Department of Transportation  
Steve Wessels - Mason County Road Commission

### Venue:

Comfort Inn & Suites and Conference Center  
2424 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858, USA

Fees: The registration fee includes access to all technical sessions, materials, handouts and meals listed on the agenda; it does not include lodging. Registration is required for fulfillment of continuing education. Read the Center for Technology & Training policy [here](#). No-shows/cancellations within three business days of the event are charged the full registration fee; substitutions accepted. Michigan Technological University is an Equal Opportunity Educational Institution/Equal Opportunity Employer that provides equal opportunity for all, including protected veterans and individuals with disabilities. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made at least ten business days prior to the event by emailing [ctt@mtu.edu](mailto:ctt@mtu.edu).

# PROGRAM AGENDA

## DAY 1 APRIL 30 - BRIDGE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP - HYBRID

- 11:00 AM *Registration & Boxed Lunch*
- 12:00 PM **Workshop - Bridge Maintenance (Break at 2:30)**  
Moderator: TBD - *Michigan Department of Transportation*  
Workshop will cover a variety of bridge maintenance topics geared toward road/bridge maintenance workers.
- 04:00 PM *Adjourn*

## DAY 2 MAY 1 - CONFERENCE - HYBRID

- 07:00 AM *Registration & Breakfast Buffet*
- 07:55 AM **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Matt Laird - *Center for Technology & Training*
- 08:00 AM **Culvert Repair and Maintenance**  
Michelle Harris - *Michigan Department of Transportation - Ancillary Structures Group*  
Aaron Messing - *HNTB*
- 08:45 AM **UV-Cured Glass Reinforced Pipe**  
Gabe Kloet - *Tunnel Vision Pipeline Services*
- 09:30 AM TBD
- 10:00 AM *Break*
- 10:15 AM **MiDEAL Information Session**  
Shawn Vaughn - *State of Michigan Central Procurement Services*
- 11:00 AM **CRA Update: Brine Usage & Dealing with Carcasses**  
Mark Christensen - *Road Commission for Montcalm County*
- Innovations**
- 11:15 AM **Montcalm County Chip Seal Program**  
Mark Christensen - *Road Commission for Montcalm County*
- 11:30 AM **Road Commission of Kalamazoo County: iPads/Technology**  
Will Engel - *Road Commission of Kalamazoo County*
- 12:00 PM *Lunch*
- 01:00 PM **Resources for Employing Veterans**  
Paul Salcepuedes - *Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity*
- 02:00 PM **Awareness of The Dangers of Railroad Tracks**  
Sam Crawl - *Michigan Operation Lifesaver*
- 02:45 PM *Break*
- 03:00 PM **Railroad Tracks and Electric Wires: Nothing to Tangle With**  
Dr. Fred Whitford - *Purdue University*
- 04:00 PM *Adjourn*

# PROGRAM AGENDA

DAY 3 MAY 2 - SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP - HYBRID

- 07:00 AM *Registration & Breakfast Buffet*
- 08:00 AM **New Supervisors: Recognizing Generational Differences**  
*Matt Laird - Center for Technology & Training*
- 09:15 AM **Workforce Development: Inmate Crews / Alternative Workforce**  
*Bill Byrne - Kent County Road Commission*
- 10:00 AM **Break**
- 10:15 AM **High School CDL Program**  
*Josh Barron - Midwest Truck Driving School*
- 11:00 AM **Stop the Bleed - Informational Session**  
*Samantha Franklin - McLaren Central Michigan Hospital*
- 12:00 PM *Grab & Go Lunch*



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