



2026

April 21-22, 2026 • Mount Pleasant, MI

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

Participants Can Attend In-Person or Virtually

Registration:

To register, please visit

<https://ctt.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/2026hmc>

Early Bird Registration: \$200 per person

Early Bird Registration Deadline: April 12, 2026

Registration After Deadline: \$240 per person

Lodging:

Limited Rooms are available for \$98 / night.

To reserve your room, visit

<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/QP94Y5>

Room block / rates expire March 30, 2026

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Jerry Byrne - Kent CRC

Carl Fedders - Michigan DOT

Ken Harris - Washtenaw CRC

Jody Norman - Delta CRC

Steve Wessels - Mason CRC



Fees: The registration fee includes access to all technical sessions, materials, handouts and meals listed on the agenda; it does not include lodging.

Continuing Education: The Center for Technology & Training's continuing education policy is available [here](#).

Accommodations: Requests related to a disability or dietary need should be made by ten business days prior to the event to ctt@mtu.edu.

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.



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AGENDA

DAY 1 - APRIL 21, 2026

07:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST BUFFET

07:55 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Noah Rule - Center for Technology & Training

08:00 AM SHOULDER / DITCH MAINTENANCE
Brian Giles - Michigan Department of Transportation
Brent Hoppes - Michigan Department of Transportation

08:45 AM STORMWATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURES: CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS
Adam Lape - Washtenaw County Road Commission
Kenneth Harris - Washtenaw County Road Commission
Mike Guerin - Havener Tech

09:30 AM FLAGGING & WORK ZONE OPERATIONS & TOOLS
Chris Brookes - Meridian Rapid Defense Group

10:00 AM BREAK

10:15 AM CULVERT REHAB / REPAIR
Troy Freed - Corby Energy Services

11:00 AM INVASIVE SPECIES ID AND MANAGEMENT
Drew Rayner - Michigan DNR

12:00 PM LUNCH

01:00 PM CHIP SEAL BASICS AND BEST PRACTICES
Bruce Wehr - Asphalt Materials, Inc.
Russ Milan - Michigan Paving & Materials Co.

02:15 PM BREAK

02:30 PM COMMON BRIDGE ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS
Jacob Creisher - Michigan Department of Transportation

03:00 PM GUARDRAILS / BARRIERS
Carlos Torres - Michigan Department of Transportation

04:00 PM ADJOURN

AGENDA

DAY 2 - APRIL 22, 2026

07:00 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST BUFFET

07:55 AM WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
Noah Rule - Center for Technology & Training

08:00 AM ROADSIDE HAZARDS / DRUG WASTE
Nathan Grant - Michigan State Police

09:00 AM WORK ZONE SAFETY
George Smith - Kent County Road Commission

10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 AM CARGO SECUREMENT
Dee Thomas - Michigan Center for Truck Safety

11:15 AM DISTRACTED DRIVING
Dee Thomas - Michigan Center for Truck Safety

12:00 PM LUNCH

01:00 PM PREVENTING ROLLOVER & BACKOVER ACCIDENTS
Matt Portfleet - Michigan Mine Safety & Health

02:00 PM EV FIRES & EMERGENCIES ON HIGHWAYS & BRIDGES
James Lafrinere - Inverness Fire Department

02:45 PM BREAK

03:00 PM SAFELY WORKING ON & AROUND RAILROADS
Sam Crowl - Operation Lifesaver
Curtis Stewart - Operation Lifesaver

04:00 PM ADJOURN