

Transportation and Environment Conference

January 13-14, 2026

**Mt Pleasant Comfort Inn & Suites
Hotel and Conference Center**

2424 S Mission St, Mt Pleasant, MI 48858

Registration:

Early Bird Registration: \$140 per person (in-person or virtual)

Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 4, 2026

Registration After Deadline: \$168 per person

Register at <https://ctt.secure.nonprofitsoapbox.com/2026transportationenvironment>

Lodging:

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To book your room, please visit <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/vy91b5>

The room block rates expire December 22, 2025.

QUESTIONS?



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Agenda

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

- 07:30 AM REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**
Morning Moderator: Jim Watling - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 08:30 AM Transportation Memorandum of Understanding - History and Progress**
Presenter: Mike O'Malley - Michigan DOT
- 08:45 AM Infrastructure Resiliency**
Presenter: Dr. Jonathan T. Overpeck - University of Michigan
- 09:45 AM Bridges and Culverts Permitting Considerations**
Presenter: John Saltanovitz, PE - EGLE-Water Resources Division
- 10:30 AM BREAK**
- 10:45 AM Permit Types and Requirements for Impacts to Wetlands, Lakes, and Streams**
Presenter: Ben Johnson - EGLE - Transportation Review Unit
- 11:15 AM When is a Permit Not Required? Common Exemptions**
Presenters: Luke Golden - EGLE - Transportation Review Unit
Christy Kelly - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 12:00 PM LUNCH**
Afternoon Moderator: Jake Maynard - EGLE
- 01:00 PM Stream Mitigation**
Presenter: Bethany Matousek - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 02:00 PM Permitting Process and Complete Applications**
Presenter: Rachel Matejewski - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 02:30 PM Environmental Resource Permitting and Compliance: A County Engineer's Perspective**
Presenter: Wayne Harrall - Kent County Road Commission
- 03:00 PM BREAK**
- 03:15 PM Floods & Emergency Permitting Process**
Presenter: John Gustafson - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 03:45 PM Atypical Types of Flooding in the U.P.**
Presenter: Linda Hansen, PE - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 04:15 PM Panel Discussion**
- 05:00 PM ADJOURN**
- 05:15 PM NETWORKING EVENT**
Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar available until 6:30 PM

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Wednesday, January 14, 2026

- 07:00 AM** **BREAKFAST**
Morning Moderator: TBD
- 08:00 AM** **Part 31 Permitting Considerations**
Presenters: Ashley Roznowski, PE - EGLE - Water Resources Division
Lucas Fitzpatrick, PE - EGLE - Water Resources Division
Minmin Shu, PE - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 08:45 AM** **FEMA Updates**
Presenter: Matt Occipiniti
- 09:30 AM** **BREAK**
- 09:50 AM** **Federal T&E + Public Roads**
Presenter: Michelle Kane - United States Fish & Wildlife Service
- 10:30 AM** **State T&E + Public Roads**
Presenter: Amy Bleisch - Michigan DNR
- 11:15 AM** **Local Agency Projects and T&E Clearance**
Presenter: Robyn Coole - Michigan DOT - Local Agency Program
- 12:00 PM** **LUNCH**
Afternoon Moderator: Jim Watling - EGLE - Water Resources Division
- 01:00 PM** **Stream Monitoring**
Presenter: Jeremie Wilson - Michigan DOT
- 01:45 PM** **BREAK**
- 02:00 PM** **Bridging the Gaps – A Collaborative Approach to Improving Road Stream Crossings**
Presenter: Keenan Cooper - Conservation Resource Alliance
- 02:30 PM** **Innovation in Wetland Monitoring & Corrective Action**
Presenter: Don Sneed - Michigan DOT
- 03:00 PM** **CLOSING COMMENTS & ADJOURN**