

## **ACECNJ 2021 FALL CONFERENCE**

**September 19-20, 2021**  
**Tropicana Boardwalk Hotel Resort & Casino**  
**Atlantic City, NJ**  
**#ACECNJ2021Trop**

*The ACECNJ Fall Conference is back in-person in the Havana Tower of the Tropicana Boardwalk Hotel Resort & Casino! We are excited to see you and provide this opportunity to engage with colleagues, clients and industry stakeholders to network, discuss key issues, gain best practices, and chart the future of our profession!*

### **AGENDA**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

**12:00 p.m.**

**Golf Registration**

Galloway National Golf Club  
270 South New York Road  
Galloway, NJ 08205

*Space is extremely limited - RSVP today!  
Box lunches will be provided to all golfers at their carts.*

**1:00 p.m.**

**Golf Tee Times Begin!**

Galloway National Golf Club  
270 South New York Road  
Galloway, NJ 08205

*Enjoy an afternoon of golf at this private, world-class, 18-hole championship golf course designed for the serious golfer.*

**3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

**Conference Registration Opens**

Havana Tower, Tropicana Atlantic City  
2831 Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

*Stop by the Havana Tower to register, receive your conference materials and enjoy a welcome snack!*

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 3***

**Environmental Resource Mitigation and Lessons Learned from a Large Coastal Infrastructure Project**

*Attendees will earn 1 professional development hour (PDH) toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers in New Jersey and New York.*

Abstract: The Route 72 Manahawkin Bay Bridge Project in Ocean County involved construction of a new Causeway over Manahawkin Bay, rehabilitation of the existing bay bridge and three trestle bridges, as well as associated roadway, pedestrian access, and drainage improvements. This presentation will focus on the strategies applied to mitigate for impacts to environmental resources.

Presenter: Tara Bencivenga - *Senior Consultant, Environmental Specialist, WSP USA*

**4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 1***

**How to Network and Improve your Communication Skills**

*This session is part of the Young Professionals conference track. Acclaimed marketing and business networking guru Kate Conroy will lead an engaging and interactive session focused on tips to improve communications skills and maximize networking opportunities. This session's content has been developed with young professionals in mind.*

Presenter: Kate Conroy, IOM - *Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, New Jersey Business & Industry Association*

**5:15 p.m – 6:15 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 3***

**UHPC Applications for Precast Concrete and Bridge Deck Overlays**

*This session is part of the Transportation conference track. Attendees will earn 1 professional development hour (PDH) toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers in New Jersey and New York.*

Abstract: This presentation will demonstrate best practices for conventional uses of UHPC along with the emerging technology behind newer applications of UHPC. Learners will also gain an understanding of the design detailing that goes into UHPC application.

Presenter: Steve Esposito, *Structures Department Manager, Assistant Vice President, Senior Technical Principal, WSP, USA*

**5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 1***

**Wellness and Health: Work-Life Balance as Young Professionals**

*This session is part of the Young Professionals conference track. This presentation will give young professionals tips and advice to pursue a healthy work-life balance. Jason Melnyk is a frequent speaker and presenter on various issues related to the office work environment*

*including the intricacies of desk ergonomics and combating pains and strains associated with sitting at a desk for prolonged periods of time.*

Presenter: Jason Melnyk, OTR/L, MS, CEAS II  
*Strive Physical Therapy*

**5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**  
*Bossa Nova 2*

**Ethics for Professional Engineers (Part I)**

*This technical session will cover various topics related to ethics for Professional Engineers. Attendees will earn 1 professional development hour (PDH) toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers in New Jersey and New York.*

Presenters: William Waldron, Jr., *Marshall Dennehey*  
Martin Schwartzberg, *Marshall Dennehey*

**5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.**  
*Tambora*

**Emerging Leaders “Speed Networking”**

*Graduates of ACECNJ’s Emerging Leaders Program will join with fellow alumni and a select group of industry leaders for this special networking session.*

*This session is exclusive for Emerging Leaders only!!!*

**6:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**  
*Mambo*

**Emerging Leaders Program Networking Reception**

*Join ACECNJ’s Emerging Leaders for a networking reception immediately following the “Speed Networking” session.*

*All Fall Conference registrants are welcome!*

**7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**  
*Mambo*

**Welcome Reception**

*Kick off the 2021 Fall Conference with friends, colleagues and special guests at our welcome reception!*

*Special Guest: Stephen Dougherty - Executive Director, South Jersey Transportation Authority*

**10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.**  
*Olon Restaurant*

**Dessert Reception**

*The dessert reception is made possible through the generous support of our sponsors, AECOM and T&M Associates.*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

**7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**  
*Bossa Nova 3*

**ACECNJ Executive Committee Meeting**

**7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**  
*Bossa Nova 1*

**ACECNJ NJDOT Design Committee Meeting**

*Monday, September 20, 2021, continued*

**7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.**  
***Mariachi***

**ACECNJ Legislative Committee Meeting**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**  
***Mambo***

**Morning Keynote Session: Capital Investment in South Jersey**  
*Billions of dollars in federal, state and private capital investments are planned for the greater Camden region. A senior Member of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation will offer his thoughts on the infrastructure package moving through Congress and other federal COVID recovery dollars coming to New Jersey. The Congressman will then join an expert panel for a deep dive on specific projects and priorities being planned.*

Remarks: Hon. Donald Norcross, *U.S. House of Representatives*

Panelists: Hon. Donald Norcross, *U.S. House of Representatives*  
Kris Kolluri - *CEO, Coopers Ferry Partnership*  
Jeff Nash - *Vice Chair, Delaware River Port Authority*

Moderator: Joseph A. Fiordaliso - *President, ACECNJ*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 3***

**Investing in Infrastructure at the Local Level: County Capital Programs and Practices & Procedures for Doing Business**  
*This session is part of the non-Transportation conference track. Panelists will discuss key business practice and procurement issues facing local government entities.*

Panelists: Kevin Becica, PE, PP, CME - *County Engineer, Camden County*  
Joseph M. Ettore, PE - *County Engineer, Monmouth County*  
John Peterson, AICP/PP - *Planning Director, Atlantic County*

Moderator: Honorable Dominick (Nick) DiRocco, Esq. - *Vice President - External Affairs, South Jersey Industries*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 2***

**Who, Why and How: A Journey to Success**  
*This session is part of the Young Professionals conference track. Presenters will offer Young Professionals invaluable advice and guidance in support of their career journey.*

Panelists: James D. Adams, PE - *Vice President, KS Engineers*  
John M. Keller, PE, PMP - *Executive Director, New Jersey Turnpike Authority*  
Kim Vierheilig, AIA, NCARB, LEED, AP - *Vice President, AECOM*

*Monday, September 20, 2021, continued*

Moderator: Sergio Carvajal-Sanchez - *Hydrology & Hydraulics Engineer, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 1***

**Sustainability in Transportation**

*This session is part of the Environmental & Resiliency conference track. Attendees will gain a feel understanding of how transportation agencies across the nation are adapting to new and revised rules to address climate change and resiliency. Attendees will earn 1 professional development hour (PDH) toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers in New Jersey and New York.*

Abstract: This session will cover current sustainability practices that have been effectively implemented in the transportation sector. Presenters will also discuss how current trends, incentives, and Government policies will affect future sustainability efforts.

Presenters: Thomas Abdallah - *MTA Construction and Development*  
Olivia Dolan - *Environmental Scientist, Dewberry*  
Antoinette Quagliata - *Manager, Sustainability Services, Dewberry*  
Adam Zellner, *Greener by Design*

**10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.**  
***Tambora***

**Ethics for Professional Engineers (Part II)**

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Presenters: William Waldron, Jr., *Marshall Dennehey*  
Martin Schwartzberg, *Marshall Dennehey*

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
***Mambo***

**Luncheon Keynote Session: Honorable Shawn M. LaTourette - Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

*Appointed by Governor Philip D. Murphy, Shawn M. LaTourette became New Jersey's Commissioner of Environmental Protection on June 14, 2021. He will discuss the Murphy Administration's commitment to protecting public health and ensuring the quality of New Jersey's air, land, water and natural and historic resources.*

**Climate Change: The New Challenge to Achieve Sustainable Design**  
*Commissioner LaTourette's remarks will be followed immediately by an in-depth discussion regarding climate change and proposed rules designed to address this existential threat and the potential impact on capital investment projects.*

*Monday, September 20, 2021, continued*

Panelists: Shawn LaTourette - *Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*  
Vincent Mazzei - *Assistant Commissioner, Watershed & Land Management, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection*  
Scott Minnich, PE - *Senior Project Manager, Water Resources, Dewberry*

Moderator: Steven Ramiza, PE - *Chief Operating Officer, LAN Associates*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 3***

### **Contracts & Risk Mitigation**

*This session is part of the Non-Transportation conference track. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of contract terms & conditions, and best practices for limiting risk exposure.*

Presenters: Craig Demareski - *Partner, Connell Foley*  
Robert Ryan - *Partner, Connell Foley*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 2***

### **Developing a Data Driven Pavement Management Program**

*This session is part of the Transportation conference track. Attendees will earn 1 professional development hour (PDH) toward continuing education requirements for Professional Engineers in New Jersey and New York.*

Abstract: This session will provide the best practices to manage your pavement data. In addition, this presentation will discuss related topics such as: asset management, pavement data collection methods and protocols (with pros and cons highlighted for each), data maintenance options, pavement data quality management, and considerations for selecting a Pavement Management System (PMS) to manage your data.

Presenters: Kenneth Contrisciane - *Project Manager - GIS/Asset Management, Michael Baker Int'l*

Stephen Holt - *GIT Specialist, Michael Baker Int'l*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
***Bossa Nova 1***

### **The Future of Facilities Projects**

*This session is part of the Non-Transportation conference track. The vertical construction market is booming and is not limited to private development. Attendees will get an inside look at the facility capital programs of key public agencies.*

Panelists: Andrew Tunnard - *Assistant Commissioner for Transportation Operations Systems & Support, New Jersey Department of Transportation*

*Monday, September 20, 2021, continued*

John M. Keller, PE, PMP - *Executive Director, New Jersey Turnpike Authority*

Moderator: Steven Ramiza, PE - *Chief Operating Officer, LAN Associates*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
***Tambora***

**Design-Build in New Jersey: Past, Present and Future**

*New Jersey recently enacted legislation authorizing the use of design-build for many public organizations. Many other organizations have been using this method for years. Panelists will discuss past experiences and contemplate what rules might be established to govern the future use of design-build by agencies including the New Jersey Department of Transportation, New Jersey Turnpike Authority and South Jersey Transportation Authority.*

Panelists: Robert Hughes - *Senior Vice President, Ames & Gough*  
Nigel Newton - *Vice President, Parsons Corporation*  
E. David Lambert, III, PE - *Senior Supervising Structural Engineer, WSP USA*  
Roly Acosta - *CEO, Northeast Remsco*

Moderator: Joseph A. Fiordaliso - *President, ACECNJ*

**1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**  
***Mariachi***

**Preparing for your Financial Future**

*This session is part of the Young Professionals conference track. Expert wealth advisors from Withum Wealth Management will equip young professionals with tools & knowledge to invest today and plan for retirement.*

Presenters: Tom Farrell - *Wealth Advisor, Withum Wealth Management*  
Austin Hagaman - *Wealth Advisor, Withum Wealth Management*

**2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
***Castanet***

**Afternoon Keynote Session: Discussing Projects & Priorities with Agency Chief Engineers**

*This session is part of the Transportation conference track. Always one of the best attended sessions of ACECNJ's Fall Conference, the Chief Engineers of some of the region's largest transportation agencies will discuss upcoming projects, project finance and delivery issues, business practice and procurement matters, and more.*

Panelists: Robert Fischer - *New Jersey Turnpike Authority*  
Roy Little, PE, PP - *Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission*

*Monday, September 20, 2021, continued*

Stephen M. Mazur, PE, PP, PTOE, CME - *South Jersey  
Transportation Authority*

Snehal Patel, PE, PMP - *New Jersey Department of  
Transportation*

James Starace, PE - *Port Authority of New York & New  
Jersey*

Michael P. Venuto, PE, PLS - *Delaware River Port  
Authority*

Moderator: Honorable Daniel R. Benson, *New Jersey General  
Assembly*

**4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

***Mambo***

**Farewell Reception**

*Gather one last time with colleagues to share your conference experience,  
discuss presentations and speakers, and network with colleagues.*

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