

Tuesday, March 31, 2026	Time	Session Title	Speaker
Registration and Breakfast	7:30am - 09:00am		
General Session	9:00am-9:15 am	Welcome & Introduction	Rob Perry, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Engineering, SCDOT
	9:15 am - 10:00 am	State of Transportation	Justin Powell, Secretary of Transportation, SCDOT
	10:00 am - 10:15 am	Update from Federal Highway Administration	Jermaine Hannon, Division Administrator, FHWA SC Division
	10:15 am - 10:45 am	AASHTO Reauthorization Update	Jennifer Krygowski, Deputy Director Chief of Staff , AASHTO
Break with Exhibitors	10:45am - 11:15am	Tradeshow Area, Upper and Lower Halls	
General Session	11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Winter Storm Response Panel Discussion	Brandon Wilson, P.E., District Three Engineering Administrator, SCDOT; Tony Magwood, District One Maintenance Engineer, SCDOT; J. Cruz Wheeler, P.E., State Maintenance Engineer, SCDOT; Dustin Turner, P.E., District Two Maintenance Engineer, SCDOT
Lunch	12:00pm - 1:15pm		
	12:00pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch, Exhibit Hall	
	12:45pm - 1:15pm	"Forget it and Drive On"	First Lieutenant Patrick C. "Clebe" McClary III, USMC (Retired)
Breakout 1	1:30pm - 2:15pm	Public Involvement Update: News You Can Use	Ginny Jones, Director of Public Involvement, SCDOT; Jeff Craver, Traffic/Maintenance NEPA Coordinator/Archaeologist, SCDOT
	1:30pm - 2:15pm	Bridge Program Overview Panel Discussion	Chris Lacy, P.E., Director of Bridge Management, SCDOT, Julie Barker, P.E., Director of Preconstruction, SCDOT
	1:30pm - 2:15pm	Measuring Success in Alternative Delivery: A Power BI Analysis of Design Build	Chris Gaskins, P.E., PG, DBIA, CPM, Director of Alternative Delivery, SCDOT
Breakout 2	2:15pm - 3:00pm	Clearer Goals, Stronger Projects: Planning Office Updates	Brian Klauk, P.E., Director of Statewide Planning, SCDOT
	2:15pm - 3:00pm	Low Impact Bridge Design Update	Sam Pridgen, P.E., Director of Engineering Support, SCDOT
	2:15pm - 3:00pm	Digital Delivery: update on GDOT's Implementation, Workflow, and Early Endeavors of Digital Delivery	Sam Woods, P.E., State Roadway Design Engineer, GDOT
Break with Exhibitors	3:00pm - 3:30pm		
Breakout 3	3:30pm - 4:15pm	SCDOT's Role in the NEPA Process and NEPA Assignment	Chad Long, Director of Environmental Services, SCDOT; Anne Mathis, P.E., NEPA Assignment Manager, SCDOT
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Spartanburg County Penny Program Update	John Wade, Spartanburg County; Travis Brown, Spartanburg County
	3:30pm - 4:15pm	Modernizing Encroachment Permitting at SCDOT—EPPS Replacement Update	Glen Bramlitt, State Encroachment Permit Engineer/NEVI Coordinator, SCDOT; Isabella Watson, Project Management Office Director, SCDOT
Breakout 4	4:15pm - 5:00pm	SCDOT Research Projects	Merrill Zwanka, P.E., Materials and Research Engineer, SCDOT; Terry Swygert, Research Engineer, SCDOT; Jade Watford, Research Manager, SCDOT; Jodi Groller, Innovation Engineer, SCDOT
	4:15pm - 5:00pm	TBD	
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Receptions	5:00pm - 6:00pm	VIP Reception	
	5:00pm - 6:30pm	Trade Show and Vendor Exhibits	

Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Time Slots	Session Title	Speaker
Registration and Breakfast	7:00am - 8:00am		
Breakout 1	8:00am - 8:45am	Calks Ferry Road Bridge In-house Bearing Repair	Joe Winfield, P.E., District One Bridge Engineer; William Bailey, Resident Bridge Engineer, District One, SCDOT
	8:00am - 8:45am	SC Geology	Nick Harman, P.E., Geotechnical Design Policy Engineer, SCDOT
	8:00am - 8:45am	History and Discussion of Temporary Construction Easement Agreements	Mike Barbee, Director of Right of Way, SCDOT; Robbie Giddens, Assistant Director of Right of Way for Acquisitions, SCDOT
Breakout 2	8:45am - 9:30 am	Major Project Updates Part 1	Adam Humphries, P.E., Midlands Regional Production Engineer, SCDOT; Derek Frick, P.E., Assistant District One Construction Engineer, SCDOT
	8:45am - 9:30 am	Interstate Vegetation Management – Districts One and Seven Pilot Project	Jeff Terry, P.E., Director of Maintenance, SCDOT; Jennifer Gruber, State Vegetation Manager, SCDOT
	8:45am - 9:30 am	AI used as a Value Engineering study	Mark Anthony, P.E., Letting Preparation Engineer, SCDOT; Chris Johnson, PMP, CVS, Senior Value Engineering Specialist and Value Methodology Instructor, RK&K
Breakout 3	9:30 am - 10:15 am	Major Project Updates Part 2	Craig Winn, P.E., Lowcountry Program Manager, SCDOT
	9:30 am - 10:15 am	South Carolina Infrastructure Bank (SCTIB): How SCTIB Partners with Local Governments	Charles Cannon, Chief Operating Officer, SCTIB; John B. White, Jr., Chairman, SCTIB
	9:30 am - 10:15 am	Spatial Data Management & GIS Applications	Emily K. Watts, Geospatial Program Manager, SCDOT
Break with Exhibitors	10:15am - 10:45am		
Breakout 4	10:45am - 11:30am	Life Cycle of a Project part 1: Pre-Construction	Adam Humphries, P.E., Midlands Regional Production Engineer, SCDOT; Alex Bennett, E.I.T, Midlands Program Manager, SCDOT
	10:45am - 11:30am	Ethics Training	Barbara Wessinger, Chief Counsel, SCDOT
	10:45am - 11:30am	Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update and Statewide Safety Q&A Forum	Eugene Taylor, P.E., Highway Safety Engineer, SCDOT; Duncan Smith, P.E., State Traffic Safety Engineer, SCDOT; Emily Thomas, Director of Statistical Services and Strategic Planning, SCDPS
Breakout 5	11:30am - 12:15pm	Life Cycle of a Project part 2: Project Handoff: Construction to Maintenance Design Considerations	Jeff Brown, PLS, State Construction Surveyor, SCDOT
	11:30am - 12:15pm	How to Navigate Difficult Conversations	Tonya Ahtonen, Training Instructor, SCDOT
	11:30am - 12:15pm	TSMO/ITS Update	Daniel Halstead, Transportation Systems Management & Operations, SCDOT
Lunch	12:15pm - 1:30pm	Lunch	
	12:30 - 1:30pm	Change Management	Terrence Peterson, Department of Administration
General Session	1:30pm - 2:30pm		
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	2:00pm - 2:30pm	Engineering Update	Rob Perry, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Engineering, SCDOT
Break with Exhibitors	2:30pm - 3:00pm		
General Session	3:00pm - 4:30pm		
	3:00pm - 4:00pm	2026 Transportation Excellence Awards	
	4:00p.m- 4:30p.m	Closing Remarks	Rob Perry, P.E., Deputy Secretary for Engineering, SCDOT