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Three-Fourths Professional Development Hours (0.75 PDHs)

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Location: Marriott Downtown (Chattanooga, TN)

Speakers: Beau Quarles, PE (GDOT), Chuck Duggar, PE (HNTB), Tyler McIntosh, PE (Infrastructure Consulting & Engineers), Greg Munna (Archer Weston-Snell JV)

Topic: **Opening Session, East Interchange Panel Discussion**
Panel discussion featuring GDOT and industry partners on the East Interchange.

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Speakers: Molly Turner, PE (Benesch), Casey Inoue (Temple)

Topic: **Group Project Work Session**

This year's Winter Workshop Group Project is a strategy board game inspired by "Carcassonne," integrating Transportation, Planning, Design, Resource Management, and Crisis Management principles. Teams built connected and evolving communities using limited resources and navigating common challenges to create the most attractive, efficient, and accessible spaces.

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Speakers: Nick Padula, AICP (WSP), Addie Weber, AICP, Josh Greene, PE (Toole Design)

Topic: **Technical Session 1A**

The Stitch Master Plan: A Community-Driven Guide – A cap over highway project creating ~17 acres of new greenspace above I 75/I 85 to reconnect Downtown Atlanta; the session highlights the two year master planning process and robust community engagement that shaped the district's vision.

From Planning to Design – How to Think about Complete Streets in Every Context — Why great street design starts in the planning/visioning phase; covers context-based complete street types and case studies from Austin, Athens, and Atlanta.

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Speakers: Alyssa Thompson-Bean (Sandy Springs), Sarah Swing, PE (Jacobs)

Topic: **Technical Session 1B**
Roswell Rd/Mount Vernon Safety Improvements – This presentation examines the planning, design, and implementation of multimodal transportation improvements within the City Springs district in Sandy Springs. The selected design integrates improved intersection geometry , enhanced multimodal accommodations, and context – sensitive urban design elements. Construction outcomes demonstrate measurable improvements in traffic operations, safety performance, and network connectivity while supporting long-term community development objectives.

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Speakers: Onur Dal, PE (Parsons), Nick Ratcliff, PG/RPG (Terracon)

Topic: **Technical Session 1C**

Modernizing the Talmadge Memorial Bridge — Mid-life rehabilitation of Savannah's cable stayed Talmadge Memorial Bridge, focusing on stay cable replacement, deck reprofiling to increase air draft, geometry control, and phased construction.

Utilizing Geophysical Testing for a Smarter Exploration Plan —

Nondestructive geophysical methods for efficient subsurface exploration; recent GDOT case studies and lessons learned.

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Speakers: Eric Beightel, Lauren Schramm (Environmental Science Associates),
David Grachen (Edwards Pitman Environmental Inc.)

Topic: **Technical Session 2A**
Full Throttle Environmental Policy Update: What Engineers Need to Know Now — A fast paced look at recent federal transportation/environmental policy shifts and how AI intersects with environmental review and delivery risk/opportunities.
Implementing Environmental Commitments on Transportation Projects — Noteworthy practices for identifying, tracking, and verifying ECs to ensure post environmental implementation and avoid compliance risks.

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Speakers: Kaitlyn Stewart, PE, Merri Minshew, EIT, Ron Knezevich, PE, RSP2i (GDOT)

Topic: **Technical Session 2B**

Statewide Deployment of Electronic Locks at Traffic Signals — Overview of migrating from common cabinet keys to electronic locks with centralized access control and audit trails across GDOT signals.

U Turn Sight Distance Guidance (GDOT) — Research based UTSD guidance for RCUT intersections, deriving maneuver times by median width and integrating acceleration distance to 70% design speed; includes Excel tool and crash based validation.

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Speakers: Ravi Vachhani, PE (Moffatt & Nichol), Chris Gallien, PE (HNTB),
Arwin Lopez, PE (Pond & Company)

Topic: **Technical Session 2C**
The Project Professional's Soft Skills Toolkit: Communication, Networking, and Follow Through — This presentation provides a practical "toolbox" of soft skills that are essential for effective collaboration, leadership, and long-term career growth in AEC.
Utilizing Bluebeam for Reviews — Practical guidance on managing plan reviews with Bluebeam.

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Speakers: John Heath, PE (Retired, Heath & Lineback)

Topic: **Sunday Night Keynote Presentation**
Keynote presentation on the life and legacy of John Heath covering lessons learned and best practices gained over his 40-year career.

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Speakers: Tarik Milner, PMP (Cumberland CID),
Morgan Simmons Gibson, AICP (Cobb County DOT),
Kaitlyn Schaffer, PE (City of Atlanta)

Topic: **Technical Session 3A**
Cumberland CID Autonomous Vehicle Shuttle Pilot Program — Lessons from an 18-month AV shuttle pilot (operations, scheduling, public safety) to inform future service along the "Cumberland Sweep."
CobbLinc Microtransit Pilot Program — Transition from demand response to microtransit with Via; insights on ridership growth and modal integration as the second zone launches.
ATLDOT on the Move — Qualitative and quantitative data approaches to build community trust

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Speakers: Andrew Antweiler, PE, PTOE, RSP1 (KCI), Connor Booth, PE (GDOT)
James Nguyen, PE (Peachtree Corners)

Topic: **Technical Session 3B**
Implementing the Safe System Approach for Non Motorized Travel — Approaches from recent studies/projects (e.g., Nashville and Dunwoody one way cycle track) to embed Safe System principles for people walking/biking.
Designing Intersections for Bicyclists — Strategies for safer, more comfortable bike intersection design grounded in MUTCD/AASHTO guidance (e.g., bike boxes, protected phasing/intersections).
Smarter Crosswalks for Safer Streets Utilizing an AI Enhanced RRFB System — AI enabled, button free E RRFB with edge computing/V2X and real time analytics to boost activation and generate actionable safety data.

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Speakers: Joshua Buth, PE (GDOT), Josh Sofsky, PE (VHB)

Topic: **Technical Session 3C**
ORD Staging Technical Training — Best practices and tips for modeling staged construction in GDOT's OpenRoads workspace.
ORD Drainage Advanced Modeling Tips — Advanced drainage modeling guidance for OpenRoads users (abstract pending in writeups).

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Speakers: Derek Troyer, PE (Numetric), Ron Knezevich, PE, RSP2i (GDOT)

Topic: **Technical Session 4A**
Numetric Presentation and Training — Using AASHTOWare Safety Alternative Design to evaluate safety performance of alternatives, data needs, and practical design decision making.

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Speakers: Colin Abbey, PE (GDOT)

Topic: **Technical Session 4B**
Sketching Multilane Roundabouts: Tips for Practical Concept Level Designs — A QA/QC oriented walkthrough of "best fit" multilane roundabout layouts using updated GDOT RBDG and construction details, targeting concept level 2D designs.

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Speakers: Sam Worthy, PE (RS&H), Ravi Vachhani, PE (Moffatt & Nichol)

Topic: **Technical Session 4C**
Project Delivery: Managing 3D Model Development and Digital Delivery — Planning for digital delivery from information requirements to BIM Execution Plans and model management, with GDOT and neighboring state perspectives.
Use of Cloud Based Platform for Deliverables Management & Comment Review/Resolution — Lessons from FDOT pilots using Bentley Infrastructure Cloud with custom workflows/forms for streamlined submittals and comment resolution.

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Speakers: Paul DeNard, PE, PTOE (GDOT District 7)

Topic: **Monday Keynote Presentation**

Paul DeNard is the District Engineer for the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) District 7 / Metro Atlanta, serving Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Douglas, Fulton, and Rockdale counties. This keynote presentation provided reflections on professional growth and tools for career development, followed by closing remarks from program chairs.

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