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Changing the Game: APWA announces "PWX" as new name for annual conference!

With more than 100 years of annual meetings to its credit, the American Public Works Association has hosted its last "Congress & Exposition." Now the association's annual meeting will be known as PWX. Recognizing monumental changes in the makeup of the workforce in the last decade, APWA is launching PWX, the new brand name for the APWA International Public Works Congress and Exposition



"PWX won't be just a new package for an old program; there will be significant changes from the Congress we have known. PWX will incorporate more technology, will embrace and engage the younger generations in the profession, will cater to all of the learning styles of the five generations, and will be a setting that will encourage cross-generational dialogue, so everyone can learn and benefit. This is an exciting time of change and PWX is a symbol of our recognition of these changes." – Larry Frevert, APWA Interim Executive Director.

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PWX 2016
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Aug 28-31, 2016

Preventing Corrosion to DOT Equipment

Corrosion to maintenance equipment resulting from the use of chloride deicers is a challenge for transportation agencies across North America. While there are many products and much anecdotal guidance for the prevention of corrosion, there is not a consolidated guide that combines all of the available knowledge on corrosion prevention for use by snow and ice control practitioners. Until now.

The Clear Roads research program brings together transportation professionals and researchers from 29 member states, including Ohio, to drive innovation in the field of winter maintenance. By evaluating materials, equipment and methods in real-world conditions, the program identifies the most effective techniques and technologies to save agencies money, improve safety and increase efficiency.

Clear Roads has completed a project on the Best Practices for the Prevention of Corrosion to DOT Equipment: A User's Manual. The deliverables include: A final report, a corrosion guide and the final presentation. All items can be downloaded from the project page: <http://clearroads.org/project/best-practices-for-the-prevention-of-corrosion-to-dot-equipment-a-users-manual/>. More information about Clear Roads and the work it does on your behalf is available at <http://clearroads.org/>.



Ohio Pesticide Commercial Applicator Recertification Conferences 2016

Receive 5 hours of recertification credits. All categories will be available at each location. Two hours of agricultural fertilizer certification training for applicators with a pesticide license will be available at the Sandusky, Dayton, and Columbus locations. Registration Fee: \$75 Conference Only. Registration is now open at <http://pested.osu.edu>

Questions? E-mail the Pesticide Safety Education Program, Ohio State University Extension, at: pested@osu.edu or call (614) 292-4070.

January 28, 2016
Sandusky, Kalahari Conference Center

February 3, 2016
Akron, John S. Knight Center

February 17, 2016
Dayton, Dayton Convention Center

March 1, 2016
Columbus, Columbus Convention Center

Southwest Snow Show Tops 400

More than 400 attendees made the Southwest Ohio 2015 Snow and Ice Control Conference on September 29 the best attended local event in the branch's history.

"Our strong turnout of participants and vendors reflects a growing interest in best practices for snow control," said Southwest Branch Board President Eric Pottenger who works at the Butler County Engineer's Office.



"Also, we've built a good track record for successful events in Southwest Ohio. Our local governments and the vendors who support them have confidence we will deliver a good learning experience backed by a quality marketing event," Pottenger said.



The show's success resulted from more than six months of effort from a strong committee led by Chairman Mike Huxsoll of the City of Springdale. *"Over the years, we've developed a team of snow show professionals,"* Huxsoll said. *"From marketing to vendor relations to registration, our team knows what works and we deliver,"* he said.

"It's very important that we keep a strong focus on cutting-edge training," Huxsoll added. *"The cost of snow fighting has exploded in recent years and APWA must show its members how to gain efficiency while reducing cost."*



2016 APWA Award Nominations Now Open



APWA's Awards Program was established to recognize outstanding individuals, groups, and chapters representing the best in the public works profession. Nominations can now be submitted for the 2016 Awards program at <http://www.apwa.net/awards>. We know you are doing innovative, creative work out there. It's time to step forward and be recognized. And, we will help you with your application.

The deadlines are:

- February 1, 2016- Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award
- March 1, 2016- All other awards.

If you have any questions about awards please contact Shelby Ingle, Chairman of the Awards Committee for Ohio APWA at single@ljbinc.com or contact her by phone at 937.259.5089.

AWARDS

- Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year*
- Public Works Project of the Year
- Public Works Project of the Year for Small Cities/Rural Communities (under 75,000 pop.)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works*
- Diversity Exemplary Practices*
- Excellence in Snow and Ice Control*
- Exceptional Performance Awards (4 categories)
- Management Innovation Award*
- Sustainability Practices Award*
- Technical Innovation Award*

MEMBERS AWARDS

- Charles Walter Nichols Award for Environmental Excellence
- Community Involvement Award
- Distinguished Service to Public Works Award
- Donald C. Stone Award for Excellence in Education
- Harry S. Swearingen Award for Outstanding Chapter Achievement and Excellence in Chapter Service
- International Service Award
- Professional Manager of the Year Award (9 categories)
- Young Leader Award

*APWA membership is not required.

Briefs from the Web

Photos: Ohio Turnpike celebrates 60 years

On Oct. 1, the 160-mile Ohio Turnpike celebrated its 60th birthday. This article gives a history of the effort to build the turnpike and the challenges it faced. [The Plain Dealer](#) (Cleveland) (9/24)

Study of nation's growing traffic congestion suggests solutions

The 2015 Urban Mobility Scorecard has crunched the numbers to determine just how bad traffic congestion has become across the nation, and while the numbers are sobering, the report offers five potential solutions. Explore what's being lost in time and fuel.

Forum members want to make infrastructure "sexy" like Uber

A group of business leaders, academics and politicians is pushing for more infrastructure spending and trying to make infrastructure more appealing to the public. "Somewhere in here, [in] the same way that the new economy, the tech economy, the Uber economy [are described], infrastructure can be made sexy," said Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Carl Bernstein at the [American Job Creation and Infrastructure Forum](#). Suggestions to help build infrastructure support: Make it a bipartisan issue, and get millennials to care.

State Route 256 Updates Innovative Way to Improve Corridor, Help Growth

Pickerington and ODOT have partnered to improve safety on the busy State Route 256 corridor this summer. The nearly \$8 million project will include capacity improvements, signal equipment upgrades, signal timing and coordination software improvements, and resurfacing of nearly 6 miles of roadway. Additionally, the project includes new grassed medians and installation of over 400 new street trees for the busy commercial corridor off of I-70 used by 50,000 vehicles per day.

The project is largely funded by ODOT Highway Safety Grant funds and an Ohio Public Works Commission Grant/Loan, as well as city funds.

The project will create additional capacity, particularly in the southbound lane, by utilizing the existing oversized gutter pan. Previously, the road had been widened to a five lane section with oversized gutter pans. The project will mill out the majority of the gutter pans and restripe lanes to 11 feet to create enough extra width for a third southbound lane, all within the existing roadway footprint. This innovative solution creates additional capacity without the high cost of traditional widening, especially given the potential right of way costs in a fully developed commercial corridor. The southbound direction was chosen for the additional lane to better accommodate the higher PM peak hour volumes and in turn, help reduce eastbound queues exiting I-70 onto southbound State Route 256. The PM peak hour southbound traffic volumes are 50% higher than the AM peak hour northbound volumes.

In the northbound direction, additional capacity is being provided via traditional widening in a very limited scope. The additional capacity better accommodates traffic approaching I-70 from the south, providing additional lanes for traffic traveling north into Reynoldsburg. The new signal system will also improve traffic flow by improving interchange and corridor signal timing coordination

and progression. Previously, the corridor signals were on two separate systems that were adjacent to each other—a city system utilizing adaptive software, and a standard Time of Day programmed ODOT system. Naturally, these two systems caused inefficient movement where they were adjacent to each other. The new signal equipment will include adaptive software in all the signals, with new high speed fiber optic interconnect, allowing the signals to utilize real time adjustments to provide sufficiently better traffic progression. The central server running the adaptive software is moving from an intersection controller cabinet which was a recent victim of a direct lightning strike to a more secure City building in the climate controlled IT room.

The medians will improve traffic flow by reducing the number of access points on the corridor and concentrating turning movements mostly at signals. The medians should also help reduce the number of right angle crashes in the corridor at these access points.

The project is on schedule for completion this fall. Questions on the project can be directed to the PavingforProgress hotline, 614.382.5500 or PavingforProgress@Pickerington.net.



Three States Collaborate on Traffic Incident Management Conference

A traffic incident management conference in Dayton, Ohio, on October 9 brought together 116 transportation safety professionals from Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. The general session included information on the use of **traffic incident management** techniques for safe, quick clearance of traffic incidents across the nation, with a focus on the tristate region. Workshop sessions covered best practices, towing initiatives, rerouting traffic, performance measures, travel time reliability and secondary crashes. The Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program, FHWA and the three states' transportation agencies sponsored the event.

Ohio Chapter Recognition at 2015 APWA Congress

The Ohio Chapter made the most of the last APWA International Public Works Congress & Exposition in Phoenix. First, the City of Columbus received the Sustainability Practices Award for its Get Green initiative. Next, our chapter received its first PACE award for excellence in service to all of you. And Terry Byrne, Inc. from Lexington, Ohio, received the Technical Innovation Award for the Plug Hug Fire Hydrant Cleaning System.

Of course, Ohio members were also presenters at sessions to share their expertise, and attended other sessions to learn new ways to do their jobs better. Forty-two people attended the Chapter dinner and celebrated these achievements. Next year's inaugural PWX in Minneapolis will be even better. We hope you will apply for one (or two) of the many awards noted on page 4. Your office needs a new plaque recognizing the good work your team does for your community.



Presentation of Sustainability Practices Award: APWA President Brian R. Usher and Columbus Director of Public Service Tracie Davies



Presentation of PACE Award: APWA President Brian R. Usher, Ohio Chapter Awards Committee Chair Shelby Ingle, Ohio Chapter Membership Chair Chuck Zibbel, Ohio Council of Chapters Delegate Tony DiPietro, and Ohio Chapter Secretary Randy Bowman