



2025 Annual Maintenance Meeting

April 29th – May 1st
MS Coast Coliseum & Convention Center
Biloxi, MS

Tuesday April 29th, 2025

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Vendor Set-Up..... Convention Center Concourse

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration..... Convention Center Concourse

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Presentation of the Colors – DPS Honor Guard

Welcoming and Opening Remarks – Billy Owen, District 6 Engineer

Commissioner Willie Simmons, Chairman

Earl Glenn, Chief Engineer

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. State of MDOT.....Brad White – MDOT Executive Director

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Keynote.....Tommy Duff

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Demo Break in Exhibit Hall.....Sponsored by 

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. MDOT Safety Program Update.....Cookie Leffler, MDOT Safety Coordinator

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDOT Safety Program Update (HSD)....Mark Thomas, State Safety Engineer

Brian Hovanec, Asst. State Safety Engineer

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM Dinner at Ground Zero Sponsored by



Wednesday 30th, 2025



- 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Convention Center.....Sponsored by
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Registration..... Convention Center Concourse

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Civil Rights update..... Linda Harrell, State EEO Officer
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Past, Present, and Future of Glyphosate (Roundup).....Dr. John Byrd, MSU
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break in Exhibit Hall..... Sponsored by  NEEL-SCHAFFER
Solutions you can build upon
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Pavement Preservation..... Stan Williams, ERGON
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Getting the Most Out of Others/Resolving Conflict...Shannon Campbell, PhD, PMP

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH in Main Exhibit Hall.....Sponsored by  Terracon

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. New Maintenance Leadership Breakout.....*(Meeting Room L7)*
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Native Birds of Prey: Up Close and Personal...Krissy Hamilton, Freedom Ranch
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Architectural Services Update.....Seth Winchester, ASU
- 2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Public Affairs Update..... Will Craft, Public Affairs
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Break in Exhibit Hall.....Sponsored by 
- 3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Hot Topics in Maintenance.....Dan Smith, Legal
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MMS/MTSA Update.....Lexie Anderson, IS Division
- 4:30 p.m. Door prize give-away – Adjourn.

Dinner on Your Own

Thursday May 1st, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast at Convention Center.....Sponsored by



8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. District Maintenance Engineer Panel – Matt Dugas

- **Drought Damaged Vegetation Update - RTH**
- **Response and Recovery: STORM & AMMO - RTH**
- **Mowing roundtable**
- **Audience Questions**
- **And more....**

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break in Exhibit Hall.....Sponsored by



11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Environmental Compliance Updates - Top Shop Awards Presentation

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. Vendor Door Prize Drawings

11:45 p.m. Closing Remarks – Adjourn