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APWA of KS
Fall Conference

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STAY CONNECTED!

By Tom Keil

Connect with Us on LinkedIn!

We invite you to join our LinkedIn page to stay informed about association news, professional development opportunities, upcoming events, and member accomplishments.

As we grow our network, our LinkedIn page, APWA Kansas Chapter, is a valuable resource for:

- Networking with public works professionals
- Learn about round tables, conferences, workshops, and training opportunities
- Stay current on public works initiatives
- Celebrate the achievements of our members and the association
- Share information that strengthens our public works community

Please take a moment to visit and request to join our LinkedIn page, APWA Kansas Chapter. We also request that you engage with our posts by liking, commenting, and sharing our content. Thank you for helping us grow our online presence and strengthen connections among public works professionals throughout Kansas.

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FOUR STUDENTS NAMED 2026–2027 APWA KANSAS CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

GARRETT ENGLAND



School: Benedictine

A civil engineering student at Benedictine College, he is an active member of the Raven Football team and works at the campus coffee shop, Holy Grounds. Inspired by his grandfather, a highly accomplished electrical engineer who dedicated his career to improving communities, he developed a passion for engineering and public service. His internship with Kaw Valley Engineering provided hands-on experience in construction inspection, materials testing, and quality control on public infrastructure projects throughout the Kansas City area. Through this work, he gained a deeper appreciation for the critical role public works plays in supporting safe, reliable, and functional communities. His commitment to serving others through engineering, combined with his practical experience and strong work ethic, make him a deserving scholarship recipient.

LUCAS NORDBERG



School: University of Kansas

An active participant in HackKU since 2023, he has also dedicated the past ten years to serving in the audiovisual department at Overland Park First Assembly of God. In this role, he has been responsible for systems integration, signal mapping, and ensuring high-quality audio performance throughout the facility. His experience designing, modeling, and implementing sound systems has given him a strong technical foundation and a passion for improving the quality of public spaces. He recognizes that well-designed environments contribute significantly to people's experiences and quality of life. His commitment to applying his technical skills in ways that benefit the broader community makes him a strong candidate for this scholarship.

LEVI MEHL



School: K-State

A dedicated civil engineering student at Kansas State University, he serves as ASCE Activity Chair, Survey Team Captain, and participates in the Concrete Canoe program while also contributing to community service projects through ASCE. Since graduating high school, he has worked at Kaw Valley Engineering, where he has gained extensive hands-on experience in drafting, surveying, inspection, materials testing, and transportation engineering. His work with the City of Junction City and Public Works Director Ray Ibarra has given him a firsthand understanding of the planning, collaboration, and public service required to improve community infrastructure and safety. Through both his academic involvement and professional experience, he has demonstrated a strong commitment to public works and a desire to create meaningful improvements for the communities he serves. His leadership, practical experience, and dedication to public service make him an outstanding scholarship recipient.

BARON FRYE



School: K-State

An engaged Kansas State University student, he participates in marching band, basketball band, the Concrete Canoe Team, serves as a Modern Language Ambassador and Band Ambassador, and is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. In addition to his campus involvement, he remains active in his church community and works as a Kansas Department of Transportation Asphalt Superpave Trainee Assistant. His interest in civil engineering stems from a desire to improve both the environment and the quality of life for the people who live within it. He recognizes the important role civil engineers play in creating sustainable, functional communities and is committed to contributing to that mission through his education and professional development. His combination of academic involvement, community engagement, and dedication to public service through engineering make him a worthy scholarship recipient.

SAVE THE DATE

APWA OF KANSAS FALL CONFERENCE OCTOBER 8, 2026 DERBY, KS

Chair: Tom Keil, Derby Assistant Public Works Director, tomkeil@derbyks.gov
If you have a topic or presentation, please contact Tom.

Save the Date – October 8, 2026

Please mark your calendars for the Kansas APWA Annual Membership Meeting, which will be hosted by the City of Derby.

We encourage you to attend and bring a young professional from your organization to take part in this annual event and professional development opportunity.

Additional details, including the agenda and registration information, will be shared in the coming months. We look forward to seeing you in Derby on October 8, 2026!

Thanks,
Tom Keil

KS CHAPTER APWA JANUARY BOARD MEETING LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/LKM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

State Level

- **2026 Session adjourned until 2027**
- **Bills**
 - **Property Tax Legislation - Governor vetoed the bill; several amendments were proposed but failed**
 - **SB 335 - Governor signed, waiver of consequential damages now required in all public construction contracts**
 - **HB 2647 - Governor signed, Statewide Fiber System**
 - **S Sub HB 257 - Governor signed, increases threshold for county public bidding to \$100,000**
 - **SB 366 - Governor signed, limits drivers from using cell phones in school zones when a reduced speed limit is enforced and in road construction zones while workers are present and warning signs are posted**
 - **SB 367 - Governor signed, allows municipalities to develop an ordinance allowing golf carts on sidewalks with a valid driver's license**
 - **HB 2462 - Governor signed, requires KDHE Secretary to adopt rules and regulations that allow for direct and indirect potable reuse by July 2028**
- **Election Year**
 - **All House seats and state offices, including governor, secretary of state, ins commission, and attorney general, are up for election**

APWA National

- **House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee passed the proposed bill to succeed IJJA on May 22, the BUILD America 250 Act**
 - **House committees and House Action have not been scheduled**
 - **Senate committees are currently working on language**
 - **Both chambers have indicated they will take action before the July 4 recess**

KDOT UPDATES

By Dawn Hueske, PE, KDOT Bureau of Local Projects Bureau Chief

Two program fundings were announced in June.

KDOT Cost Share Announcement:

[Governor Kelly announces \\$5.9M for KDOT Cost Share Program Projects](#)

KDOT Local Bridge Program announcement:

[Governor Kelly announces \\$40.5M for 31 Local Bridge Projects](#)

KANSAS LTAP UPDATES



KANSAS DRIVE TO ZERO WEBINAR SERIES
Putting Safety into Practice: Lessons from Kansas Counties and Cities
 July 14, 2026 | 12:00 - 1:00 PM

The Kansas Drive To Zero Webinar Series, hosted by the University of Kansas Transportation Center (KUTC) and Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), is a free virtual webinar series that shares practical strategies, best practices, and success stories for improving roadway safety across Kansas. This upcoming virtual webinar, "Putting Safety into Practice: Lessons from Kansas Counties and Cities," will be held on July 14, 2026 (12:00–1:00 PM CT) and will feature local leaders sharing real-world examples of implementing roadway safety improvements and advancing the Drive To Zero vision. Register today!

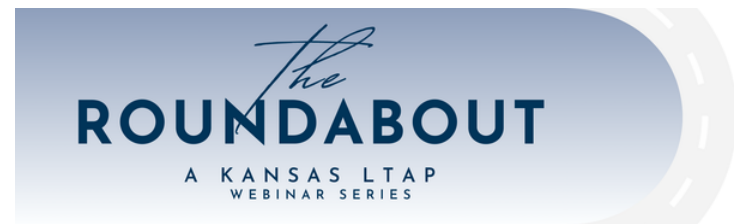
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MIDTRANS 2026
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Mark your calendar for September 2, 2026, and plan to join us for the Midwest Innovation and Development in Transportation Symposium (MIDTRANS). Hosted by the KU Transportation Center, this engaging one-day event will take place at the KU Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Kansas. MIDTRANS 2026 will bring together transportation professionals, researchers, and industry leaders for a day of collaboration, innovation, and idea-sharing. Whether you're looking to stay ahead of emerging trends or connect with peers across the field, this is an event you won't want to miss.

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The Bridge Preservation Partnership (BPP); What It Is and What Is In It for Local Bridge Owners
 August 7, 2026 | 11 am

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