

September 30, 2026, 10:00 a.m. CT & October 1, 10:00 a.m. CT – Online Conference

Preserving the Historic Road

2026 September 30 - October 1
Online Conference

Celebrating 100 years of Route 66 and the U.S. Numbered Highway System.

2026 Preserving the Historic Road Online Conference Agenda (draft 9/16/26)

10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (all times are USA Central Time Zone)

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome
- 10:15 a.m. Connecting the DOTs (DOT panel discussion: Molly Proue, AK; Lisa Schoch, CO; Stephanie Atwood Hatzenbuehler, MN; C. Cliff Creger, NV; Renee Benn-Lee, TX; Kelsey Matson, WA)
- 11:30 a.m. Historic Roads in the Pacific Northwest (Brian Matuk, Mead & Hunt)
- 11:55 a.m. Nevada's Approach to Evaluating Historic Highways (C. Cliff Creger, NV DOT; Chad Moffett, Mead & Hunt)
- 12:20 p.m. Understanding Evolution of Streets and Historic Components (Dr. Robin B. Williams, SCAD)
- 12:45 p.m. Celebrating 100 Years of Route 66 (panel discussion: David Bricker, Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership; Dr. Bob Estes, NMDOT; Dr. Greg Maggard, OKDOT; Carl Mikyska, IDOT; Lin Xie, TxDOT)
- 2:00 p.m. FHWA Update
- 2:25 p.m. First Day Wrap-up

Thursday, October 1, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. Welcome back
- 10:15 a.m. Trouble Ahead: Evaluating Maryland's Civil Rights Routes (Robbie D. Jones, Richard Grubb & Assoc; Matt Manning, Maryland Environmental Service; Rachel Wilson, RK&K; Steve Archer, MD DOT)
- 10:40 a.m. Where History Hits the Streets: Saving Concrete Street Signs (Hannah Braun, CDOT)
- 11:05 a.m. Blue Ridge Parkway: NHL and Stewardship (Alesha Cerny, NPS)
- 11:30 a.m. Historic Roads: Global Perspective (international panel discussion: Spain: Dr. Maria Rita Ruiz, Australia: Kirsty Altenburg, Korea: Dr. Hee Sook Lee-Niinijioja, ICOMOS: Dr. Rosemary Kerr)
- 1:00 p.m. Miles to Recover: Post-COVID Economic Assessment of Route 66 (Tziporah Feldman, Scenic America)
- 1:30 p.m. Let's All Go to the Lobby! (Larissa Rudnicki, ORDOT)
- 2:00 p.m. Symposium Synopsis (Dan Marriott, Paul Daniel Marriott + Associates)
- 2:20 p.m. Conference Closeout