



TALKING POINTS

September 2026

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- APWA Government and Public Affairs Director Andrea Eales will speak during a [Bigger Trucks, Bigger Stakes: Understanding the Transportation Debate in Congress](#) webinar, September 9, sponsored by GoRail and the National League of Cities.
- APWA Government Affairs will host a meeting of the [3D Elevation Program \(3DEP\) Mapping Coalition](#), September 11.
- APWA's Past President Vic Bienes, PE will deliver opening remarks and APWA member and Public Works Director of Burnsville, Minnesota, Mark Ray, PE will present during a [Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency](#) town hall, September 24.
- APWA Senior Government Affairs Manager Marty Williams will attend the Oregon Chapter's Fall Conference in Eugene, Oregon, September 28–30, and present a session on how to increase advocacy efforts.
- Congress returns to session this month. The [APWA Washington Report](#) will return September 14, following the Labor Day holiday.

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CERTIFICATION

APWA is excited to announce an update to the Certified Public Fleet Professional (CPFP) program that will launch in late 2027. Eligibility applications for the current program will be accepted through December 31, 2026. Following this deadline, applications will be paused as we transition to the new fleet microcredential program.

[Learn more about the new fleet microcredentials.](#)

MEMBERSHIP

34,071

ACCREDITATION

Region 1:

- Bedford, New Hampshire Department of Public Works—2nd accreditation

Region 4:

- Coral Springs, Florida Department of Public Works—3rd accreditation

Region 5:

- Bloomington, Indiana Department of Public Works—1st accreditation

Region 7:

- Corinth, Texas Public Works Department—3rd accreditation
- DeSoto, Texas Public Utilities Department—1st accreditation
- Plano, Texas Public Works Department—6th accreditation
- Plano, Texas Engineering Department—6th accreditation
- University Park, Texas Public Works Department—3rd accreditation

EMERGING LEADERS ACADEMY

Class XIX of ELA graduated during PWX in Houston. Applicants for the 2026–2027 program year (Class XX) have been notified of their status. Homework calls for the new class begin in September. Applications for the 2027–2028 program year will be available April 1, 2027.

QUICK LINKS

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees](#)
[Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#) | [Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

EDUCATION

UPCOMING LIVE PROGRAMS

September 24. **Data-Driven Fleet Staffing: Using MRU and VEU to Inform Leadership Decision.**

This live virtual program gives fleet management professionals the tools and confidence to use MRU and VEU data to accurately assess workload, justify staffing needs, and communication data-driven recommendations to organizational leadership.

[Register here.](#)

UPCOMING CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

[Public Fleet Management Certificate](#)

September 15–16, 22–23. This virtual eight-hour program (two hours per day) is designed for fleet managers, including new fleet managers or those who aspire to become fleet managers. The program will provide an overview of the many skills and areas of knowledge fleet managers need to be successful, including organization structures, communication, procurement, purchasing, finance, and fleet operations.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC WORKS SERIES

The Women in Public Works Network has made succession planning a top priority and is launching a new 12-month Succession Planning Micro Series beginning September 18. Open to both members and nonmembers, this series will provide practical, 30-minute monthly sessions focused on building leadership pipelines, developing talent, and strengthening the future of public works organizations. This year-long program is **free** for APWA members. [Register here.](#)

LEARN MORE ABOUT RELIEFWORKS



Public works is there for communities. ReliefWorks is there for public works.

APWA is proud to introduce [ReliefWorks](#), a disaster relief program dedicated to supporting public works professionals and their families following qualifying disasters. Through the reach of APWA chapters, ReliefWorks bridges a critical gap by offering immediate support following federally-declared disasters and other qualifying emergencies. Whether it's emergency supplies, temporary housing needs, clothing, meals, or other essential assistance, ReliefWorks is there to help those who dedicate themselves to helping others.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Call for Presentations is open for PWX 2027!



Enjoy the sessions at PWX 2026? Interested in sharing your experience in a presentation? The 2027 PWX [Call for Presentations](#) is open. The deadline to submit a session proposal is October 30, 2026.

Call for Presentations is open for NASC 2027!



The 2027 North American Snow Conference [Call for Presentations](#) is open. The deadline to submit a session proposal for Snow Conference 2027 is October 3, 2026.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

SAVE THE DATES FOR #PWR!



[Public Works Radio](#) is the official voice of APWA, bringing the stories behind our communities to life. This month's episodes drop on **September 9 and 23**.

PWR is available wherever you find your favorite podcasts, as well as on [APWA TV](#). Listen, subscribe, and share with a friend! Direct any inquiries to podcast@apwa.org.

HIT PLAY, THEN SHARE THE STORY



Watch and share APWA's 2026 brand video, [A Cone's Way Home](#), and help us showcase the heart of public works through the eyes of one determined cone whose journey leads it back to the crew that makes a difference every day. As the cone discovers the people who make

communities work, viewers will also see the values that drive APWA: connection, service, and a professional community supported by evolving education and credentialing resources and member engagement designed to advance public works excellence.