TALKING POINTS
November 2026

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- Crash Responder Safety Week is November 2–6 and its annual kickoff webinar will be later today. APWA is a member of the Federal Highway Administration's Traffic Incident Management Executive Leadership Group , which will be holding its next meeting at the US Department of Transportation headquarters on November 5.
- The next issue of the APWA Washington Report will be November 9.

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EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

The deadline to self-nominate to be considered for a Regional Nominating Committee or the National Nominating Committee for the 2027–2028 Board of Directors nomination process is November 30. To self-nominate, please complete the form in the nominations portal.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Award nominations for 2027 are now open! Explore the variety of APWA awards and make note of their deadlines. The deadline to submit for the Excellence in Snow and Ice Control award is December 1, 2026.

33,613 MEMBERS

ACCREDITATION

Region 3

- **Hampton, Virginia Public Works Department—1st accreditation**
- **Henrico County, Virginia Department of Public Works—1st accreditation**
- **Nashville, Tennessee Department of Transportation—3rd accreditation**

Region 6

- **Fairway, Kansas Public Works Department—3rd accreditation**
- **Kansas City, Missouri Public Works Department—3rd accreditation**

Upcoming Accreditation Events:

November 17, Virtual Self-Assessment Workshop. Register here.

CAREERZONE

CareerZone is a great way to make the most of your APWA membership! Members receive discounted job posting rates and access to a targeted talent pool of public works professionals actively exploring career opportunities. Post your job openings on CareerZone and connect with more qualified candidates now.

EDUCATION UPDATES

November 5. **The Human Side of Operational Leadership.** Leadership goes beyond managing performance—it requires navigating the human challenges employees may face, often in high stress, time-sensitive environments. Join us for this live virtual program as we explore practical approaches to supporting employees through difficult circumstances while maintaining accountability, safety, reliability, and operational continuity. Register here.

November 13. **Women in Public Works Micro Series.** People are promoted into leadership roles long before they're trained to lead. The biggest drop-off in leadership readiness happens at the first supervisory role. This session focuses on building strong leaders at every level, the first-time supervisor, and how they shape organizational culture more than executives. Register here.

December 3. **Renovation, Adaptive Reuse, or New Construction? Making the Right Choice for Your Community.** Explore how to evaluate renovation, adaptive reuse, and new construction options to make informed facility decisions that balance lifecycle costs, operational needs, sustainability and community priorities. Register here.

CONFERENCE UPDATES

Planning is underway for Snow Conference!

APWA and the Iowa chapter have hit the ground running for NASC 2027. Updates will be shared on the event page as they're available.

Planning is underway for PWX 2027!

APWA and the Arizona chapter are working hard on PWX 2027. Updates will be shared on the event page as they're available.

MARKETING UPDATES

It's time to #PWR up our podcast again!

We hope you've been enjoying APWA's inaugural season of Public Works Radio (PWR). We're 16 episodes in and many have covered content suggested by APWA committees and members like you. To help us curate a terrific season two schedule, take a moment now to submit fun, engaging story topics via this form. Once you provide your name, email, a topic idea, short description, and any suggested guests (including yourself), check this off your to-do list!

The *Roving Reporter* kicks off Season Five!

APWA's *Roving Reporter* video series embarks on season five by visiting a historical resource in Houston, Texas. The episode, "From Public Resource to Community Treasure," uncovers a fascinating history of the Buffalo Bayou Cistern. This less than five-minute video delves into the history of the bayou and surrounding areas. Find out more by reading the complementary article in the November issue of the *APWA Reporter*. If you've missed any (or all) of season four, check out the Resource Center for past episodes!

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