

MCA 2026 Winter Conference Printable Agenda

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

start	end	type	Title	Speaker/Presenter	Room
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	REGISTRATION	REGISTRATION		Novus Ballroom Foyer
8:30 AM	10:00 AM	GENERAL session	Welcome & Keynote - Grace Gavin	Welcome & Keynote - Grace Gavin	Novus Ballroom
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	break with exhibitors	Break (15 min)		Atrium
10:15 AM	11:00 AM	BREAKOUT session 1	Grace Gavin Are we still tining high-speed pavements? What's the deal with the Fly Ash Market?	Grace Gavin Leif Wathne Saiprasad Vaidya, Ph.D./Mike Hyland	Conference Room I & II Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	break with exhibitors	Break (15 min)		Atrium
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	BREAKOUT session 2	Marketing Insight for the Concrete Construction Professional AI in Concrete - real world applications How soon can we really open pavements to traffic?	Drew Burns Michael Fletcher - AI CRETE Leif Wathne	Conference Room I & II Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	lunch	Lunch (60 min)		Novus Ballroom
12:30 PM	1:15 PM	GENERAL session	Exhibitors' 5-minute Elevator Pitch		Novus Ballroom
1:15 PM	2:45 PM	GENERAL session	MDOT Update Crisis Communication	Gregg Brunner Drew Burns	Novus Ballroom Novus Ballroom
2:45 PM	3:00 PM	break with exhibitors	Break (15 min)		Atrium
3:00 PM	3:45 PM	BREAKOUT session 3	Self-Healing Concrete Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity Planning (DRBCP)	Bill Jin - confirmed John Ormstad & Kyle Kunnen	Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
3:45 PM	4:00 PM	break with exhibitors	Break (15 min)		Atrium
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	BREAKOUT session 4	NEW MCA Parking Lot Promotion Campaign Structuring your HR Function for Success	Heather Smith Jodi Schafer	Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Exhibitor Reception	Reception		

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7:30 AM	12:00 PM	Registration			
8:00 AM	9:30 AM	GENERAL session	Breakfast		Novus Ballroom
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	GENERAL session	MCA Annual Meeting & Political Update	MCA Leadership	Novus Ballroom
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	GENERAL session	Economic Update	Ed Sullivan	Novus Ballroom
10:00 AM	10:15 AM	break	Break (15 min)		Atrium
10:15 AM	11:00 AM	BREAKOUT session 5	Wayne State Research Projects for Concrete Pavements Gordie Howe Bridge POE	Myrsini Maglogianni - Wayne State Jensen - Florence Cement	Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
11:00 AM	11:15 AM	break	Break (15 min)		Atrium
11:15 AM	12:00 PM	BREAKOUT session 6	Carbon Neutral Construction in Data Centers Why should you care about pavement design?	Dan Lucas - NexGen Eric Ferrebee - ACPA	Meeting Room I & II Meeting Room III & IV
12:00 PM	2:00 PM	AWARDS LUNCHEON	Lunch (120 min)		Novus Ballroom