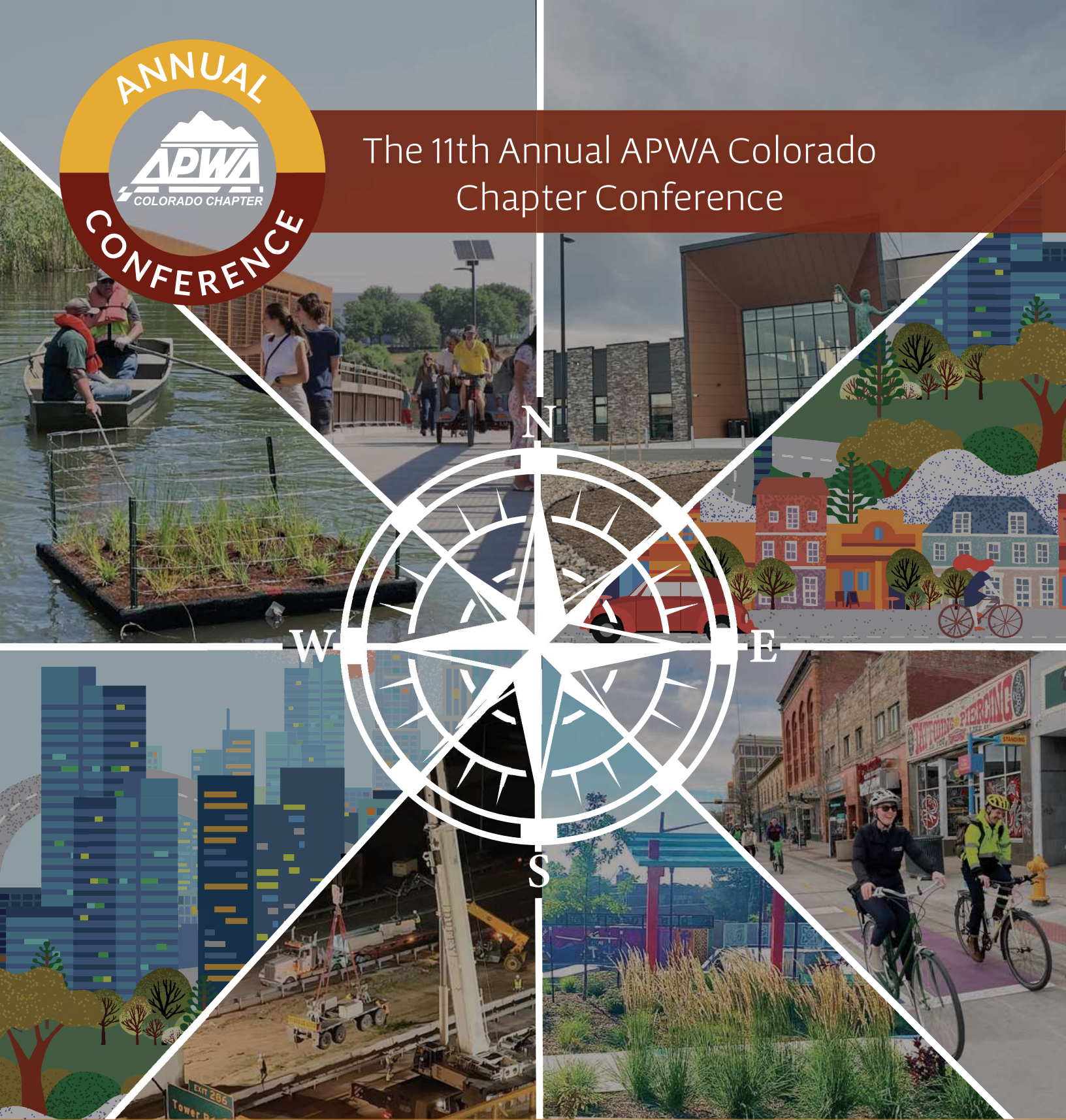




The 11th Annual APWA Colorado Chapter Conference



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October 20 - 21, 2025 | Denver Marriott West | Golden, CO



Monday At-A-Glance

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ROOM	KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE	MONARCH
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11:30 AM - 12:55 PM	Lunch and Keynote Speaker Gerrit Slatter, Civil Engineering Senior Manager - Capital Projects, City of Boulder Presenting "Vision Zero From Down Under: What Australia Is Doing to Keep Their Roads Safer Than the US" - GRAND BALLROOM	
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	More Than an Intersection: Building Public Safety and Trust Throughout Construction	Organization Strategist - Career Progression
1:55 PM - 2:45 PM	The Need for Holistic Decision-Making Data: A Citywide Journey to Achieve Better Infrastructure Levels of Service	Creating and Sustaining a Compassionate Workplace Culture
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	BREAK - VISIT OUR EXHIBITORS	
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3:00 PM - 3:50 PM	Wildlife Mitigation Studies in Colorado	The Art of Service in the Age of the Machine
3:55 PM - 4:45 PM	What to Do When the Green Fades?	Resilient Roads: Embracing Continuous Data Collection in a Dynamic Public Works Environment
4:45 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour Reception Featuring Magician and Mentalist Shawn Preston - LOBBY	
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Monday, October 20

Welcome and Opening Comments 8:00 am - 8:30 am - **GRAND BALLROOM**

Welcome from Chuck Weiss, Annual Chapter Conference Committee Chair and John Burke, APWA Colorado Chapter President.

Federal Boulevard BRT: CDOT's First Bus Rapid Transit Line 8:30 am - 9:25 am - **GRAND BALLROOM**

Presented By: Ryan Noles, BRT Program Manager, CDOT, Holly Buck, President and Elizabeth Adams, Senior Engineer / Project Manager, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig

See how CDOT is designing Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along an 18-mile stretch of Federal Boulevard to improve speed, reliability, and safety. We'll cover lane configurations, station design, travel analysis, and how the team built consensus. Strategies for stakeholder engagement and navigating the Small Starts Rating Application process will also be shared.



City of Golden's Compressed Workweek Pilot Program 9:30 am - 10:20 am - **GRAND BALLROOM**

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Presented By: Anne Beierle, Public Works Director, City of Golden

Learn about the preparation, challenges and results of the compressed (32 hour) workweek pilot program implemented by the City of Golden in April 2024.

From Paper to Portal: Denver's Digital Transformation for Storm Drainage Planning 10:40 am - 11:30 am - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Thomas Blackman, Engineer Supervisor/Engineer Specialist, City & County of Denver and Patrick Flynn, Stantec.

See how Denver's 2025 Storm Drainage Master Plan (SDMP) marks a bold and visionary step forward, using an evolutionary approach that embraces Rain-on-Mesh technology and integrating 1D and 2D modeling to deliver an unprecedented level of detail for addressing drainage challenges. Also learn how they transformed the traditional, paper-based SDMP into a dynamic, fully digital, web-based information portal with web pages and interactive ArcGIS maps that are inclusive and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act—unlocking new abilities for efficiency, accessibility, and community engagement.

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It Happened Slowly, Then All At Once

10:40 am - 11:30 am - **MONARCH**

Presented By: Drew Roberts, Project Manager, Mile High Flood District

The Mile High Flood District has to prepare for the future when building infrastructure, but what is the future of rainfall? See how by using rainfall data dating back decades, together with climate models, we project different scenarios to help planning. Join us and shape how the future will be built.

Lunch and Keynote Speaker Gerrit Slatter, Presenting “Vision Zero From Down Under: What Australia Is Doing to Keep Their Roads Safer Than the US”

11:30 am - 12:55 pm - **GRAND BALLROOM**

Presented By: Gerrit Slatter, Civil Engineering Senior Manager - Capital Projects, City of Boulder

As a 2025 Jennings Randolph award recipient, Gerrit was awarded a fellowship to travel to Australia to conduct a study tour of how the country is using a safe systems approach that results in much fewer fatalities than in the US. He'll provide an overview of his learnings and findings, and describe the policies, practices and infrastructure that is being used to make Australian transportation safe.



More Than an Intersection: Building Public Safety and Trust Throughout Construction

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Illianna Milldrum, Communication and Engagement Specialist and Keith Wakefield, Assistant City Engineer, City of Loveland

The US 34 and Taft Avenue Intersection Improvement Project stands as a powerful example of building transparency, collaboration, and public trust through strategic communication, showing that even complex construction projects can foster community trust. By overcoming funding shortfalls, using eminent domain, and limited communication tools in a decentralized organization, the project conquered criticism by bringing the community along throughout construction. Learn how to communicate effectively with a limited budget, create an impactful impression with stakeholders and work collaboratively within your own organization to foster a better narrative for your project.

Organization Strategist - Career Progression

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm - **MONARCH**

Presented By: Christopher Montoya, Owner, Strategic Business Analytics, LLC

Hear how broad views and understanding of an organization's strategy through the lens of the CEO/ Municipality Manager, community/shareholders, and board members, along with personal progression can blend to accelerate your career and life.

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Monday, October 20

The Need for Holistic Decision-Making Data: A Citywide Journey to Achieve Better Infrastructure Levels of Service

1:55 pm - 2:45 pm - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Victoria Leonhardt, Senior Urban Transportation Planner and Will Jones, Deputy Public Works and Transportation Director, City of Greeley

Learn how the City of Greeley is enhancing public space and asset management by implementing citywide standards and leveraging GIS and AI technologies to deliver proactive customer service and track performance across multiple departments. See how centralizing data and processes within a GIS platform enables Greeley to maintain a real-time, comprehensive view of its infrastructure assets and public spaces while delivering efficient resource allocation, improved asset lifecycle tracking, and streamlined interdepartmental coordination. Plus, see how the city plans to further expand GIS to drive data-informed decision-making and optimize more.

Creating and Sustaining a Compassionate Workplace Culture

1:55 pm - 2:45 pm - **MONARCH**

Presented By: Belinda Butler-Veytia, Project Manager & Local Area Leader and Laura Hamilton, Associate Engineer, Olsson, Christi Wisleder, Public Works Engineering Subsector Lead and Gloria Lee, Land Development Lead-West, Merrick

This thought-provoking panel discussion explores how internalized assumptions and values can impact

workplace culture across the architectural, engineering, and construction (A/E/C) industry. Led by our panel with a range of experience and perspectives, we'll cover current terminology, the challenges with employee attraction and retention, how those assumptions and values influence actions, and thoughts around social identity and compassionate leadership. Additionally, we will delve into the panelists' personal experiences in understanding internal and social assumptions, awareness-raising, and championing compassion in their careers.

Wildlife Mitigation Studies in Colorado

3:00 pm - 3:50 pm - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Heather Coates, Biologist and Pam Wegener, Biologist, Pinyon Environmental, Inc.

Discover the approach used for developing, screening, prioritizing, and implementing wildlife crossings systems (i.e., overpasses and/or underpasses in combination with barriers such as fencing and guardrails). A case study for the Raton Pass corridor (Interstate 25 between mileposts 0 and 14) in Las Animas County will showcase how the team developed a prioritized ranking of nine potential crossings to advance to design and describe the guiding principles used for implementing the wildlife crossings systems in these corridors.

About Our Event Exhibitor Felsburg Holt & Ullevig

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Tuesday, October 21

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8:00 AM - 8:25 AM	Registration/Coffee	
8:30 AM - 9:25 AM	Blue Mesa Bridge Repair Project	
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9:30 AM - 10:20 AM	Public Works Visibility: How to Be Recognized as First Responders	CM/GC as a Tool to Manage Scope and Change in Multi-Agency Projects
10:25 AM - 11:15 AM	GLO Up: How Youth Are Transforming Public Outreach in Colorado	The New Norm - Upgrading Existing Infrastructure With Multiple Constraints and Challenges
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	BREAK - VISIT OUR EXHIBITORS	
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Colorado Chapter Annual Awards Luncheon & Closing Comments - GRAND BALLROOM	



About Our Event Exhibitor KLJ Engineering



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Tuesday, October 21

Blue Mesa Bridge Repair Project 8:30 am - 9:25 am - **GRAND BALLROOM**

Presented By: Rachel Spicer, Project Manager and James Newberry, Senior Construction Project Manager, Benesch

Learn how critical structural inspection findings led to an emergency closure and emergency repair of two steel bridges on US 50 over the Blue Mesa Reservoir outside Gunnison.

Public Works Visibility: How to Be Recognized as First Responders 9:30 am - 10:20 am - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Joubin Pakpour, Region 8 Director, National APWA Board, Pakpour Consulting Group, Inc.

Public Works Professionals have been referred to as the silent first responders. They are typically first to arrive after natural or manmade disasters, clearing the way for other first responders, and last to leave, long after the emergency is over. Yet many community members, elected officials and even other agency departments do not regard public works as first responders. Learn how to change that.

CM/GC as a Tool to Manage Scope and Change in Multi-Agency Projects 9:30 am - 10:20 am - **MONARCH**

Presented By: Will Abernathy, Project Manager, Kiewit Infrastructure Co. and James Newberry, Senior Construction Project Manager, Benesch
The E-470 widening is a \$315 million dollar roadway improvement project located in Adams and Denver Counties. Using the new E470 and Pena interchange portion of the project, you'll learn about the cost and operational efficiencies of the CMGC contract model for projects that impact multiple stakeholders, including how to successfully manage third party traffic flow, scope refinement, and budget and cost constraints.



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Tuesday, October 21

GLO Up: How Youth Are Transforming Public Outreach in Colorado

10:25 am - 11:15 am - **KEYSTONE & TELLURIDE**

Presented By: Charlie Pajares, Senior Project Manager and Bhavana Chauhan, Community Outreach Intern, Mile High Flood District and Oliver Webb, Youth Ambassador Lead

For the past four years, the Mile High Flood District's Grassroots Leadership Opportunities (GLO) Youth Ambassador Program has empowered young leaders from diverse Colorado communities to lead public outreach for capital improvement projects. Through equity-centered strategies and hands-on engagement, GLO has helped public works agencies build trust, increase participation, and connect with communities in meaningful ways. This session will share lessons learned from recent projects and demonstrate how youth-led outreach can support more inclusive and effective public engagement in today's evolving civic and infrastructure landscape.

The New Norm - Upgrading Existing Infrastructure With Multiple Constraints and Challenges

10:25 am - 11:15 am - **MONARCH**

Presented By: Jeanne Schley, Associate/Senior Transportation Engineer, Felsburg Holt & Ullevig, Mike Harmer, Engineering Specialist, City & County of Denver

With the aging of the country's existing infrastructure, many of today's projects like the City and County of Denver's "Broadway Arizona to Exposition & I-25 Interchange" require design and construction within constrained project corridors/limits. We'll cover the challenges of project clearances, design, and construction with multiple physical and outside influence constraints for this project that has been in planning, design, and construction since 2007.

APWA Colorado Chapter Annual Awards Luncheon and Closing Comments

11:30 am - 1:00 pm - **GRAND BALLROOM**



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