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The ASHE Potomac Section Newsletter

President's Message

I am grateful and honored to serve you as the 2024-2025 President of the ASHE Potomac Section. I've always enjoyed attending ASHE meetings to learn about industry news and it's also a great way to stay connected with industry colleagues who have moved on to different firms.

I originally ran for a position on the ASHE Potomac Board of Directors to work on my soft skills and public speaking. I also enjoyed connecting with new people in the highway industry. In the Spring of 2020, I was fortunate enough to be elected as Treasurer. While I was able to practice those skills, I found that being on the Board of Directors has given me many more opportunities than I expected. These have included: working on my leadership skills, making new friends and gaining access to mentors outside of my firm, learning about how a non-profit organization operates, and building my professional network to include Industry Leaders who help to move our industry forward. At times serving in leadership roles can be a lot of work, but it is also fulfilling and rewarding.

That said, we are beginning the election process for the 2025-2026 season. Be on the lookout for more information during our upcoming dinner meetings. We are usually most impressed by candidates that are active participants and attend our dinner meetings and Young Member events on a regular basis. Regardless of your career experience, applying for the Board of Directors is a great way to get engaged and help to promote the highway engineering community and develop mentors and great friendships.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our current Board of Directors and Gold Sponsors. ASHE is a volunteer organization, and without the hard work and dedication of our Board members we would not be able to host our numerous high caliber events. Our 14-person Board devotes significant time outside their normal day job to making the organization a success. I'd also like to thank our 27 current Gold Sponsor firms - your continued support contributes to our robust calendar of events on behalf of the industry. As ASHE is a non-profit, these contributions are our primary source of income and allow us to keep our dinner registration costs low to help encourage a more diverse attendance.

We are currently accepting scholarship applications for our Steve Evans Memorial Scholarship. All applications must be submitted by March 14th. We ask you to please encourage your summer interns to apply if they meet the qualifications. We have typically given \$2,000 to each recipient as a way to support local candidates making a difference in the highway industry. More information can be found on our website.

We were pleased to host VDOT, MDOT and DDOT as speakers for our fall dinner meetings. More than 150 people attended our VDOT meeting at their NOVA District office and DDOT was gracious enough to host us for the first time in DC. Having these meetings at client offices provides an opportunity and entices other staff to attend the meetings and learn more about ASHE. Our holiday party attendance numbers are growing, and we hosted our party in the grand ballroom again after many years. This year we offered complimentary tickets to our past speakers to encourage expanded networking opportunities and to show appreciation to those who support our organization. I was pleased that almost a dozen past speakers were in attendance allowing our members access to these Industry Leaders in a casual setting and fostering communication.

Building on the momentum of our Fall program, we look forward to offering our members a great lineup for Spring, including presentations from MWA, MDTA, and our annual locality roundtable event. We have a few additional special events in the works, but it's a little too early to announce them.

As we enter 2025, I hope to see you all at our upcoming dinner meetings and events. Your participation as a member is key to ASHE's success!

Jesse Glaser, P.E.
President, ASHE Potomac Section



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September 2024 Meeting Recap

VDOT NOVA District Leadership



On September 4, the **VDOT NOVA District** hosted ASHE Potomac and presented on a variety of topics related to the transportation industry in Northern Virginia. VDOT staff led sessions on the Megaprojects, planning and investment updates, maintenance efforts, traffic operations and 2024 project status updates. This was a very well attended evening. Stay tuned for our 2025 session.

Interesting topics covered include:

- SYIP (FY2025-FY2030)
- VTRANS, Project Pipeline, Smart Scale
- I-66 Express Lanes opening and performance
- I-495 SEL
- Route 1 Multimodal Improvements
- Route 28 Innovative Intersections
- I-495 NEXT
- Traffic Signal design QC
- VHSIP Expanded Program (FY2022-2027)
- New and Revised Traffic Division I&IMs
- FY24 Maintenance and Operations Budget
- NOVA District project development and contracting opportunities
- VHSIP Expanded Program

VDOT

Bill Cuttler, P.E.
District Engineer

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Megaprojects Director

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District Traffic Operations Deputy Director



[Presentation slides can be found here](#)



October 2024 Meeting Recap

MDOT



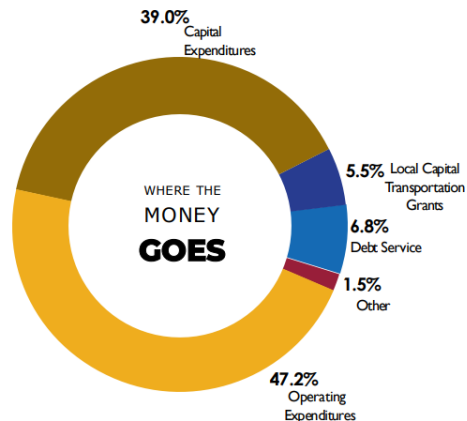
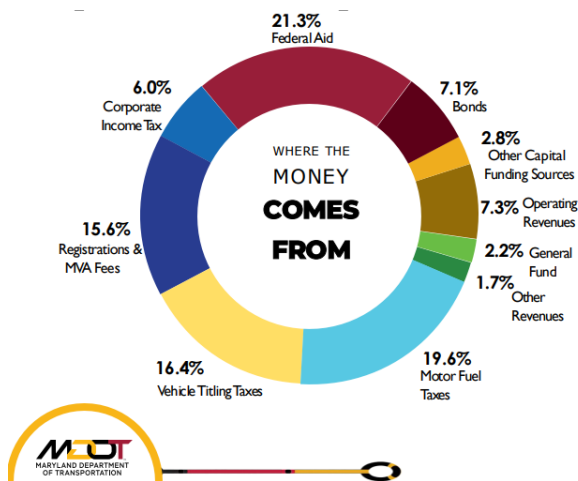
On October 9th **Joe McAndrew, MDOT Assistant Secretary for Project Development and Delivery**, provided an informative update on MDOT's program and upcoming contracting opportunities.

Joe McAndrew
Assistant Secretary for Project Development and Delivery

Topics Covered Include:

- ❖ Draft FY25-30 CTP
- ❖ Updated Complete Streets Policy
- ❖ Maryland Road Worker Protection Act of 2024
- ❖ Electric Vehicle Infrastructure
- ❖ Prioritization Process

DRAFT FY2025 – FY2030 CTP (\$ Millions)						
Modal Administrations		State Funds	Federal Funds	Other*	Total	Percent of Total
Transit	MTA	2,503.1	2,307.3	76.1	4,886.5	29.6
	WMATA	1,849.2	-	1,387.8	3,237.0	19.6
	Sub-Total	4,352.3	2,307.3	1,463.9	8,123.5	49.2
Roads and Bridges	SHA	1,295.5	4,086.0	290.0	5,671.5	34.3
Maritime	MPA	1,145.4	131.1	168.7	1,445.2	8.7
Aviation	MAA**	326.2	305.9	412.8	1,044.9	6.3
Service Modes	TSO	121.1	19.1	12.2	152.4	0.9
	MVA	95.9	-	-	95.9	0.6
	Sub-Total	217.0	19.1	12.2	248.3	1.5
Total		7,336.4	6,849.4	2,347.6	16,533.4***	100.00



[Presentation slides can be found here](#)



November 2024 Meeting Recap

Infrastructure Project Management Administration Program and Upcoming Opportunities

DDOT

Richard Kenney, P.E.
Chief Engineer

On November 13th DDOT hosted the ASHE Potomac section. **Mr. Richard Kenney**, Chief Engineer at DDOT, provided an update on **the FY 2025 Approved Budget and Financial Plan, District bridge rehabilitation projects and trail projects, DDOT realignment and more.**



Topics discussed included:

- moveDC
- IPMA Program
- Safety – MOT Guidelines for Pedestrians and Cyclists
- Project Opportunities
 - Near Term
 - Future
- Competitive Grant Funding
- DDOT realignment
- DC Plug
- Consultant Opportunities For Improvement



Source: DDOT Project Photos



Source: Burnham Place at Union Station 2012 Vision Document

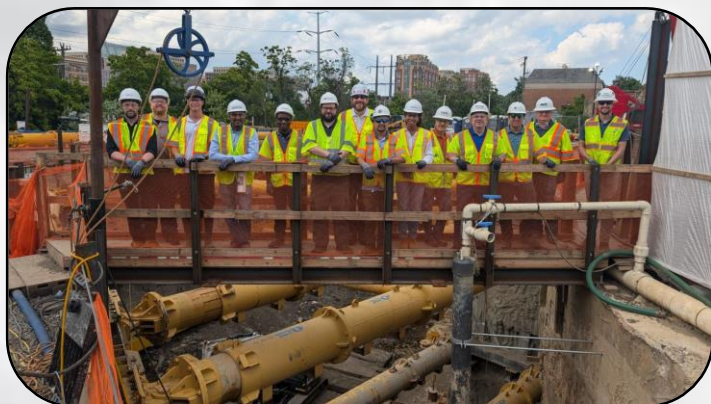


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Event Highlights.

AlexRenew Field Trip

Thank you to AlexRenew for hosting ASHE Potomac on July 10! Members learned about the current RiverRenew project and toured the active construction site.



Annual Baseball Night



Another great night at Nationals Park in August 21! Thank you to everyone who came out.



Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

ASHE Potomac participated in the Adopt a Highway cleanup on Route 29 on August 3.

Looking forward to another event!



December Meeting and Holiday Party

On Wednesday December 11th, ASHE Potomac wrapped up the year with an evening of merriment!

THANK YOU to our 2024 speakers for attending and our table sponsors WSP, Dulles Geotechnical and Materials Testing Services, Jacobs and PRIME AE Group, Inc.

**THANK
YOU**
to all who
donated to the
local food drive



Congratulations to team "VDOT is Hiring" for winning the Trivia Challenge!

See the Delineateaser for one of the tricky questions..





Young Member Ice Skating Event & Happy Hour

ASHE Young Members (and young at heart) enjoyed the brisk winter weather ice skating in Reston Town Center on January 29th.

Appetizers and networking followed at Maker's Union Pub!



Calling for Volunteers! ASHE 2026 National Conference

The 2026 National Conference will be in Washington D.C.

Volunteers are needed for various committees to help make this event the best one yet. If you are interested, please reach out to

Cerasela Cristei (ccristei@atcscorp.com)

or

Anis Shaikh (anis.shaikh@ice-eng.com)



Missed a meeting?

Don't worry. We understand...

We've got you covered!

Check out our website:

<http://potomac.ashe.pro/events.html>



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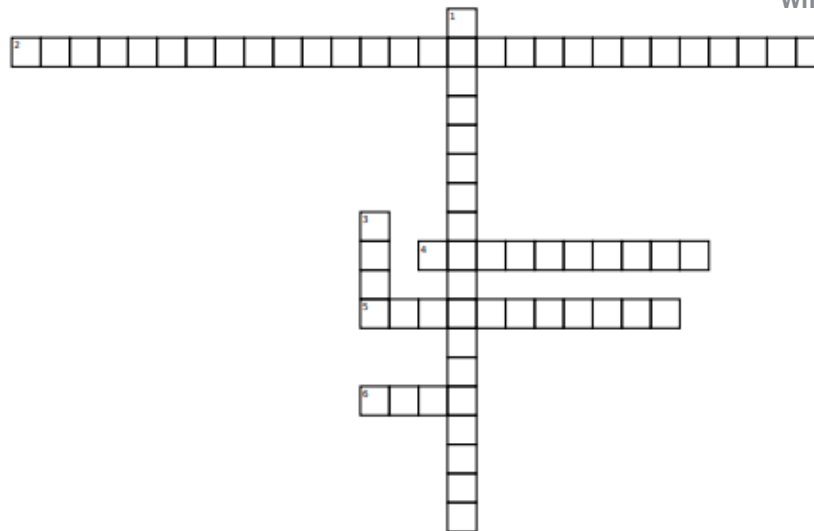
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Delineateaser

Winter 2025 Edition



Down:

1. What is ASHE hosting in 2026?
3. Which agency hosted ASHE Potomac this fall?

Across:

2. What is the name of the 180 mile National Scenic Byway in VA?
4. Which activity is ASHE hosting this winter?
5. How many gold sponsors does ASHE Potomac have?
6. How many table sponsors did ASHE Potomac have for the holiday party?



American Society of Highway Engineers Potomac Section

Thank You Gold Sponsors!



1. National Conference 2. Journey Through Hallowed Ground 3. DDOT 4. Ice skating 5. Twenty seven 6. Four

DO NOT SEE YOUR FIRM?

Interested in becoming a Gold Sponsor?

Contact Melvin Harvey, melvin.harvey@jacobs.com

Thanks to our Gold Sponsorship Program, ASHE Potomac has been able to:

- Increase funding for the Stephen M. Evans, P.E. Memorial Scholarship
- Provide Firm recognition and information to members
- Lower dinner charges for all ASHE Potomac Members
- Allow for reduced membership and dinner meeting charges for Public Sector members to promote their participation



More to come in Spring!