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The ASHE Potomac Section Newsletter

President's Message

What a year it's been for ASHE Potomac. This season saw real growth in attendance and participation, and that's a direct result of everyone who showed up, brought a colleague, and gave their time. At our core, we strive to bring industry together for a common goal — ASHE provides a forum for members and partners of the highway industry that supports education, innovation and fellowship, and promotes a safe and efficient transportation system for mobility now and in the future.

We kicked off with our Young Members Ice Skating Event in February, then kept the momentum going with monthly dinner meetings featuring **Sarah Husain, AICP (DRPT)**, **Gordon Dixon (VTCA)**, **Micah Ceary, Ph.D., PE, DBIA (VDOT)**, and our annual locality roundtable moderated by **Jason Stanford (NVTA)**, with representatives from Loudoun County, Prince William County, the City of Alexandria, and Howard County.

We also recognized National Work Zone Awareness Week, held our annual Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Club to support Steve Evans Memorial Scholarship program, and rolled up our sleeves for an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup along Route 29.

The highlight of the year was co-hosting the 2026 ASHE National Conference in Rockville, MD, celebrating 250 years of transportation infrastructure in our nation's capital. It was an especially proud moment when our own **Bill Cuttler, PE, District Engineer for Northern Virginia at VDOT**, received the **ASHE National Lifetime Achievement Award** on the Potomac Section's recommendation. Bill, you made us all proud!

None of this happens without our members and Gold Sponsors — thank you for your continued support. We were also proud to award **\$8,000** in scholarships to **Safiyah Nurse (Howard University)**, **Emily Sandt (Virginia Tech)**, **Sophie Depkin (University of Maryland)**, and **Christopher Jozwik (University of Maryland)**.

Looking ahead, our success depends on all of us — your membership, sponsorships, input, and participation. Keep showing up, and let's carry this momentum into next season.

Thank you for another tremendous year.

Mike Alemu, P.E.
 President, ASHE Potomac Section



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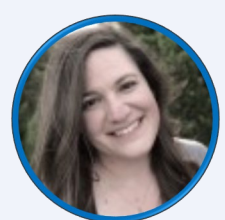
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February 2026 Meeting Recap

Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)



On February 11, **Sarah Husain**, director of Northern Virginia Transit programs, presented on a variety of topics related to DRPT.

DRPT

Sarah Husain, AICP
Director of Northern Virginia Transit Programs

Interesting topics covered include:

- Overview of DRPT
- Rail program funding
- DRPT Grant Programs
- FY2027 Six Year Improvement Program
- FY2027 Six Year Improvement Program Schedule
- Bench Contracts

Funding Provided by the FY2026 SYIP:

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION	\$406m
WMATA WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY	\$519m
VRE VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS	\$17m
RAIL (DRPT)	\$20m
TRANSFORMING RAIL IN VIRGINIA (VPRA)	\$245m





March 2026 Meeting Recap

Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance

VTCA

Gordon Dixon
Executive Vice President

On March 11th **Gordon Dixon**, Executive Vice President of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance, presented to ASHE Potomac and provided current updates on Virginia's transportation industry including key policy developments and issues impacting the industry.

Topics discussed included:

- Commonwealth Transportation Fund
- Highway Construction formula
- FY2026-2031 SYIP
- I-81 Corridor
- Growth in Fredericksburg
- WMATA, Transit and Northern VA
- Data Center tax
- VDOT's budget under pressure
- 2026 General Assembly
- Prevailing wage expansion
- Workforce and labor legislation
- Smart Scale
- Risk Register
- Gas Tax



VTCA
Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance



April 2026 Meeting Recap

VDOT Central Office Structure & Bridge Division



On April 8th **Micah Ceary**, Engineer Program Manager for VDOT Central Office Structure and Bridge division, presented on design standards, contracts, and upcoming opportunities. ASHE Potomac also participated in Work Zone Awareness week.

Micah Ceary, Ph.D., PE, DBIA
Engineer Program Manager

Topics Covered Include:

- ❖ CADD modernization
- ❖ RSCA Tool
- ❖ 3D grading
- ❖ IIM S&B 19
- ❖ Revised S&B forms
- ❖ PMO Revising Schedules
- ❖ Innovation – technology and processes
- ❖ Complex Bridges
- ❖ Bundling of SGR projects
- ❖ Rehabilitation projects
- ❖ Cost escalation risks
- ❖ Selection process for statewide on call contracts
- ❖ Staff Augmentation needs





May 2026 Meeting Recap

Locality Roundtable

On May 13, 2026, the ASHE Potomac Section held its annual Locality Roundtable dinner meeting. The event featured a dynamic panel of local transportation leaders who shared insights into their jurisdictions' current priorities, challenges, and upcoming infrastructure projects. Panelists included representatives from: Loudoun County, Prince William County, City of Alexandria and Howard County (MD). The discussion was moderated by Jason Stanford of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance. Attendees enjoyed an engaging conversation and productive Q&A session that highlighted regional collaboration opportunities in transportation planning and development.

Thank you to all our panelists and members who attended!

Moderator: Jason Stanford – President, Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTa)

Panelists:

- Marie Caraballo, PMP – Loudoun County
- Paolo Belita, P.E. – Prince William County
- Christopher Ziemann, AICP – City of Alexandria
- Clarence Dickerson, P.E. – Howard County (MD)



2026 Stephen “Steve” Evans Scholarship

Safiyah Nurse

Howard University



Emily Sandt

Virginia Tech



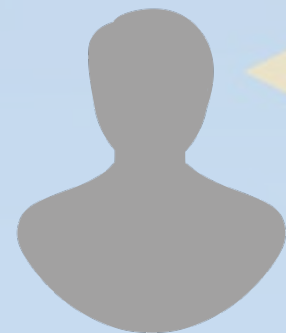
Sophie Depkin

University of Maryland



Christopher Jozwik

University of Maryland



At the ASHE Potomac May Meeting, we were proud to award this year's scholarships. We received close to 25 strong applications from 6 different schools, and awarded a total of \$8,000 to 4 exceptional students, \$2,000 each. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients, including **Safiyah Nurse**, **Emily Sandt**, **Sophie Depkin** and **Christopher Jozwik**!



American Society of Highway Engineers
Potomac Section PRESENTS THE..

2026 STEVE EVANS MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Westfields Golf Club
13940 Balmoral Greens Ave,
Clifton, VA 20124



**Wednesday,
April 29, 2026**
Mega Putt Contest: 7:30AM
Shotgun Start: 8:00AM



Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, and supported the ASHE Potomac Section Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Club. Your participation made the event a tremendous success!

We're grateful for such a strong turnout and the continued support from our community.





The **American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE)** held its **2026 National Conference** from **May 27–31, 2026**, at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center in Rockville, Maryland — just outside Washington, D.C.

Hosted jointly by the **Potomac** and **Chesapeake** Sections, the conference celebrated **250 years of transportation infrastructure and innovation** in the nation's capital. It brought together hundreds of transportation engineers, planners, consultants, contractors, and public officials from across the United States.



Key Highlights & Activities:

Technical Sessions & PDHs — Numerous concurrent sessions covering the latest in highway design, construction, sustainability, innovation, and policy.

Distinguished Speakers — Presentations from leaders at FHWA, VDOT, MDOT, DDOT, and other federal, state, and local agencies.

Exhibitor Expo — Showcasing cutting-edge technologies, products, and services in the highway industry.

Technical Tours — Site visits to major local and national transportation projects.

Networking & Social Events — Including the ASHE Awards Luncheon, Friday Night Dinner (Spy Museum), Saturday Night Gala, and various receptions.

Golf Outing and guest tours (Great Falls, National Archives, Udvar-Hazy Center, etc.).

Pearson Award — Bill Cuttler, P.E. (VDOT Northern Virginia District Engineer) was a notable recipient, recommended by the Potomac Section.









**ADOPT
A
HIGHWAY**

Volunteers Cleaning Virginia
1-800-PRIDE-VA

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup

Route 29 - Lee Highway (Gallows Road to Blake Lane)

When: Saturday June 6th, from 9 AM - 12 PM
(Rain Date): Sunday June 7th, same time

Where: Walgreens 3050A Nutley St. Fairfax, VA 22031

Post Cleanup Meetup: Lost Dog Cafe, 2729 Merrilee Dr, Fairfax, VA 22031

Come join ASHE Potomac for the cleanup of our Adopt-A-Highway Segment!

Please contact Jesse Glasser if your kids under the age of 18 are planning to attend.

Additional information will be provided on where to park and details of the required safety meeting.

Contact information: jesse.glasser@volkert.com



Missed a meeting?

Don't worry. We understand...

We've got you covered!

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



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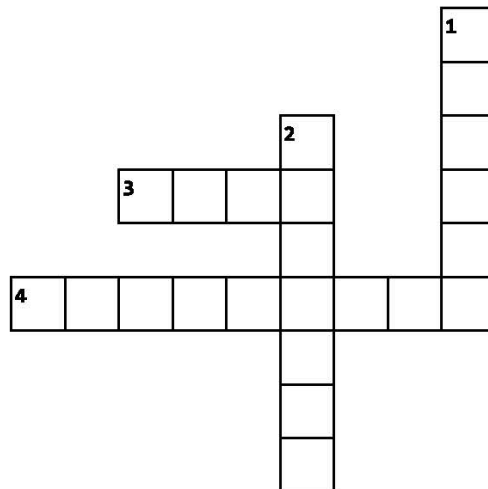
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Summer 2026 Edition



Across

3. The organization that was presented at the March 2026 meeting
4. Golf club where the golf tournament happened

Down

1. The Maryland County that was invited to the annual locality roundtable
2. First name of scholarship winner from university of Howard University



American Society of Highway Engineers

Potomac Section

Thank You Gold Sponsors!



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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