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The ASHE Potomac Section Newsletter

President's Message

I am honored to serve as the 2025-2026 President of the ASHE Potomac Section and sincerely thank our members, sponsors, presenters, and Board for their continued dedication and support. Building on the strong momentum of recent years, our Section remains focused on delivering high-quality programs, strengthening professional connections, and supporting the transportation industry across the region.

Over the past year, our program began with the VDOT Annual ASHE Meeting at the NOVA District Office, followed by informative meetings hosted at DDOT, our well-attended November Dinner Meeting featuring the City of Alexandria, and our Holiday Party at Westwood Country Club. These events brought together public- and private-sector professionals and reinforced ASHE Potomac's role as a forum for meaningful technical exchange, collaboration, and networking. In addition to our dinner meetings, we continued to expand member engagement through social networking events, including our Fall Hike at Bears Den, designed to strengthen connections among members. Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to kick off the year with our Ice Skating and Happy Hour social in January, followed by our February dinner meeting featuring the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation's Northern Virginia Transit Programs. Our upcoming programs include VDOT Central Office S&B, a Transit Roundtable, continued 'Young' Members events, participation in the VDOT Adopt-a-Highway program, and Stephen M. Evans Memorial Scholarship awards, which supports students pursuing careers in the transportation industry. We are encouraged by the increase in new member participation and growth in Gold Sponsorship. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and express sincere appreciation to our existing members, sponsors, and partners for their continued support. I would also like to thank our Board members for their active contributions and commitment, which are essential to the success of our Section.

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. I look forward to another successful year and hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued involvement and support of the ASHE Potomac Section.

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



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September 2025 Meeting Recap

VDOT NOVA District Leadership



On September 10, 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 2025 project status updates. This was a very well attended evening. Stay tuned for our 2026 session.

Interesting topics covered include:

- I-495 Southside Express Lanes Study
- VTRANS, Project Pipeline, Smart Scale
- I-66 Rosslyn Tunnel Rehabilitation
- Rolling Rd. Widening Phase 2
- Fairfax County Parkway
- Popes Head Road Interchange
- Route 29 Widening
- I-95 at Route 123 in Woodbridge
- Project Dashboard Summaries
- Structures and Bridge Projects
- NOVA District project development and contracting opportunities
- VHSIP Expanded Program
- VA MUTCD version 11.0

VDOT

Bill Cuttler, P.E.
District Engineer

Jon Dowell
NOVA Infrastructure Manager

Denise Cantwell, P.E.
District Construction Engineer

Terry Yates, P.E.
District Project Development Engineer

Jessica Paris, P.E.
District Project Operations Engineer

[Presentation slides can be found here](#)





October 2025 Meeting Recap

DDOT Infrastructure Project Management Administration Program and Upcoming Opportunities

On October 8th DDOT hosted the ASHE Potomac section. **Mr. Richard Kenney**, Chief Engineer at DDOT, with **Sandra Marks**, **Ali Shakeri**, and **Sara Delmonico** provided an update on a variety of interesting topics.

DDOT

Richard Kenney, P.E.
Chief Engineer

Sandra Marks
Chief Project Delivery Officer

Ali Shakeri
Program Manager

Sara Delmonico
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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

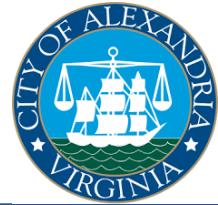


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November 2025 Meeting Recap

City of Alexandria

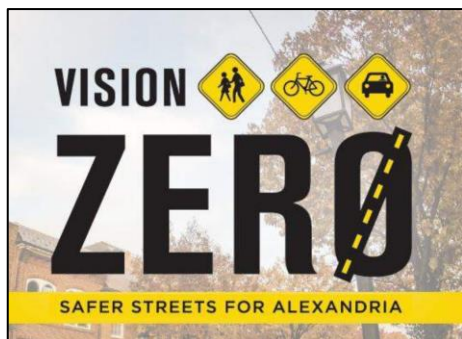


On November 12th **Chris Ziemann**, Transportation Planning Division Chief at City of Alexandria, presented on a variety of topics related to the transportation industry in the City.

Chris Ziemann, AICP
Transportation Planning Division Chief

Topics Covered Include:

- ❖ Safe Routes to School
- ❖ Transit Routes
- ❖ Complete Streets
- ❖ Vision Zero
- ❖ Bus Stop Program
- ❖ Alexandria Mobility Plan
- ❖ Smart Mobility
- ❖ Adaptive Traffic Signal Control
- ❖ SMART Roadway Project
- ❖ Project Updates



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December Meeting and Holiday Party

On December 17th, ASHE Potomac wrapped up the year with an evening of merriment!

THANK YOU to our 2025 speakers for attending, our table sponsors, and our auction prize donors!





Register for the event at
<https://www.2026conference.ashe.pro/ashe-2026-national-conference>

Calling for Exhibitors!

Exhibit booths are available!

Contact Deniz Caradeniz at
2026conference@ashe.pro
for more information

Sponsorship Opportunities!

A wide range of sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from social events to meals, golf outings, and company branded giveaways.

See the event website for more information.

Event Highlights. .

Hike and Happy Hour

Thank you to everyone who joined for the Hike and Happy Hour at Bears Den and Bear Chase Brewing!



Annual Baseball Night

Another great night at Nationals Park on August 6!
Thank you to everyone who came out!

A promotional poster for a baseball game. At the top, there are five red chevrons pointing right and five black chevrons pointing left. Below these are the ASHE Potomac logo (a shield with a blue and red design) and the Washington Nationals logo (a red circle with a white 'W'). A baseball is centered between the two logos. The main text in a large, stylized font reads "ASHE POTOMAC Baseball Night". Below this, two baseball bats are crossed. At the bottom, it says "ATHLETICS" and "NATIONALS" with five stars on either side, followed by "WEDNESDAY AUGUST 6TH, 2025 @ 6:45PM". At the very bottom, it says "NATS PARK" and "1500 S. CAPITOL STREET WASHINGTON D.C., D.C. 20003".



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 Craffhouse!



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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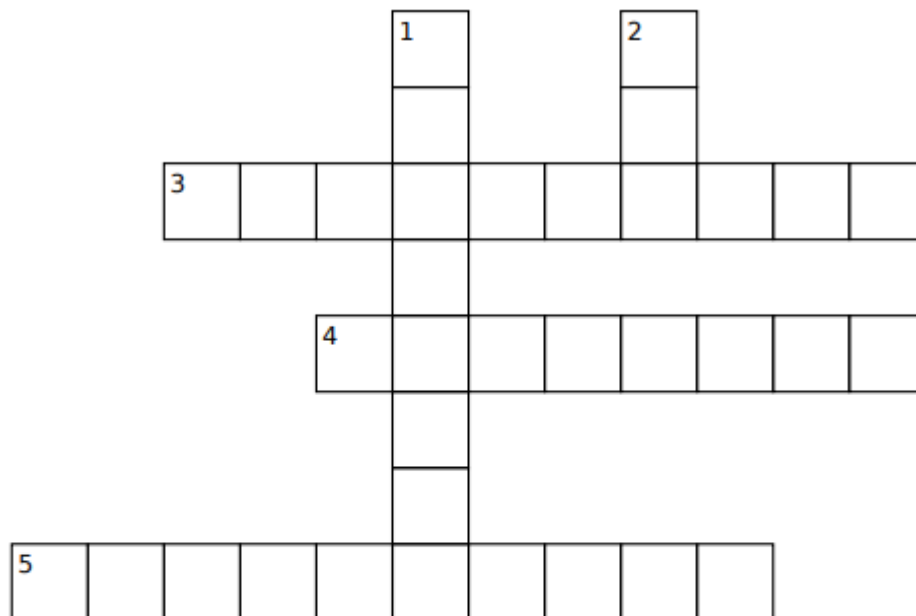
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Winter 2026 Edition



Down:

1. Where is the national conference in 2026?
2. How many organizations hosted ASHE meetings this fall?

Across:

3. An activity at the holiday party
4. Where did ASHE young members hike this fall?
5. Which activity did ASHE host this winter?



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Thank You Gold Sponsors!



1. Bethesda 2. Two 3. Photo Booth 4. Bears Den 5. Ice Skating

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Interested in becoming a Gold Sponsor?

Contact Melvin Harvey, mharvey@cuberootcorp.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