



TALKING POINTS

August 2025

US GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

» The APWA Government Affairs team is prepping for PWX! Join us at any one—or all—of our events in Chicago this month:

August 18: Annual Legislative Update, 8 a.m.

August 18: Government Affairs Committee Happy Hour Jam, 4 p.m.

August 19: Regulatory Roundtable (New!), 9:45 a.m.

- » The APWA *Washington Report* will not publish in August, as members of Congress will be home. Take some time to reach out to them or attend a town hall to share what is going on with public works in your community. Need help with contact information? Reach out to APWA Government Affairs.
- » Get the latest APWA Government Affairs advocacy updates, commentary, and interaction with followers on [X](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

FEATURED EDUCATION: PWX 2025

In The Driver's Seat with the Experts

Tuesday, August 19, 2025
3:30–4:20 p.m.



Join us as we wrap up the first year of this new program series featuring experienced professionals in public works sharing what they have learned about leadership, management, and supervision challenges and why they are passionate about the public works profession. If you missed any of the online series or want to learn more from these experts, come listen to our in-person panel featuring Mary Joyce Ivers, Dan Schacher, and Bo Mills.

[Click here](#) for a complete listing of featured education at PWX 2025.

MEMBERSHIP

30,355

ACCREDITATION

- » Wildwood, Florida Public Works Department
1st accreditation
- » Orange County, California Public Works Department
4th accreditation

New! AI in Pubic Works Webpage

Artificial intelligence (AI) is reshaping how cities operate and serve their residents. This [webpage](#) is designed to introduce public works professionals to the growing world of AI in their field and provide accessible educational resources to help demystify AI.

Quick Links

[Focus on Public Works](#) | [Tell Your Story](#) | [Education/Credentialing Center](#) | [Technical Committees](#) | [Groups and Committees](#) | [Council of Chapters](#) | [Washington Report](#) | [Legislative Action Center](#) | [Ottawa Report](#)

CONFERENCES

PWX 2025: Pop in for a Day, Pop in for a Few! August 17–20, 2025

August is upon us—and so is PWX 2025! If you haven't made plans to attend and you're short on time, we've got you covered. There are many ways to engage at PWX 2025 in Chicago—from full-day to student registrations to expo-only passes and so much more.

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register today!

Present at the 2026 Snow Conference April 26–29, 2026

The 2026 Snow Conference call for presentations is open! Share your knowledge, experiences, and vision at the 2026 North American Snow Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, April 26–29, 2026. The deadline for proposal submission is **October 3, 2025**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

WEBINARS

Managing Public Art in the Right-of-Way August 7, 2025

Managing public art installations in the right-of way comes with unique challenges. Join us for a live virtual program providing an in-depth look at how the City of Indianapolis oversees its public art program, from initial planning to long term maintenance.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Fleet's Critical Role in Disaster Response and Recovery September 18, 2025

This live virtual program will equip fleet professionals with critical knowledge needed to effectively support emergency operations during a wide range of disaster scenarios, including floods, hurricanes, wildfires, and ice storms.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Facilities and Grounds Management, Public Fleet Management August 20, 2025 at PWX in Chicago!

Area professionals not attending the full PWX program in Chicago can register for these certificate programs as stand-alone events through PWX registration. PWX attendees can add these programs to their full PWX registration. [Click here](#) to view your options and to register.

The Public Fleet Management Certificate is designed for fleet managers (including aspiring fleet managers) and division leads or directors who seek a better understanding of fleet operations. The Facilities and Grounds Management Certificate provides training and real-life experiences in the areas of ADA compliance, grounds maintenance, preventative maintenance, capital improvement planning, and more.

CERTIFICATION

The Certified Stormwater Manager program is being updated. A job task analysis (JTA) is underway and will result in an updated content outline for the program. A JTA identifies the specific actions required to successfully perform the job of a stormwater manager, and the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to accomplish those tasks. The JTA is expected to be completed by September 2025.