

NACE Membership Benefits

What is NACE?

The National Association of County Engineers, NACE is a nonprofit, non-partisan professional association in its sixth decade representing county engineers and professional road managers. Our over 1,900 members consist of county engineers, highway superintendents, road masters, parish engineers, road supervisors, highway administrators, transportation directors, public works directors, road operations managers, and other titles for professional road and bridge managers.

Nationwide, local roads account for about 75% of the nation's highways and roads (about 2.93 million miles). Counties manage about 1.74 million miles of those roads while cities and townships account for another 1.19 million miles. Counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate one third of the nation's transit systems. This is important to remember not only because of the large mileage but also because just about all travel of people and goods starts and ends on local roads. Thus, local roads are a vital element of our nation's highway system. *Local Roads Matter!*

NACE has 4 Prime Objectives:

1. To advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public.
2. To foster and stimulate growth of individual state orgs. of county engineers and county road officials.
3. To improve relations and the spirit of cooperation among county engineers and other agencies.
4. To monitor national legislation affecting county transportation/public works departments and through NACo, provide NACE's legislative opinions.

MEMBER BENEFITS

- **County Engineer Voice on Capitol Hill**
 - NACE Legislative Alert Program
 - Work with NACo (elected officials) on specific issues of interest to members
 - Support visiting local or state delegations to Washington
 - Work with state affiliates on local issues related to national regulatory/legislative issues
 - Alliances and coalitions on national legislative/regulatory issues (i.e. Local Officials for Transportation, Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition)
- **Communicating Needs/Issues/Information to Members**
 - NACE monthly newsletter
 - NACE bi-weekly Leadership updates
 - NACE Website
- **Education and Training for Members**
 - NACE annual conference & exposition

- 18 Action and 7 Training Guides (now on CD) and 16 Videos
 - Outreach training efforts at state affiliate level (i.e. Safety awareness programs)
 - Active partnering agreements with FHWA, AASHTO, U. S. Forest Service, National LTAP Association, ATSSA, & National Center for Pavement Preservation in the development of training materials and its deployment.
 - NACE List service program for member communications on technical issues
 - Technical Committees addressing specific technical programs and training
- **Standards/Guideline Development**
 - Participation on national efforts AASHTO/FHWA committees & task forces on federal aid program best practices; crafting retroreflectivity guidelines for signs and pavement markings, research and technology, technology deployment, winter maintenance policy and best practices, geometric design, Low Volume Roads, National Concrete Pavement Technology Center Advisory Board, National Center for Excellence in Rural Safety Advisory Committee, and National Center for Pavement Preservation.
 - Participation on national efforts with NACo to craft policy and guidelines on GIS, Sustainability & Smart Growth, Rural Transportation Planning, Information Technology, Programs & Services, IntelliDrive, etc.
 - Participation on Transportation Research Board National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) panels on a myriad of technical projects.
- **Boosting the County Engineer Image**
 - Participation on national committees (i.e. National Committee on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, AASHTO committees on Geometric Design, Winter Maintenance Policy, Traffic Highway Safety, etc.
 - Sponsor of Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day& National Work Zone Awareness Week
 - Advisory Board membership on Roadway Safety Foundation and National Center for Pavement Preservation & National Pavement Preservation
 - Cooperating with FHWA on future workforce issues and needs
- **Focus on Ethics and Public Outreach**
 - Action Guides and NACE Newsletter
- **NACE Benefits and Networking Opportunities**
 - Directory of Members
 - Networking at annual conference and through NACE List Service Program
 - Maintaining liaisons with ASCE, ARTBA, ATSSA, AAA Safety Foundation, ITE, Roadway Safety Foundation, Transportation Research Board and APWA