

# National Association of County Engineers

“The Voice of County Road Officials”



# What is NACE?

- ▣ Nonprofit, non-partisan professional association
- ▣ Representing over 1,900 members since 1956.
- ▣ Roads - about 1.74 million miles by counties.
- ▣ Bridges - counties also own 231,000 bridges and operate 1/3 of the nation's transit systems.

# NACE – More Than Engineers, County Road Professionals Titles:

- \* County Engineer \* Highway Superintendent
  - \* Road & Bridge Superintendent
  - \* Parish Engineer \* Road Supervisor
  - \* Commissioner of Public Works
- \* Highway Administrator \* Transportation Director
  - \* Road Operations Manager
- \* Public Works Director \* Highway Commissioner
  - \* Engineer-Manager Road Commission
  - \* Road Master \* Road Administrator

# NACE Officers 2013-2014



# NACE Board of Directors

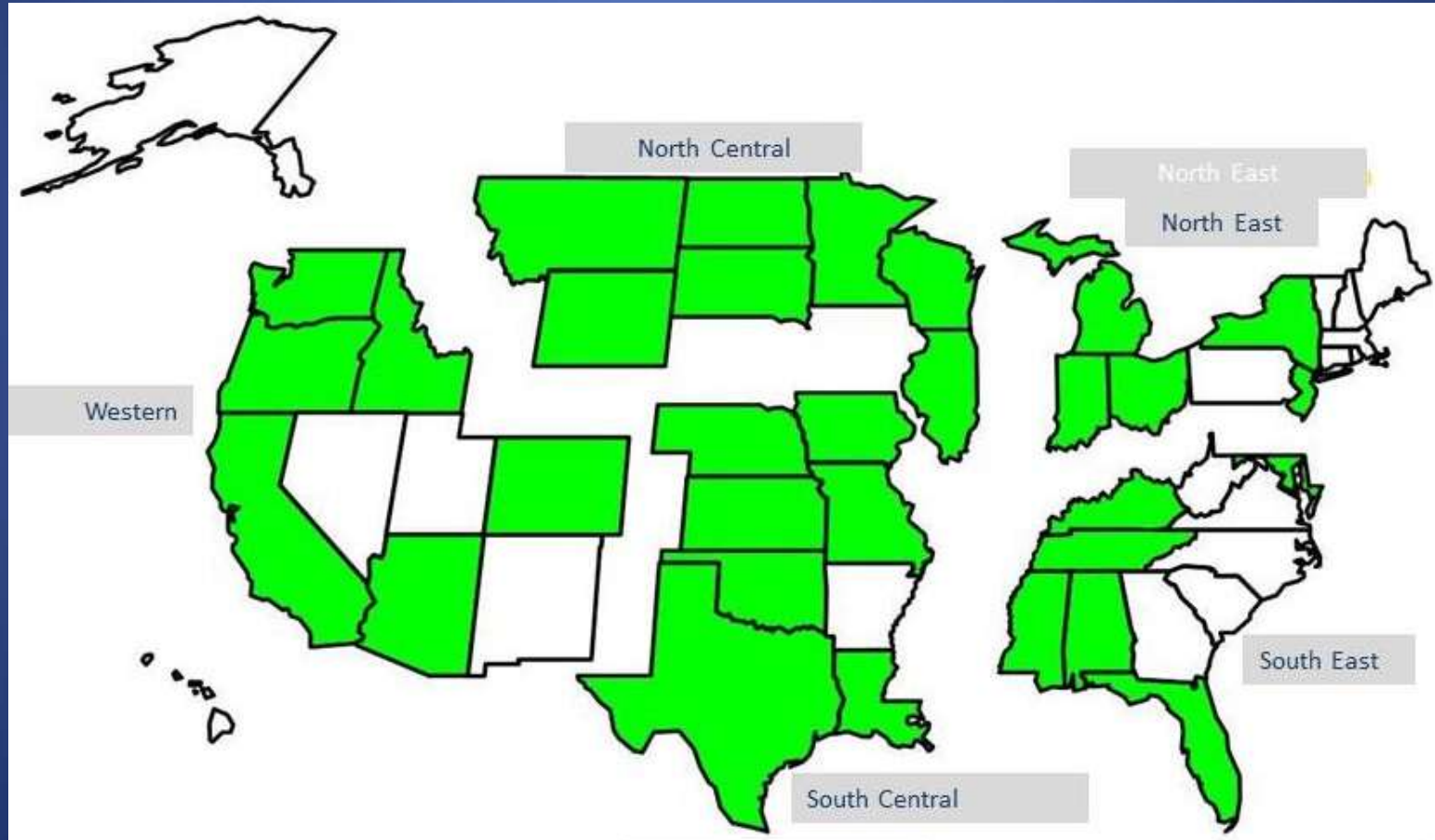


# NACE Prime Objectives:

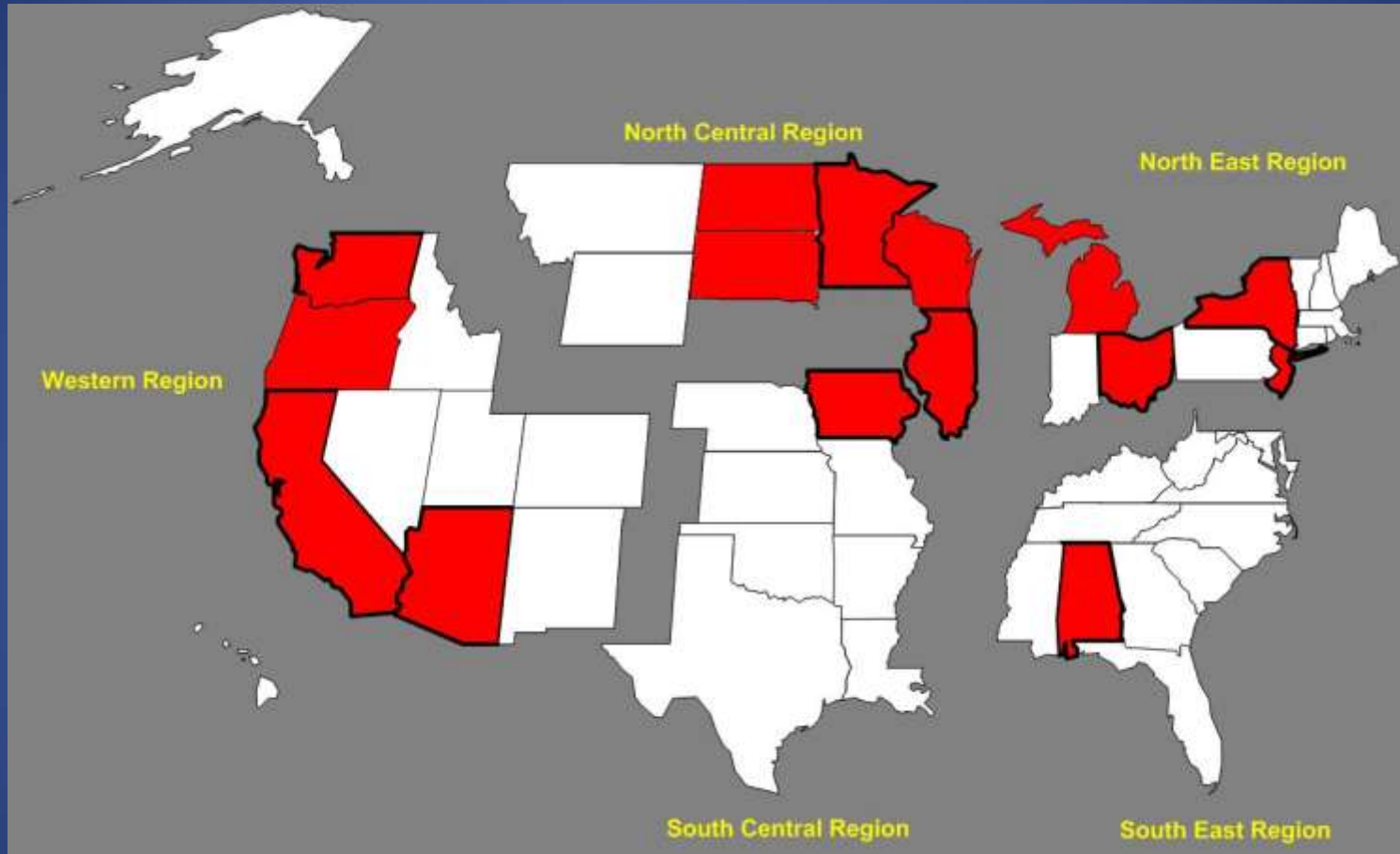
- To advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public.
- To foster and stimulate the growth of individual state organizations of county engineers and county road officials.
- To improve relations and the spirit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

# Regions & State Affiliates

(31 State Affiliates Shown in Green)



# NACE 100% States



15 100% states (red):

AL, AZ, CA, IL, IA,  
MI, MN, ND, NJ, NY,  
ND, OH, OR, WA, WI



# Networking



*Meeting people you can count on and having a little fun.*

# Conferences

*Delivering best practices and the latest technology at national and regional meetings.*

- General sessions and technical sessions on issues important to you.
- Acquire information to optimize your county's resources.
- Exhibit show – latest & greatest.

# Conference Scenes



# Advocacy

*Representing county engineers and professional road managers nationally.*

- Local Roads Matter! Campaign Launched
- Legislative Priorities - NACE and NACo
- Testimony before Congress
- Visits on the Hill and Legislative Fly-ins
- Information and Alerts for individual call to action
- Works with other groups such as the Local Officials for Transportation (LOT) coalition as well as the Roadway Infrastructure Safety Coalition (RISC)



# NACE Website



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## Visit Local Roads Matter!



## Calendar at a Glance

- 10/24/2011 Oregon Association of County Engineers and Surveyors (OACES) Fall Conference  
Bend, OR
- 10/25/2011 Missouri Association of County Transportation Officials (MACTO) Conference  
Kansas City, MO - KCI Expo Center
- 10/25/2011 Midwestern Pavement Preservation Partnership (MPPP)  
Bismark, ND
- 10/26/2011 Texas Association of County Engineers and Road Administrators (TACERA) Conference  
San Antonio, TX.



## News

E-news - biweekly for the latest information on legislation and regulatory issues, upcoming conferences-webinars, information on new publications, resource links and more (sign-up required on website).

NACE News - monthly publication for NACE members has current issues and member information in addition to articles of interest by NACE board members and committee members (be sure NACE has your current email address).



## Legislation

NACE is "The Voice of County Road Officials" You can view the NACE legislative priorities and the latest on Legislative and Regulatory issues and efforts!

Visit your members of Congress and tell them "Local Roads Matter!" see tips under communication with congress.



## Upcoming Events

It's time to register for

NACE 2012 in

Lexington, Kentucky

April 1-5, 2012

Conference registration is now open!



## Member Info

See the new NACE membership video above and Join NACE to support "The Voice of County Road Officials"

NACE members include: county engineer, highway superintendent, public works director, highway commissioner, road manager, and many more titles - the goal is safe, efficient roads and bridges. See [Membership](#).

Corporate members expand their marketing efforts by taking advantage of member benefits such as exclusive newsletter ads,

# Local Roads Matter! website

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## Local Road Matter

Our nation's local roads are critical to every facet of our lives. Safe and efficient roads and bridges are necessary for economic vitality, to revitalization, to schools, to trade, to healthcare, to business, in times of crisis, to families and to our overall quality of life. Join our campaign and let our country know that Local Roads Matter!



Click [here](#) to hear directly from NACE past President Chris Bausermann, PE, PS, County Engineer, Delaware Co, OH as he highlights the importance of the "Local Roads Matter" campaign.

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# NACE Officers Testify Before Congress



NACE President, George Webb, and President-elect, Sue Miller, testifying at U.S. House of Representatives Transportation & Infrastructure Committee on Bridge Deficiencies and Needs on Local Roads (Sept. 2007).

# Legislative Priorities

## 1. Making Local Roads Safer

**Safety Program “Toward Zero Deaths” policy goal reduction of fatalities and serious injuries by ½ over the next transportation authorization.**

**Improve the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and the ability of greater access to and assured funding from it for local road safety improvements.**

**Support the High Risk Rural Road Program (HRRR) and \$1 billion program over the authorization.**

**Implement Project Streamlining for Low Cost Safety Projects.**

## 2. Implement Project Streamlining on All Federal-aid Projects.



# Legislative Priorities

## **3. Enhance the set aside for Federal Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program (HBRRP).**

**Raise the current limit for off-system bridges from a minimum of 15% to a new minimum limit of 25% or greater unless the State DOT and State Association representing local interests mutually agree (formally) to another method.**

## **4. Raise Federal Gas Tax**

**Support raising the federal gas tax an additional 10 cents in the next authorization to achieve a \$73 billion program by 2015.**

**Support increase federal revenues to meet the above goals. NACE opposes the use of rescissions of unobligated highway contract authority as a means to offset highway related or non highway related budget activities.**

# NACE Ohio State Director Testifies Before Congress



David P. Brand P.E., P.S. County Engineer Madison County, OH testifies before the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee on S. 1876, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 2007 (April 9, 2008).

# Other Legislative Issues:

- **Expand funding for the Local Technical Assistance Program.**
- **Support for the principals in the Metropolitan Congestion Relief Act.**
- **Remain opposed to change the definition of the Clean Water Act from “navigable waters” to “waters of the United States.”**
- **Remain opposed to issuance by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) of any standard on performance measurement.**
- **Support greater use of automated traffic law enforcement.**
- **Support the use of motorcycle safety programs.**
- **Support increased use of renewable and alternative fuels programs.**
- **Oppose any increases in vehicle size and weights unless set-aside funding is provided for the improvement of all roads.**

# U.S. Secretary of Transportation



Phil Demery, Sonoma County Public Works Director, Valerie Brown, Sonoma County Vice Chair, Ray LaHood, Suzanne Smith, Sonoma County Transportation Authority Executive Director

# NACE 2012 Conference

NACE Leadership & FHWA Administrator Victor Mendez



# Staying Up-to-Date

*Communicating vital information, ideas, and available resources.*

- E-News Updates
- Monthly newsletters - NACE News
- NACE Website [www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org)

# Research & Information

*Supplying specific answers to specific questions.*

- Research of special subject areas such as bridge standards, best practices, consultant selection, capital programming, road benchmarking, and a multitude of other subjects.
- The NACE list service provides an easy venue to ask your colleagues about how they “solved” issues you face.

# Technical Assistance and Training

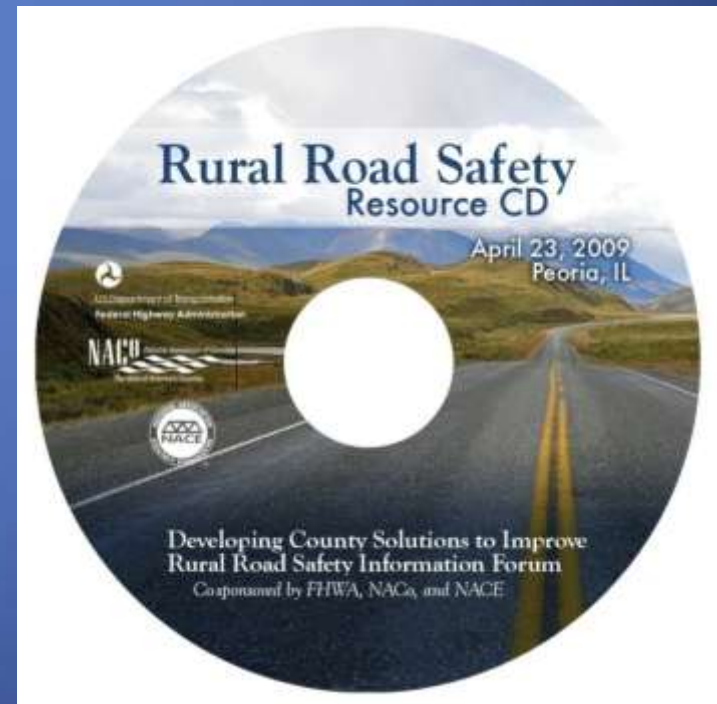
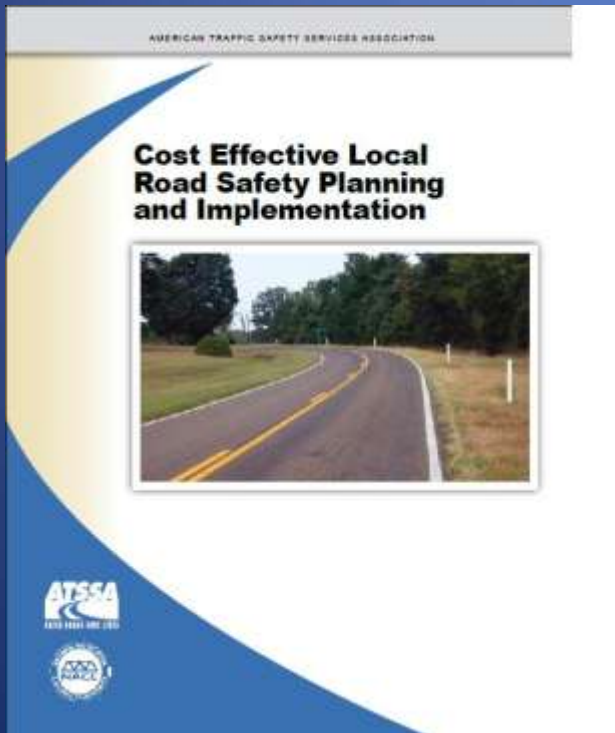
*Exploring the best way to deploy technologies and information.*

- The NACE list service provides an easy venue to ask your colleagues about how they “solved” issues you face.
- Full catalog of training publications available in print, on CD, and on the members only section of website.
- Local & Tribal Technical Assistance Program (LTAP/TTAP) centers in every state to promote expanded and state-of-the-art training.
- Other Partners (AASHTO, ATSSA, FHWA, Forest Service, NCPP, NACo) and NACE Corporate members.



# National Partnerships

*Working with others to promote better communication within the industry.*



# Professionalism



# 2011 -2012 Accomplishments

- Successfully influenced the passage of MAP-21
- Along with NACo, responsible for maintaining the 15% set aside for off-system bridges
- Worked directly with FHWA Administrator Mendez for a LPA initiative in EDC2
- Working to implement a Toward Zero Deaths vision for Counties

# MAP-21

- Off-System Bridge Program Maintained (STP)
- Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
  - Doubles available safety funds
- Performance Management – establishes national performance goals for Federal highway programs
- Federal Lands Access Program
  - \$250,000,000 each year for FY2013 and FY2014

# EDC2 - LPA Initiative

- Certification/qualification-type programs
- Indefinite-Delivery/Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) Consultant Contracts, and Stakeholder Committees.
- "Stakeholder Committee" comprised of FHWA, STA and LPA representatives to ensure dialogs of understanding are created, to ensure appropriate training is provided, and to review and refine project development and delivery processes.

# Toward Zero Deaths (TZD)

- Member of the TZD Steering Committee
- Work with Counties to adopt a TZD Vision
- Implementation program for Counties
- Provide the list of successful strategies for TZD

# TZD Implementation

- **Formal Adoption**
- **Establishment of Inter-Departmental and/or Inter-Agency work group**
- **Participation in SHSPs**
- **Review and consideration of all identified strategies (high impact, time frame, etc)**
- **Commitment to data collection and analysis**
- **Development of Local Safety Improvement Plans**
- **Continuing Education**

# How can you get involved?

- ▣ Get Active in NACE Committees, task forces, or volunteer for national committees, studies, etc.
- ▣ Sign up for NACE List service programs. Share your experience and help other colleagues.
- ▣ Stay informed on Federal & State Legislative/Regulatory Issues – Join the NACE Alert.
- ▣ Establish communications and relationships with Federal, state, and local elected officials in your State. Take the “Local Roads Matter!” message to them.
- ▣ Get Active in your State Association by volunteering for committees, task forces, etc.



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