

# Draft Conference Agenda 57<sup>th</sup> NARC Annual Conference & Exhibition

Sunday, June 4 through Wednesday, June 7

Westin Book Cadillac Detroit  
1114 Washington Blvd. Detroit, MI 48226

## DRAFT AGENDA

**\*\* We are in the process of updating our agenda and confirming speakers. We will continue to update the agenda regularly. Listed times are tentative and subject to change. \*\***

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Registration Open and Exhibitor Setup**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Mobile Workshop – The Henry Ford Museum**

Take a tour through Detroit’s automotive past, present, and future. Whether this is your first time in Detroit or you are a return visitor, the Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation is a must-see destination. The Henry Ford Museum showcases the achievements of some of America’s greatest minds. Along the way, you will also see Ford’s Michigan Central Station campus where Ford is reimagining its business for a new century as it turns to Detroit’s oldest neighborhood as a launchpad for its future mobility plans. Transportation and museum entrance included.

*Pre-registration is required. \$95 per person. Non-registered spouse and personal guests are welcome to participate*

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**Mobile Workshop – Connecting Detroit to Ferndale: Walking & Biking Tour of Livernois Corridor**

Join a walking and biking tour of one of Detroit’s most exciting corridor redevelopments. The historic “Avenue of Fashion” has been reimagined to highlight the rich American jazz legacy and African American cultural heritage that has shaped the arts and businesses of Livernois Avenue. The tour will travel across 8 Mile into the bustling City of Ferndale and include a walking tour of the Great American Main Street and is a destination known for art, music and DIY culture, offering independent shops, support for local makers, and a diverse and vibrant food scene. Transportation provided.

*Pre-registration is required. \$50 per person. Non-registered spouse and personal guests are welcome to participate*

5:30 PM

**Opening Reception: Welcome to Detroit**

The National Association of Regional Councils and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments welcome you to the 57th Annual Conference and Exhibition in Detroit Michigan largest national event focused on promoting effective regional cooperation and solutions through interaction and education. Help us kick off the conference with drinks with your colleagues.

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

8:00 AM

**Conference Opens**

Join us for an exciting day of sessions. We will be joined by experts from the public and private sector, congressional and state lawmakers, and individuals from universities and non-profit organizations.

**Session Topics Include:**

Resilient Economies, Housing, Resilience, Environmental Justice, Future Workforce of Local Governments, Regional Storytelling, and Trailway Expansions.

Lunch Keynote

**Angela D. Brooks, FAICP, President, American Planning Association**

4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**Executive Directors Council Business Meeting & Elections**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6**

8:00 AM

**Day 2 Opens**

Join us for a second day packed with exciting sessions.

**Session Topics Include:**

Vision Zero and Safe Streets, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Electric Vehicle Charging, Workforce Challenges, Data and Applications, and Equity in the Planning Process.

3:30 PM – 5:15 PM

**Mobile Workshop – Belle Isle Tour**

Tour Belle Isle Park, the “Crown Jewel of Detroit.” Designed by Frederick Law Olmstead, Belle Isle is a 982-acre island park situated on the Detroit River between the United States and Canada. Belle Isle is home to a wide assortment of education and recreational opportunities, including the Belle Isle Aquarium, Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Belle Isle Nature Center, the James Scott Memorial Fountain, and more. Enjoy the natural environment, historic structures, and unique character of Belle Isle on this mobile workshop. Transportation provided.

*Pre-registration is required.*

**3:30 PM – 5:15 PM**

**Mobile Workshop – Detroit RiverWalk Tour**

This walking tour will showcase the redevelopment of and activities and amenities along the #1 Riverwalk in America – the Detroit Riverfront! This world-renowned destination attracts approximately three million visitors annually who come to walk, run, bike, spend time with family and friends, and take advantage of the quality-of-life opportunities a revitalized riverfront provides. The tour will have several interesting stops, including the 25 feet below grade urban greenway, the Dequindre Cut, and the newest destination, Valade Park, featuring a sandy beach, a children’s musical garden, and Bob’s barge, the city’s only floating bar in the Detroit River! Transportation provided.

*Pre-registration is required.*

**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Awards Ceremony and Dinner**

*Additional Details Coming Soon*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

**8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

**Breakfast**

**9:00 AM – 10:00 AM**

**NARC Board of Directors Elections**

*Everyone is encouraged to attend; only NARC members are eligible to vote.*

**10:00 AM**

**Conference Adjourns**

**10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**NARC Board of Directors Business Meeting**