

2026 APA WA Conference Schedule

Date	Start Time	End Time	Title	Location	Related Speakers
10/6/2026	03:00p	05:00p	Registration	Lobby	
10/7/2026	07:30a	04:00p	Registration	Lobby	
10/7/2026	08:00a	11:00a	The Short Course on Local Planning	Heritage C	
10/7/2026	08:15a	10:45a	Mobile Workshop 1A Planning for a Culturally Rich Community	Offsite	Lesley Bain, Bill Blake, Noel Frame, Christine A. Richardson
10/7/2026	09:15a	10:45a	Mobile Workshop 1B Tree City		Lauren Clemens, Jessica George, Melissa Johnston
10/7/2026	11:15a	12:30p	Session 1E Advancing E-Bike and Micromobility Safety in Washington: Recent Developments and Lessons Learned		Sarah Gutschow, Rachel Schaeffer, Adrian Witte
10/7/2026	11:15a	12:30p	Session 1A From Climate Plans to Climate Action: Tools, Partnerships, and Metrics for Implementation		Pamela Braff, Michael Burnham, Tracy Lunsford
10/7/2026	11:15a	12:30p	Session 1C Historic Downtowns at a Crossroads: Managing Growth, Change, and Identity in Camas and McMinnville		Matthew Arnold, Alan Peters, Margaret Raimann, Heather Richards
10/7/2026	11:15a	12:30p	Session 1B Resilience in the Face of Flooding: Reimagining Sumas, WA's Cherry Street/SR 9		Kai Brown, Tamara Laninga
10/7/2026	11:15a	12:30p	Session 1D Station Area Planning: Creating a Game Plan for TOD		Jeff Arango, Sarah Lukins, Tyler Quinn-Smith
10/7/2026	12:30p	01:30p	Lunch	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/7/2026	01:15p	01:45p	Opening Remarks & Land Acknowledgement	Heritage Ballroom DCAB	
10/7/2026	01:45p	02:45p	Opening Keynote	Heritage Ballroom DCAB	Rowena Alegría
10/7/2026	02:55p	04:25p	Mobile Workshop 2A: Active Transportation In Practice: Exploring Vancouver's Complete Streets and C-TRAN Routes		Emily Benoit, Taylor Eidt
10/7/2026	02:55p	04:25p	Mobile Workshop 2B: Walking Tour of Vancouver's Waterfront		Chad Eiken, Matt Harding, Mark Person
10/7/2026	03:00p	04:15p	Session 2C Housing Accelerator Framework State Housing Department What is Going on at the State to Plan for Housing		Dave Andersen, Dawn Couch, Anne Fritzel
10/7/2026	03:00p	04:15p	Session 2A Methods and Considerations for Equitable Community Engagement		Adrienne DeDona, Meredith Herbst, Dominique Martinelli, Bryan Stebbins, Deirdre Wilson
10/7/2026	03:00p	04:15p	Session 2E Urban Growth Areas: Expansions, Reductions, and Swaps		Melissa Alofaituli, Benjamin Serr
10/7/2026	03:00p	04:15p	Session 2D WA Coastal Transportation Vulnerability and Planning Study: Opportunities to Advance Equitable, Habitat-enhancing Infrastructure Investments		Laura Hanson, Harriet Morgan, Daniele Spirandelli
10/7/2026	03:00p	04:15p	Session 2B When the Sh!t Hits the Plan: Aligning GMA, Climate Resilience, and Emergency Management		Marissa Aho, Kristen Holdsworth, John Holdsworth
10/7/2026	04:30p	05:45p	Session 3B Beyond Data: How AI is Reshaping Urban Thinking		Ranu Singh
10/7/2026	04:30p	05:45p	Session 3E Community Approaches to Climate Planning		Claudia Denton, Dana Hellman, Emma Johnson, Sean McElroy, Alan Peters
10/7/2026	04:30p	05:45p	Session 3C Integrating Tribal Sustainability, Clean Transportation, and Active Mobility at the Cowlitz Indian Tribe		Amanda Lomasney, Kelsey Moldenke, Joshua Reynolds, Dean Reynolds
10/7/2026	04:30p	05:45p	Session 3A New Zoning, No Buildings: Calibrating Zoning and Design Standards to Support Development		Brad Barnett, Tyler Bump, Odra Cárdenas
10/7/2026	04:30p	05:45p	Session 3D The Implementation Toolkit: Planning, Code, and Public-Private Partnerships for a New Subarea in West Richland		Casey Bradfield, Stefanie Herzstein, Jason Mattox, Eric Mendenhall, Laurence Qamar
10/7/2026	06:00p	09:00p	Discover Brewcouver	Offsite	

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10/8/2026	06:00a	08:00a	Fun Run/Walk	Offsite	
10/8/2026	07:30a	04:00p	Registration	Lobby	
10/8/2026	07:30a	08:30a	Continental Breakfast	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/8/2026	08:30a	09:45a	Session 4D Between the Backlog and the Black Box: AI, Housing, and Plan Review		César Castro, Sabrina Dugan, John Mirkin
10/8/2026	08:30a	09:45a	Session 4E Not Your Grandfather's Mobile Home: Faster, Cheaper Housing in Your Community		Todd Blevins, Anne Fritzel, Hannah Johnston, Brian Snodgrass
10/8/2026	08:30a	09:45a	Session 4C Planning Beyond the Norm: Cross-Sector Approaches to Disability-Centered Engagement and Inclusive Design		Shauna Bilyeu, Karen Braitmayer, Beckye Frey, Erin Ishizaki
10/8/2026	08:30a	09:45a	Session 4B Shaping the Future: New Subdivision Guidance & Land Division Regulation Updates		Nikole Coleman, Jill Dvorkin, Ryan Shea, Nick Whipple
10/8/2026	08:30a	09:45a	Session 4A TransitSafety: Building a Safer System Together		Kate Drennan, Alma Fargason, Rebecca Sanders, Allison Schwartz
10/8/2026	09:00a	10:30a	Mobile Workshop 3A: Context Matters: A Tour of Bike and Transit Infrastructure in Vancouver's Core		Kate Drennan, Taylor Eidt
10/8/2026	09:00a	10:30a	Mobile Workshop 3B Providence Academy: Architecture, Rehabilitation, and Adaptive Reuse		Holly Chamberlain, Jessica Engeman, Anthony Tortorici
10/8/2026	10:00a	11:15a	Session 5B Charting the Course: Legislative Priorities for APA Washington		Chris Collier, Brooke Eidem, Robin Proebsting
10/8/2026	10:00a	11:15a	Session 5A Communicating Critical Areas and Development Regulations at the Parcel Level		Roman Rangel, Melissa Shumake
10/8/2026	10:00a	11:15a	Session 5D Implementing Transit-Oriented Development: Urban Design and Partnerships Along Spokane's Division Corridor		Rishi Dhody, Colin Quinn Hurst, Mike Tresidder
10/8/2026	10:00a	11:15a	Session 5C Nature Is Infrastructure: Implementing HB 1181 Through Biodiversity, Climate, and Public Health Planning		Erin Ishizaki, Vincent Martinez, Christian Runge
10/8/2026	10:00a	11:15a	Session 5E The Hidden Engine: How Permitting Shapes Economic Development Outcomes		Carson Bise, Bill Fulton, Alex Lofton, Jenny Song
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10/8/2026	12:30p	01:30p	PAW and APAWA Awards Presentation	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/8/2026	01:30p	02:30p	Keynote	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	Vivek Shandas
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:00p	Session 6B Consensus-building for Climate Change		Sylvia Ciborowski, Jenna Kay
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:00p	Session 6D Equity-Centered Engagement for Better Planning Outcomes		Seth Baker, Bridget Mullins, Seth Otto, Ray Outlaw
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:00p	Session 6E Growing Smarter, Breathing Better: Integrating Air Quality into Land Use Planning Around Freeways		Becca Book, Kirsten Dodroe, Jennifer Ewing, Paul Inghram
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:00p	Session 6C Limited Staff, Big Mandates: Building Planning Commissions That Improve Local Planning Decisions		Erin Ishizaki, Rodney Rutherford
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:00p	Session 6A Playology: Creative Solutions for Park Activation Around the Sound		Jonathan Garner, Will Grimm, Leigh Hindenlang
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:15p	Mobile Workshop 4A From HB1220 to HB2266: Vancouver's Approach to Shelter and Homelessness Solutions		Ren Autrey, Chad Eiken, Laura Hodgson, Adam Kravitz, Jamie Spinelli
10/8/2026	02:45p	04:15p	Mobile Workshop 4B Main Street Promise Walking Tour: Renovated Streetscape of Lower Main Street		Ryan Lopossa, Michael Walker
10/8/2026	04:15p	05:30p	Session 7A TBD		Vivek Shandas

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10/8/2026	04:15p	05:30p	Session 7B More Impactful Transportation Impact Fees: The Strategy of it All		Adam Argo, Jessica Brackin, Kristina Cerise, Richa Sigdel, Chithira Unnikrishnan
10/8/2026	04:15p	05:30p	Session 7D Planning for Growth and Housing Choice: Vancouver's Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update		Meredith Herbst, Rebecca Kennedy, Nicole McDermott, Mark Person
10/8/2026	04:15p	05:30p	Session 7C Rethinking Parking: From Policy to Practice		Hannah Johnston, Anne Stedler, Ben Weber
10/8/2026	04:15p	05:30p	Session 7E Working with Tribes within Washington		Margo Hill-Ferguson, Bridget Ray
10/8/2026	05:30p	07:30p	Conference Reception and Silent Auction	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/9/2026	07:00a	10:00a	Registration	Lobby	
10/9/2026	07:00a	08:00a	Continental Breakfast	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/9/2026	08:00a	09:00a	APA WA Annual Meeting	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	
10/9/2026	09:00a	10:15a	Session 8E A Tale of Two Jurisdictions: Technical Evaluation and Trust Building in Parallel Climate Planning Efforts		Heidi Cody, Lisa Grueter, Jenna Kay, Dominique Martinelli, Rebecca Small, Almendra Velazquez-Perez
10/9/2026	09:00a	10:15a	Session 8A Collaboration Beyond One-Size-Fits-All: Lessons from a Multi-Jurisdictional Approach to Pre-Approved ADUs		Pauline Mogilevsky, Emilie Pilchowski, Heather Wright, Rafe Wysham
10/9/2026	09:00a	10:15a	Session 8B Curbing the Chaos: Parking for Shared Micromobility		Jessica Brackin, Nora Daley-Peng, Elise Gaubatz
10/9/2026	09:00a	10:15a	Session 8D Big Data and Big Energy. Navigating AI Demands in Rural Eastern Washington		Jim Anderson-Cook, Ryan Hughes
10/9/2026	09:00a	10:15a	Session 8C Planning at the Water's Edge: Shoreline Planning During the Next Periodic Review		Misty Blair, Tess Brandon, Charlotte Dohrn, Dan Nickel, Younes Nouri, Kai Parker, Alexandra Plumb
10/9/2026	10:00a	11:30a	Mobile Workshop 5A Interstate Bridge Replacement Program Tour: Building the Bridge to What's Next		Michael Bomar, Angela Findley, Emma Johnson, Katherine Kelly, Sean McElroy, Grant O'Connell, Aidan Simpson, Steven Witter
10/9/2026	10:00a	11:30a	Mobile Workshop 5B Explore the Port of Vancouver		Andrew Ness
10/9/2026	10:25a	11:35a	Session 9B AI in Action: Real-World Applications for Planning Practice		Ahmed Abukhater, Chiranjay Shah, Ranu Singh, Nichole Sterling
10/9/2026	10:25a	11:35a	Session 9A From Metrics to Management: Exploring Frameworks for Balancing Development and Ecosystem Protection		Spencer Easton, Nicole Gutierrez, Robinson Low, Kara Whittaker
10/9/2026	10:25a	11:35a	Session 9C Planes, Trains & Trucks: Planning for Sustainable Freight Transportation		Bruce Agnew, Sean Hakala, Tino Jonga, Yolanka Wulff
10/9/2026	10:25a	11:35a	Session 9E Planning Ethics		Steve Butler, Mandi Roberts
10/9/2026	10:25a	11:35a	Session 9D The Participation Paradox: Why Yesterday's Innovation Falls Short Today		Emily Alice Allhart, Sydney Segal
10/9/2026	11:40a	12:40p	Plan Slam	Heritage Ballroom ABEF	