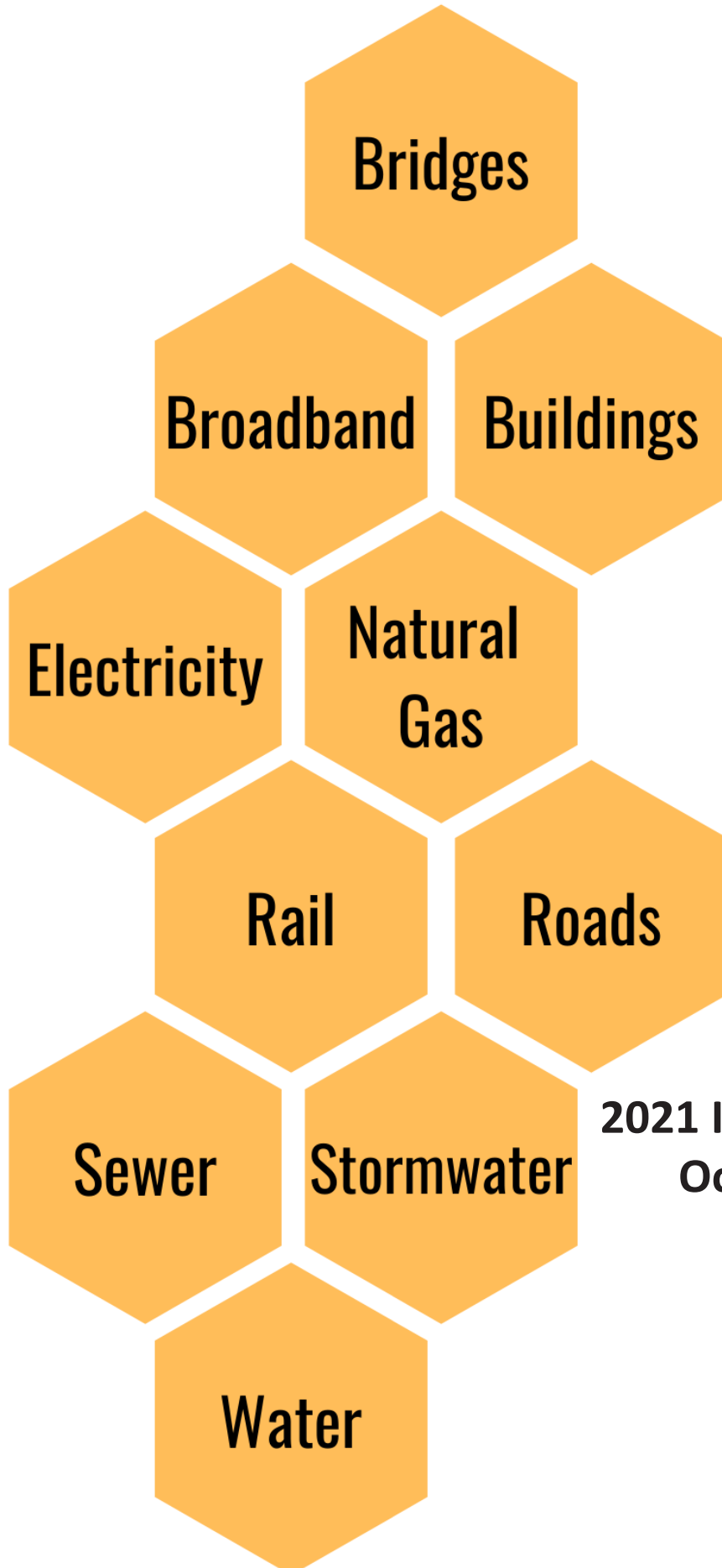


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**2021 IACC Online Conference  
October 19 - 21, 2021**



## What is IACC?

The Infrastructure Assistance Coordinating Council (IACC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Washington communities identify and obtain resources they need to develop, improve, and maintain infrastructure. It consists of staff from state and federal agencies, tribal organizations, local government associations, and nonprofit technical assistance organizations.

IACC is a unique organization that has enhanced the relationships between government agencies and communities in Washington for nearly 35 years. Communities and IACC, working together, are better able to provide the infrastructure necessary to enhance, preserve, and protect Washington's environment and quality of life. IACC is governed by four Board Officers and six Board Members.

## What does IACC do?

IACC's purpose is to improve the delivery of infrastructure assistance, both financial and technical, to local governments in Washington State. It does this by keeping its members informed of changes in infrastructure programs or services and in providing opportunities to network and gain information:

- IACC sponsors this annual statewide conference where state and federal programs assisting local governments with infrastructure needs convene to share information about their programs with these potential users.
- IACC provides technical assistance to communities by bringing together the appropriate funding and technical assistance representatives with community members to collaborate on specific projects.

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BREAK		
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BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>Washington Water Assistance</b> -Brian Sarensen Department of Commerce	Come learn about a new program administered by the Department of Commerce, Washington Water Assistance. The program is made available through the Consolidated Appropriations Act and the America Recovery Plan Act. The program is designed to provide assistance to income qualified households to bring their drinking and waste water accounts to a zero dollar balance.
BREAK		
11:30 am	<b>Stimulus Funding and What It Means To You</b> -David Dunn Department of Ecology	Federal Stimulus Funding. Who has it? How can you get it? What does it mean for your utility?
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<b>Ransomware Mitigations</b> -Ian Moore Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), Department of Homeland Security	What is ransomware and how to mitigate against it?

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8:30 am	<b>Capacity Development Overview</b> -Karen Klocke -Brian Sayrs Department of Health	The Office of Drinking Water is updating its capacity development strategy. The strategy guides ODW's activities from publications, policy development, and technical assistance to financial assistance, compliance assurance, and enforcement. This session explains the strategy and provides people with tools to shape your work for years to come.
BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>Energy Retrofits for Public Buildings – Equitable Grant Access for All Communities</b> -Kristen Kalbrener and Jill Eikenhorst Department of Commerce	Energy Retrofits team (Kristen Kalbrener & Jill Eikenhorst, Program Managers) will present efforts undertaken this year in grant program design, scoring criteria.  One of the objectives is to gather input from a range of stakeholders to inform programs in development. Facilitated discussion on criteria that invite underrepresented communities and most useful outreach and support.
BREAK		
11:30 am	<b>Raw Power: Cash Into Floating Solar with Your Wastewater Lagoon or Raw Water Reservoir</b> -Sam Perry Environmental Protection Agency	Floating solar arrays have been used by water and wastewater utilities to produce electricity and save on operational costs. The presentation will cover the basics of floating solar installations, discuss operational benefits such as reduced algal growth, and cover a few case studies in the water and wastewater utility sector in the US.
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<b>Climate Change and Housing: 2021 Changes to the Growth Management Act (GMA)</b> -Anne Fritzel and Dave Andersen Department of Commerce	Find out about the Collaborative Road Map process on updating the GMA, updates to the Administrative code for growth management, and steps towards addressing climate changes in local plans. Learn about the changes to the GMA housing element and grant programs to 1) develop and implement housing action plans, 2) increase residential building capacity in transit oriented development areas, and 3) funding utility connections to affordable housing.

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8:30 am	<b>Financing Equipment and Real Estate - LOCAL Program</b> -Brianna May and Matthew Schoenfeld Washington State Office of the State Treasurer	A presentation on the Washington State Treasurer's LOCAL Program, a low cost mechanism for local governments to finance equipment and real estate acquisition/ renovation.
BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>State Utility Taxes</b> -Quinn Dickason Department of Revenue	Learn all about the state taxes that apply to your water and sewer utility, from hook-up to service delivery. We will discuss the taxes you collect from your customers, and the taxes you pay as a municipal business in Washington.
BREAK		
11:30 am	<b>How FIT Financial Health Indicators Tell Your Story</b> -Duane Walz and Niles Kostick Office of the Washington State Auditor	<p>The Financial Intelligence Tool (FIT) was created by The Office of the Washington State Auditor's Office in 2016. The tool was created so local governments could regularly assess and monitor their own financial health using financial information they report annually to the SAO.</p> <p>This session will focus primarily on the FIT financial health indicators (FHI) for CASH basis governments. Join us for a breakdown of the indicators, their importance, and how they help communicate financial health.</p>
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<b>Rate Setting for Infrastructure Funding</b> -Tage Aaker & TBD FCS Group	A utility rate study starts with understanding your community's sensitivities and priorities and builds a rate structure that aligns with your goals and objectives. A multi-year financial framework will assess what your rates can support today and where they may need to go in the future to keep your system in good repair and continue to provide safe and reliable utility service.



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8:30 am	<b>USDA Rural Development – Community Facilities and American Rescue Plan Act Funding</b> -Marti Canatsey USDA Rural Development	Learn how Rural Development Community Facilities funding can help your community improve your infrastructure. We will also discuss the new American Rescue Plan (ARP) Emergency Rural Health Care grants funding and how the funds might work for you.
BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>USDA Rural Development – Water and Environmental Funding Opportunities</b> -Darla O’Connor and TBD USDA Rural Development	We will provide information on how our funding works for water, waste water, solid waste and other water/sewer needs. You will learn what is needed to apply, who is eligible, what projects are eligible and how to submit an application.
BREAK		
11:30 am	<b>Indian Health Service – Sanitation Facilities Funding and Technical Assistance Updates</b> -Alex Dailey and Ben Chadwick Indian Health Service	<b>Updates on funding and technical assistance available to tribes and communities to address deficiencies in drinking water, wastewater disposal, and solid waste facilities.</b>
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<b>Effectively Addressing Cultural Resource Issues</b> -David Harder, Plateau Archaeological Investigations	Following funding, you may see a request to conduct a cultural resource survey. This session will be presented from a consultant’s point of view, discussing steps to complete this requirement. How do you find a consultant? What does the consultant need to start? Can you assist in some manner? How long might this take? These and other mysteries will be addressed in the presentation and Q&A.

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	Track E	Session Description
8:30 am	<b>WSDOT Funding Programs Overview &amp; Active Transportation Grant Programs</b> -Brian Wood and Keith Martin Washington State Department of Transportation	The WSDOT funding overview provides information on resources from the Local Programs Division to assist cities, counties, tribes and other transportation partners with education, technical, and financial support. General information will be provided on the structure of transportation funding programs in the state, with detail on federal programs and more. WSDOT Active Transportation Division Grant Programs include: Pedestrian and Bicycle Program and Safe Routes to School. This portion of the session will provide an overview of these two safety-focused programs that fund projects for safety measures such as speed management, as well as infrastructure projects that build pedestrian and/or bicyclist facilities. Your feedback is requested as WSDOT looks at aligning these programs with the Washington State Active Transportation Plan.
BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>Prioritizing Your Transportation Improvement Plan</b> -Chris Malone City of Vancouver	The City of Vancouver recently underwent a process to prioritize projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This was the first time the City has prioritized its TIP. The City tried to make the process simple, effective, and objective. This presentation will explain the process, the outcome, tips, and next steps.
BREAK		

11:30 am	<p><b>Open Public Meetings Act and Public Records in a Time of COVID</b> -Lucy Collis and Morgan Damerow Washington State Office of the Attorney General</p>	<p>How has technology assisted and challenged Open Government in the COVID and post-COVID world? Open government and public records have been slowly moving towards utilizing technological solutions. 2020 forced us to embrace them sooner than anticipated. Join the Attorney General's Office Local Government Public Records Consultation team for an overview of the OPMA and PRA then a deep dive into at how we have advanced with technology and lessons we have learned from all the Zoom meetings.</p>
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<p><b>A Tale of Two Cities- GIS for Small and Mid-sized Cities</b> -Eric Sack Flo-Analytics</p>	<p>Implementing GIS workflows for small to mid-sized cities that rely on accurate, current data using the Esri platform is something FLO-Analytics specializes in. Our focus on finding the right solution that fits budget, user needs, and overall City goals helps us understand the varying levels of GIS implementation that will serve cities best.</p>

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	Track F	Session Description
8:30 am	<b>Drinking Water State Revolving Fund</b> -Erika Lindsey Department of Health	This presentation is to give an overview of the DWSRF program from preconstruction to project completion.
BREAK		
10:00 am	<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Your Community and Residents</b> -Jon Galow Department of Commerce	CDBG is a HUD grant program for rural cities, towns, and counties to fund infrastructure, community facilities, housing, economic development, planning, and public services that benefit lower income persons. This session provides an overview of the state CDBG programs.
BREAK		
11:30 am	<b>Brownfields Funding and Technical Assistance</b> -Margo Thompson-Neel and Ali Furmall and TBD Department of Ecology	The Washington Brownfields Team will provide a Funding and Technical Assistance panel discussion that will include information on various brownfields investigation/cleanup funding with emphasis on the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund, opportunity zones, tax increment financing, affordable housing-related cleanup and information for smaller communities.
BREAK		
1:00 pm	<b>Ecology Water Quality Funding</b> -David Dunn Department of Ecology	This session provides an overview of the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Combined Funding Program. The program provides approximately \$250 million in grants and loans for water quality improvement projects across the state. The session includes information on funding sources, eligible projects, and funding levels.