

MOBILE TOURS

Workshop fees are \$25, and are in addition to the conference registration fee.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2024

1:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

› Downtown and River Transformation Tour - Walking Tour

See what's going on in downtown GR! We'll tour existing and planned catalytic developments in greater downtown – from the Grand River rapids restoration to the proposed soccer stadium and beyond. Bring your walking shoes, but also be prepared to ride the DASH – Grand Rapids' free downtown circulator. This tour will cover sustainability, environmental planning, redevelopment, and zoning, and wrap up at a local restaurant for networking and refreshment.

› Vital Streets and Micromobility – Lime Bike Tour

Experience Grand Rapids Vital Streets Initiative on an interactive bicycle/E-bike tour that highlights the work the city is doing to foster safety, healthy places, a vibrant economy, environmental sustainability, and diverse transportation options through implementing complete streets and green infrastructure. Explore the modal tensions that must be overcome to create a fully integrated multimodal network and learn about how you can apply a collaborative approach to bicycle safety in your communities. This session will cover transportation planning, sustainability, recreational planning, and vital/complete streets.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

› Alpine Township - Growing and Moving

Alpine Township is home to agriculture and active recreation. Tour participants will experience both. First, the Wahlfield Park mountain bike trail system is a prime example of the benefits of a successful public-private partnership. See and hear about this success story. Next, Schwallier's Country Basket is home to its 6th generation of farmers, who are adapting to meet new economic and climate-related challenges. See, hear, and (taste) their innovations. Cider and donuts provided!

› Walking Through Black History in Grand Rapids Sponsored by: Michigan Black Planning Professionals Section - Walking Tour

This 2.5 mile walking tour will be led by the original content creator. She will highlight some of the historical moments of the African American experience and legacy in Grand Rapids. We'll visit the historic Fountain Street Church, which has hosted Malcolm X and Langston Hughes; Crescent Park, where the legacy of Lyman Parks, Grand Rapids' first African American mayor, is still seen in the city's ever-expanding skyline.

LaTarro Traylor, ESQ, *Founding Member of the Michigan Black Professional Planner Section*

› Make No Little Plans: Grandville's Bold Vision for its Future - Bus Tour

Over the past 5 years, the City of Grandville has overhauled its Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and Downtown Action Plan to articulate a transformative vision for the community. Join us on a tour of the city as we gaze into a future that transforms a commercial street into a mixed use boulevard, an antiquated mall into a walkable node, and a small downtown into a bustling historic center.

2:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

› Ada: A Bold Vision Comes Alive- Bus Tour

We'll bus to Downtown Ada and then start a walking tour showcasing connectivity, mixed-use development, and form-based design. This will be followed by conversation with Ada officials and developers discussing the community's transformation from a sleepy rural "village" to its status as a premier destination in the West Michigan region. Participants will learn how the local government and private investors united to create and implement a bold vision for the community, and now are expanding that vision with infrastructure improvements that lead to transformational placemaking, and with new mixed residential development and commercial projects that all contribute to a walkable downtown area with context-sensitive density and numerous community amenities.

John Said, AICP, *Ada Township*

› Scalability Matters: Translating the Place to the Page: Sponsored by the Michigan Chapter Congress for the New Urbanism - Walking Tour

This interactive walking tour will explore the city on foot to demonstrate how to recognize exceptional examples of urban design, finding precedents. Leave the session prepared to develop plans / codes that emulate best practices for walkable urbanism.

Paul Lippens, AICP, NCI, *McKenna*

› Transforming the Godfrey Corridor – Bus Tour

The Godfrey Corridor is one of the most exciting and transformational redevelopment projects in the City of Grand Rapids. Anchored by Factory Yards, a 15-acre adaptive reuse project, the corridor has seen recent public-private investment that will breathe new activity into an older industrial area. This tour will include a tour of the Factory Yards redevelopment site, a discussion with city staff and the development team on the economic development strategies to support the revitalization, and an overview of the public and private investment that is supporting the corridor. This tour will cover topics of economic development, redevelopment, sustainability, recreation planning, and public-private partnerships.

Rowan Brady, AICP, *City of Grand Rapids*

Tyler Kent, *City of Grand Rapids*