2027 RTA Conference Agenda - Nashville *Boots & Bling**

Oct. 17-20, 2027 • J.W. Marriott • Nashville, TN • 201 8th Ave. South

Sunday, Oct. 17

Noon - 5 p.m.	RTA Exhibitor Setup	Griffin Pre-Function N
Noon - 6:30 p.m.	Conference Registration Open	Griffin Ballroom Reg.
3:30 - 5 p.m.	RTA R&D Committee Fall Meeting	Liberty
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.	President's Reception w/Heavy Appetizers, Drinks & Open Mic Night	Griffin Pre-Function N
6:30 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own	

Monday, Oct. 18

7:00 - 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Griffin Pre-Function N
7:45 - 8 a.m.	RTA Business Session	Griffin EFGH
8 - 8:45 a.m.	Railroad Executive Keynote Address	Griffin EFGH
8:45 - 10 a.m.	Railroad Engineering Panel	Griffin EFGH
10 - 10:15 a.m.	Networking Break/Broad Axe Award Ceremony	Griffin EFGH
10 a.m. - Noon	Spouse/Guest Brunch: (Max 25)	Belle Meade 1
10:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Government Affairs	Griffin EFGH
10:45 - 11:30	Research & Innovation – Day 1	Griffin EFGH
11:30 - 1 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Griffin Pre-Function N
Noon - 5 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Belle Meade 1, etc.
1 - 5 p.m.	Offsite Activity – Country Music Hall of Fame Trio Package (Max 40)	Lobby Pickup
11:45 a.m. - 6 p.m.	RTA Golf Tournament Gaylord Springs Golf Links with Golf Awards (Meet in Lobby by Noon Bus Departure, 1:30pm shotgun start)	Lobby Pickup
6 p.m.	No Reception/Dinner on Your Own	

Tuesday, Oct. 19

7 - 8 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Griffin Pre-Function N
8 - 8:45 a.m.	Tie End of Life Solutions	Griffin EFGH
8:45 - 9 a.m.	Update from Hardwood Market Report	Griffin EFGH
9 - 10 a.m.	HMA – Hardwood Marketplace	Griffin EFGH
10 - 10:15 a.m.	Networking Break/ Branding Hammer Award Ceremony	Griffin EFGH
10:15 - 11 a.m.	Research & Innovation – Day 2	Griffin EFGH
11 a.m. - Noon	Shortline and Class I Railroad Procurement	Griffin EFGH
Noon - 1 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall (after lunch- Exhibit Booth Breakdown)	Griffin Pre-Function N
Noon - 5 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Liberty, etc.
1 - 4:30 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Meeting	Belle Meade 1
1 - 4 p.m.	Music City Rooftop Rendezvous (open bar/pool/cabanas & games)	Hotel Rooftop Area
5 - 7 p.m.	*"Boots and Bling"* Closing Reception/Silver Saw Award Ceremony w/Drinks, Heavy Appetizers & Featured Artist Chris Cole	Griffin EFGH

Wednesday, Oct. 20

8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Subcommittee Meetings	Belle Meade I&II, etc.

Networking/Private breakout rooms available on a first come, first served basis: Liberty, Belle Meade I & II, Bristol and Franklin

**Agenda is Subject to Updates*