

2026 RTA Conference Agenda*

Oct. 19-22, 2026 • Westin Beach Resort • Ft. Lauderdale, FL • 321 N. Ft. Lauderdale Beach Blvd.

Monday, Oct. 19

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	RTA Exhibitor Setup	Las Olas Foyer
Noon – 6:00 p.m.	Conference Registration Open	Ballroom Registration
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	RTA R&D Committee Fall Meeting	Himmarshee
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	President's Reception w/Light Fare, Drinks & Live Music	Sky Terrace
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own	

Tuesday, Oct. 20

7:00 – 7:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer
7:45 – 8:00 a.m.	RTA Business Session	Las Olas Ballroom
8:00 – 8:45 a.m.	Railroad Executive Keynote Address	Las Olas Ballroom
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Networking Break/Awards Ceremony (Broad Axe Award)	Las Olas Foyer
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Railroad Engineering	Las Olas Ballroom
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Spouse/Guest Brunch: Salsa/Guacamole Workshop (Max 25)	Oceanside
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.	Government Affairs	Las Olas Ballroom
11:15 – Noon	Research & Innovation – Day 1	Las Olas Ballroom
Noon – 1 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Oceanside, etc.
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Optional Activity - Everglades Airboat Tour (Max 25)	Lobby Pickup
1:00 – 6:00 p.m.	RTA Golf Tournament & Golf Awards (Max 72)	Lobby Pickup
6:00 p.m.	No Reception/Dinner on Your Own	

Wednesday, Oct. 21

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Tie End of Life Solutions	Las Olas Ballroom
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Networking Break/Awards Ceremony (Branding Hammer Award)	Las Olas Foyer
9:15 – 10:15 a.m.	HMA – Hardwood Marketplace Perspectives Panel	Las Olas Ballroom
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Foyer
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.	Research & Innovation – Day 2	Las Olas Ballroom
11:15 – Noon	Class I Railroad Procurement	Las Olas Ballroom
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Buffet in Exhibit Hall	Las Olas Ballroom
Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	Himmarshee, etc.
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Meeting	Oceanside
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Optional Activity - Millionaire's Row Tour (Max 24)	Lobby Pickup
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Closing Reception/Awards Ceremony (Silver Saw Award) w/Drinks, Light Fare & Live Music (Pirates of the Caribbean Theme: Wear bright, festive colors, pirate: hats, boots, slacks, etc.)	Las Olas Ballroom
6:00 p.m.	Dinner on Your Own	

Thursday, Oct. 22

8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	AREMA Committee 30 Subcommittee Meetings	Oceanside, etc.
8:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Networking/Private Meeting Rooms Open	

Networking/Private breakout rooms available on a first come, first served basis: Himmarshee, Bonnet, Rio Vista

*Agenda is Subject to Updates