



Infraday

WHERE INFRASTRUCTURE LEADERS CONNECT

7TH EDITION

INFRADAY SOUTHEAST

CONNECTING LEADERS.
POWERING INFRASTRUCTURE.
BUILDING THE FUTURE.



SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM



SUMMIT at 8 West

889 Howell Mill Rd
Suite 8000
Atlanta, GA 30318



A full-day event bringing together infrastructure leaders, innovators, and professionals across the Southeast to collaborate, learn, and drive impact.



TOPICS INCLUDE:



POWER & GRID INVESTMENT

Grid modernization, transmission expansion & reliability.



DATA CENTERS & AI INFRASTRUCTURE

Meeting the growing demand for power, water & connectivity.



PORTS, SUPPLY CHAIN & TRADE

Strengthening ports, freight mobility & global competitiveness.



AVIATION & LOGISTICS

Airport modernization, cargo growth & multimodal access.



WATER & RESILIENCE

Investing in water infrastructure & building regional resilience.



DIGITAL DELIVERY & CONNECTED ASSETS

BIM, digital twins, AI & data-driven asset management.



SUSTAINABILITY & CLEAN ENERGY

Advancing clean energy, decarbonization & sustainable solutions.



WWW.INFRADAY.COM/SE

FOLLOW US



The program is current as of the publication date and is subject to change.

Infraday Southeast 2026
Atlanta, Georgia

8:00 – 8:30 AM

Registration & Networking Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Panel: The Southeast Infrastructure Supercycle — Growth, Investment & the New Industrial Economy

The Southeast is experiencing one of the largest infrastructure investment cycles in the United States. Population growth, advanced manufacturing, data centers, logistics, electrification and major corporate investment are placing unprecedented demands on transportation, power, water and public infrastructure. This opening discussion examines where investment is accelerating, what constraints could limit growth, and the priorities that will define infrastructure development across the Southeast over the next decade.

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Panel: Powering the Southeast — Data Centers, Manufacturing & the Race for Electricity

AI data centers, advanced manufacturing, EV and battery plants and continued population growth are transforming electricity demand across the Southeast. Utilities are planning new generation, transmission, substations and grid modernization while major customers compete for capacity. This panel examines how the region can deliver the power infrastructure required to sustain its economic expansion.

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Panel: The Data Center Boom — Building the Southeast's Digital Infrastructure

The Southeast is emerging as one of America's fastest-growing data center markets as AI and cloud computing drive unprecedented demand for new capacity. But securing power, land, water, fiber and permits is becoming increasingly difficult. This discussion brings together utilities, developers, infrastructure owners and technology leaders to examine where the next wave of data center development will occur and what infrastructure will be required to support it.

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Morning Networking Break

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Panel: Moving the Southeast — Highways, Bridges, Transit & the Next Generation of Mobility

Population and employment growth are placing enormous pressure on transportation networks across the Southeast. DOTs, transit agencies and metropolitan governments are advancing major highway, bridge and transit investments while confronting congestion, funding constraints and rising construction costs. This discussion examines the projects and investment priorities reshaping regional mobility.

11:00 – 11:30 AM

Panel: Rebuilding America's Fastest-Growing Cities — The Municipal Infrastructure Challenge

Atlanta, Charlotte, Nashville, Raleigh, Jacksonville and other Southeast cities are simultaneously dealing with rapid growth and aging infrastructure. Public works departments must expand roads, water systems, stormwater infrastructure, public facilities and other essential assets while managing limited budgets and growing expectations. This panel examines how cities are prioritizing capital investments and delivering infrastructure faster.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel: Airports, Ports & Logistics — Infrastructure Behind the Southeast's Global Growth

The Southeast has emerged as one of America's most important passenger, freight and logistics gateways. Airports, ports, railroads and freight corridors are investing billions to accommodate population growth, manufacturing, e-commerce and international trade. This discussion examines the infrastructure investments required to maintain the region's competitive advantage.

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 PM

Panel: Building the Industrial South — Infrastructure for Advanced Manufacturing & Mega-Sites

Billions of dollars of investment in automotive, batteries, aerospace, semiconductors and advanced manufacturing are reshaping the Southeast. New facilities require massive investments in electricity, water, roads, rail, broadband and site infrastructure before production can begin. This panel examines how states, utilities, developers and infrastructure providers are preparing the next generation of industrial sites.

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Panel: Water for Growth — Building Infrastructure for the Southeast's Next Generation

Population growth and industrial development are creating enormous new requirements for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and water reuse infrastructure. Utilities must expand capacity while simultaneously replacing aging assets and managing affordability, environmental requirements and resilience. This discussion examines the investments needed to keep water from becoming a constraint on Southeast growth.

2:00 – 2:30 PM

Panel: Resilient Southeast — Hurricanes, Flooding, Heat & Critical Infrastructure

Extreme weather is changing how Southeast infrastructure owners plan, design and invest. Transportation agencies, utilities, airports, ports and municipalities are strengthening critical assets and incorporating resilience into long-term capital programs. This panel explores where resilience investment is occurring and how agencies are prioritizing projects before the next major event.

2:30 – 3:00 PM

Panel: Infrastructure Finance — Paying for the Southeast's Next Generation of Projects

The Southeast's infrastructure ambitions increasingly exceed what traditional public funding can support. Owners are combining federal programs, state and local funding, bonds, private capital, P3 structures and innovative financing approaches to advance major projects. This discussion examines how projects are being funded and where private capital can play a larger role.

3:00 – 3:30 PM

Afternoon Networking Break

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Panel: Connected Infrastructure — Managing the Full Lifecycle of Capital Programs

Infrastructure owners are connecting BIM, GIS, project controls, asset management, scheduling, field data, digital twins and AI into integrated environments supporting the full lifecycle of infrastructure assets. This discussion explores how agencies are using connected information to improve project delivery, executive visibility, operations and long-term asset management.

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Panel: Alternative Delivery at Scale — What Southeast Owners Actually Want From Contractors

Design-build, progressive design-build, CM/GC and P3 delivery models are playing a growing role as Southeast infrastructure projects become larger and more complex. Success increasingly depends on early contractor involvement, transparent risk allocation, digital collaboration and stronger owner-contractor relationships. This discussion examines what owners want from their engineering and construction partners.

4:30 – 5:00 PM

Panel: Governing Major Capital Programs — Cost, Risk, Controls & Executive Decision-Making

Infrastructure organizations are overseeing increasingly large portfolios at a time of construction inflation, workforce shortages and increased scrutiny. Executives need better visibility across budgets, schedules, procurement, risk and project performance. This discussion examines how leading owners are strengthening program controls and making better capital investment decisions.

5:00 – 5:30 PM

Panel: AI, Robotics & the Future of Infrastructure Delivery

AI, robotics, drones, autonomous equipment and machine vision are beginning to transform how infrastructure is planned, designed, constructed, inspected and maintained. This closing discussion examines where these technologies are already delivering measurable value and how automation could reshape infrastructure delivery and the workforce over the coming decade.