

2026 District Inspection Training

Agenda

Sessions are held on Thursday mornings via Teams. Each district or division presents during its assigned one-hour block. Times listed are Central.

Thursday, February 19, 2026

9:00–10:00 AM	Williston District
Traffic Control Inspection <i>Rob DiCinno</i>	Explanation of temporary traffic control, its purpose, requirements, installation procedures, and inspection practices.
10:00–11:00 AM	Minot District
Shoring <i>Hunter Waslaski</i>	Guidance on when shoring is required, factors to consider, and appropriate types of shoring for different situations.

Thursday, February 26, 2026

9:00–10:00 AM	Valley City District
Surveying Earthwork <i>Tera Laney-Uecker</i>	Complete process review from plan development to final grading.
Machine Guidance Milling <i>Taylor VanEaton</i>	Review of machine guided milling practices, using the ND Highway 13 project as an example. SmoothRide Playlist – YouTube
10:00–11:00 AM	Grand Forks District
Shop Drawings <i>Caleb Christman</i>	Explanation of shop drawings vs. work drawings, including specifications, guidance, submittal procedures, and approval processes.
Micro-Surface Inspection <i>Josh Twamley</i>	Introduction to micro surfacing, including mix verification, inspection practices, and common issues.

Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:00–10:00 AM	Dickinson District
Pile Driving & Skidmore Wilhelm Calibration <i>Heather Brew</i>	Training in pile driving preparation, field operations, and CARS closeout. Includes use of the Skidmore Wilhelm tension measuring device under Specification 616.04.
10:00–11:00 AM	Devils Lake District
Aggregate Base & Surface Course Inspection <i>Jason Hunter</i>	Overview of aggregate base course inspection and testing, including construction requirements, test frequencies, placement and compaction procedures for aggregate and salvage base. Includes subgrade recommendations with geosynthetics and related specifications.
Testing Lots and Frequencies, IA Samples <i>Brian Bennes</i>	

10:00–11:00 AM**Devils Lake District (Cont.)****Geogrid and Aggregate Base***Colter Schwagler*

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9:00–10:00 AM**Fargo District****ITS Systems for NDDOT***Melanie Maneval*

Overview of drilled shaft specifications and special provisions, including pile driving processes, design, analysis, and recommendations.

10:00–11:00 AM**Bismarck District****Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)***Brent Flaa*

Overview of SWPPP requirements including background, regulations, construction practices, field installation, pay items, specifications, standards, and available resources.

[NDDOT Stormwater Management](#)[SWPP Evaluation for LD Applications \(PDF\)](#)

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9:00–10:00 AM**Materials and Research Division****Roadway Smoothness & Ride Specifications***Aaron Perez*

Review of roadway smoothness measurement using high speed profiling and guidance on the Flexible Pavement Surface Tolerance special provision.

Drilled Shafts & Piling Special Provisions*Colter Schwagler*

Overview of drilled shaft specifications and special provisions, including pile driving processes, design, analysis, and recommendations.

10:00–11:00 AM**Bridge Division****New Pipe Guidance, Drainage Permitting & RCP Installation***Monte Deis*

Overview of new pipe guidance and status updates, drainage permitting, maintaining inverts and sediment control, and temporary drainage. Covers best practices for RCP pre-installation inspection, handling, storage, and post-installation procedures.

RCP Installation*Brendan Murray, ACPA*

Thursday, April 2, 2026

9:00–10:00 AM**Construction Services Division****Construction Updates***Phil Murdoff*

2026 update from the Construction Services Division, covering staffing and the division's responsibilities from bid openings through project completion and finalization.

UAS Program*Scott Clausen*

Update on the current NDDOT UAS program and new federal guidelines.

Material Certifications*Josh Jochim*

Guidance on certification requirements under Specification 106.01 and Section 4 of the Construction Records Manual, including examples of acceptable/unacceptable certifications and use of Certification Manager in CARS.

9:00–10:00 AM	Construction Services Division
CARS and Construction Records Manual Updates <i>David Bruins</i>	Review of 2026 updates to CARS and the Construction Records Manual, with guidance on using the updated system functions.
Change Order & Specification 105.13 Discussion <i>Phil Murdoff</i>	Discussion of a temporary signal damage scenario and application of Specification 105.13 – Protection of the Work.