RPUG 2026 Call for Abstracts

The 2026 Road Profile Users' Group (RPUG) conference will be held at the Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square in Pittsburgh, PA, from April 28th to May 1st, 2026 (www.rpug.org). The conference theme is "*250 Years of Progress: Honoring the Past, Paving the Future.*"

RPUG is seeking presentations on the latest developments in the collection and analysis of road and highway Pavement Surface Characteristics (PSC), such as, but not limited to, the following:

- 3-D Pavement Surface Measurement Technology/Certification and Automated Pavement Distress Identification and Reporting
- Profile Data Collection Standards and Certification
- Impact of Updated Ride Specifications on Construction Practices and Incentive/Disincentive Programs
- Influence of Surface Characteristics on Rolling Resistance, Vehicle Emission, and Tire Wear
- Network Pavement Surface Measurements
- Pavement Roughness and Ride Comfort
- Pavement Surface Characteristics Data Quality Management
- Pavement Surface Texture Measurement and Analysis
- Real-time Surface Property Measurement during Construction
- Tire-Pavement Friction/Noise Measurement and Analysis
- Updates to PSC Measuring Equipment

The RPUG Steering Committee is especially encouraging **road agencies** to submit abstracts for consideration for presentation at this year's conference. The committee is also targeting a balanced program of agency/owners, academia, vendors, and consultants as presenters.

Please submit a presentation abstract of 300 words or fewer via the RPUG Google form using the following link: https://forms.gle/MuS56BpmiHf8Uvni8 by February 3rd, 2026. RPUG will notify speakers if their abstract has been accepted for presentation by February 28th, 2026.

*Note – **Commercialism is strictly prohibited**. All presenters must submit their presentations to the RPUG Technical Program Committee by April 20th, 2026, for review and final approval. If the committee considers a presentation to be commercial in nature, or if the content of the presentation differs from the topic described in the original abstract, it will be returned for revision. All presentations must be given in person by one of the presentation authors.

Submitting slides for presentation implies the author gives the RPUG Steering Committee permission to post the presentation on the RPUG website at the conclusion of the conference. If a presenter does not wish to have their presentation posted on the website, they should provide documentation along with their presentation stating that they do not permit posting.