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Event Agenda

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 11am – 1:30pm CT (18:00 – 20:30 in Germany / CEST)

Welcome Remarks	
11:00 – 11:10	Mark Tomkins, CEO & President, GACC Midwest
ERP “Future of Infrastructure” Project Overview	
	Charlotte Nowak, GACC Midwest
11:10 – 11:20	Opening Keynote: Katrina Kessler – Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Panel 1 – Urbanization & City-Level Perspectives	
11:20 – 11:50	- Samantha Bingham, Chicago Department of Transportation - David Zelenok, ZK Engineers - Dorcas Nthoki Nyamai, TU Dortmund - Bart Vuijk, Scenexos (TBC)
Moderator: Scott Zurn, Level Engineering	
11:50 – 12:00	Q&A
Panel 2 – Resilience & Climate Change Adaptation	
12:00 – 12:30	- Elgin Rogers, State of Ohio - Julie Lomax, Village of Downers Grove - Simone Schuppan, c2lImpact
Moderator: Mackenzie Siren, Chicago Climate Connect	
12:30 – 12:40	Q&A



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Panel 3 – Innovation & Tech Development**12:40 – 1:10**

- Daniel Stetter, Fraunhofer IAO
- Kimberly Greene, 2G Energy
- Robert Skinner, EcoG

Moderator: Shannon Macika, BABLE Smart Cities

1:10 – 1:20

Q&A

1:20 – 1:30**Closing Remarks & Next Steps**



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