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### UCA Announces New Virtual Conference: NATWeek

**Denver, Colo.** - Tunneling professionals can learn and connect at **NATWeek: A Virtual Experience**, a new week-long, online conference June 8-12. NATWeek is designed to share some of the much-anticipated technical program from NAT 2020 (North American Tunneling Conference) and connect industry professionals with a virtual tradeshow.

"We are excited to bring the speakers, topics and connections vital to the tunneling community to professionals through NATWeek," said Dave Kanagy, executive director of the Underground Construction Association (UCA), a division of SME. "Now more than ever it's crucial that professionals have access to professional development to help strengthen their careers and their organizations."

NATWeek features many of the same speakers previously scheduled for NAT. Speakers will focus on topics in four tracks: Technology, Design, Planning, and Case Studies. Special highlights include the Owner's Forum Panel Discussion and Tunnel Demand Forecast Panel Discussion.

"Most importantly, the tunneling industry will benefit from the shared knowledge at NATWeek. We are happy the hard work of the authors, chairs and NAT committee can still come to fruition," said Jon Hurt, NAT/NATWeek Conference Chair, and principal, ARUP. "We've even been able to enhance the program with the addition of the Owner's Panel Discussion and Tunnel Demand Forecast Panel."

Registration to NATWeek includes daily sessions from 9 am - noon MDT. Daily registration is also available.

What to expect from NATWeek:

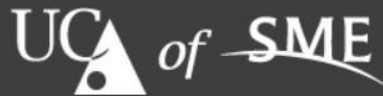
- 2 hours of sessions daily, with a live Q&A panel rounding out each day
- Virtual tradeshow
- PDH credit
- NAT eBook Proceedings

Learn more and register online at <http://virtual.natconference.com/>

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