

A circular collage of three images related to pipelines. The top image shows the interior of a large, arched tunnel with a ribbed structure and lights. The middle image shows a long, dark, segmented pipeline running through a landscape. The bottom image shows a large, circular pipe section with a metal frame, possibly a manhole or inspection point.

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## Preface

Pipelines are the arteries of the modern world that convey the essence of what drives the quality of life, commerce, and public health for all of society. Whether conveying drinking water, collecting wastewater, storage and conveyance of storm water, or transport of petroleum or other fluids – pipelines are one of the most essential elements of modern infrastructure that impacts the way we live and ability to improve the world around us.

This year's conference theme is *Pipeline Engineering – Resiliency in Infrastructure*. It focuses on the aspect that pipeline engineers must fit pipes into the world in a way that minimizes disruption with an awareness that pipelines are essential to our quality of life. The outbreak of the COVID-19 virus has disrupted modern society's way of life, how utilities operate, and has brought attention to how important reliable pipelines are for delivering water, conveying wastewater, and providing many other services that rely on pipelines. The pipeline industry must work together to address the looming infrastructure needs to extend pipe life and increase pipe reliability. This is a bigger picture view and conference goal to work towards that holds hope that together, we are better.

In coordination with the American Society of Civil Engineers, the technical program and this publication were planned and implemented by the Technical Program Committee, led by the Technical Co-Chairs. A call for abstracts was made, from which approximately 280 abstracts were submitted. These abstracts were then sorted into tracks based on the general topic areas of Planning and Design, Trenchless, Condition Assessment, Construction and Rehabilitation, Utility Engineering and Surveying, Multidiscipline, and Technical Posters. In addition, 6 panel sessions were included with topics from Diversity and Inclusion in Engineering, Risk Management in Utility Construction, Nuclear Power Buried Pipelines, Asset Management, Thrust Restraint Design, and Ethics. This resulted in an extraordinarily high-quality program containing close to 160 papers and more than 15 poster presentations.

For publication purposes, technical papers from the eight presentation tracks were consolidated into the following three subjects: 1- *Pipelines 2020: Planning & Design*, 2- *Pipelines 2020: Condition Assessment, Construction, Rehabilitation, and Trenchless Technologies*, and 3- *Pipelines 2020: Utility Engineering, Surveying, and Multidisciplinary Topics*.

On behalf of the Technical Program Committee, we are pleased to offer you the Proceedings of ASCE Pipelines 2020 "*Pipeline Engineering – Resiliency in Infrastructure*".

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