

AGENDA
5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE
National Association of State and
Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU)
MAY 5- 7, 2004
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Wednesday, May 5

8:30 Continental Breakfast Congressional

9:00-12:00 Plenary Congressional

Welcome & Introduction, Status of NASHTU
Mark Sheahan, President, PEEG

9:30 Welcome to Washington

Ed Wytkind, President
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO

10:00 Status of TEA-21 Congressional Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Helena Zyplikewycz**, Transportation Trades Dept

Ruth Van Mark, Deputy Staff Director for Transportation, Senate Environment and
public Works Committee

Jeff Squires, Minority Professional Staff Member, Senate Transportation
Infrastructure Subcommittee (Senate Environment and Public Works Committee)

Joe Upchurch, Congressional Fellow with Highways & Transit Subcommittee of
the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee

11:15 Break

11:30 Lobbying our agenda: Briefing on TEA 21 & Other NASHTU positions

Cynthia Bradley, AFSCME

Donna Harris-Aikens, SEIU

12:00 Lunch Federal South

1:00-5:00 Lobby visits on the Hill

5:00-7:00 NASHTU Congressional Reception Lyndon Baines Johnson Room
US Senate

Thursday, May 6

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast Congressional

Guest Speaker Congressman **Michael Capuano** (Dem-MA)

9:00-9:30 Report Back from Lobby Visits & Discussion. Congressional
Facilitator: **Mary Richards**

9:30-10:45 Panel Discussion: Conversations with Friends – Working Together In Pursuit of
Smart, Cost-Effective Government & Learning from Allies to Build Support for
Transportation –

Moderator: **Dennis Houlihan**, AFSCME

Erin O'Neil, Public Trust Partnership

Jeffery Rosenberg, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union.

John Threlkeld, American Federation of Government Employees Legislative
Department

10:45 Break

11:00-11:30 **Representative Robert Menendez (Dem-NJ)**
Introduced by Jim Marketti, President CWA Local 1032

11:30-12:00 **Representative Carolyn Kilpatrick (Dem-MI)**
Introduced by Frank Spica, MPES Local 517M

12:00 Lunch Federal South

1:00 – 2:30 Concurrent Workshops: Sharing ideas

a. Outsourcing/Offshoring **Naomi Walker & Elizabeth Drake**; AFL-CIO
JUDICIAL ROOM

b. Discussions with Federal Transportation Officials CABINET ROOM
Tom Sorrell, Program Analyst/Team Leader, Federal Highway Administration

c. State Budget Fights: What you need to know about budget caps, supermajority
voting, and other budget issues that hurt public services. **Nick Johnson**,
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities EXECUTIVE ROOM

2:30-2:45 Break

- 2:45-4:15 Repeat workshops
- a. Outsourcing/Offshoring **Naomi Walker & Elizabeth Drake:** AFL-CIO.
JUDICIAL ROOM
 - b. Discussions with Federal Transportation Officials CABINET ROOM
Tom Sorrell, Federal Highway Administration
 - c. Fighting Privatization: What's worked and what hasn't from design to maintenance, **Jim Marketti**, CWA 1032 (NJ) EXECUTIVE ROOM
- 4:15 – 4:45 Report Back from Workshops: Congressional
facilitator: **Bruce Wyngaard**, OCSEA/AFSCME (OH)

Friday, May 7

8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast - Congressional

Guest speaker: **J. Richard Capka**, Deputy Administrator of FHWA

Introduced by: **Mary Richards**, MOSES

9:00-10:00 Panel Discussion: Round-up from the states.

Updates from around the country from panelists and invited audience participation.

Moderator: **Ned Statchen**, CSEA/SEIU L. 2001 (CT)

Panelists: **Shannon Crow**, Government Affairs Coordinator OPEA (OK)

Charlie Benn, AFSCME Council 13 (PA)

Bruce Blanning, PEEG (CA)

Frank Spica, SEIU Local 517 (MI)

10:00-10:30 Featured Speaker:

Charles Lee, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations USDOT

10:30 -11:00 Break/check-out

11:00 -1:00 Bringing it Home... Next Steps Congressional

Facilitator: **Ted Toppin**, PEEG (CA)

1:00 Adjourn