16th Conference of the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU)

Monday, April 20 through Wednesday, April 22, 2015
Hyatt Regency Washington Capitol Hill

Monday, April 20, 2015 – Columbia Foyer

8:30 a.m.  Breakfast

9:00  Welcoming Remarks – Roy Flores, Professional Engineers in California Government

9:15  Larry Willis, Secretary-Treasurer, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
Introduction: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME

10:00  Findings and Recommendations of the House Special Panel on Public-Private Partnerships – P3s: Balancing the Needs of the Public and Private Sectors to Finance the Nation’s Infrastructure
Moderator: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
•  Steve Carlson, Legislative Director, Rep. Michael Capuano, Ranking Member of Special Panel

10:15  "Climate Change" – How the Climate for Public Sector Unionism Froze Up--and How to Reheat it
Introduction: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
•  Paul Booth, Executive Assistant to the President, AFSCME
Video: Union Fair Share Fees Explained

11:00  Congressional Staff Panel: Transportation Authorization, Funding, and Outsourcing Mandates
Moderator: Nadine Westcott, PECG
•  Helena Zyblikewycz, Democratic Staff, House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
•  Jeff Pavlak, Legislative Representative, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO

12:00 p.m.  Lunch – Hosted

1:00  Honorable Jimmy Tarlau, Maryland State Delegate

1:15  David Kim, Associate Administrator for Policy and Governmental Affairs, Federal Highway Administration
Introduction: Ted Toppin

1:45  Panel Discussion: Pension Funds and P3s: Hurting Public Employees or Good Public Policy?
Moderator: Dennis Houlihan
•  Bruce Blanning, PECG
•  John Keenan, AFSCME
Panel Discussion: Facing off against ALEC, RTW Laws, and Other Anti-Union Efforts
- Nick Rathod, Executive Director, State Innovation Exchange
- Peggy Shorey, State Coordinator, AFL-CIO

3:00 Break

6:30 NASHTU Group Dinner – We, The Pizza (305 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – Capitol Room B

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:00 Rep. Donna Edwards (D-MD), Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Introduction: Jimmy Tarlau, Maryland State Delegate

8:30 Cost Comparison in the States
Moderator: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
- Travis Woodward, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001
- Joe Dorant, MOSES

9:00 Surviving an Anti-Public Employee Administration
Introduction: Jim Beverly, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association/AFSCME Local 11
- Christopher Mabe, President, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association/AFSCME Local 11

9:30 Crafting Public-Private Partnership Enabling Legislation to Serve the Public Interest
- Ted Toppin, PECG

10:00 Discussion: Aligning NASHTU’s Policy Goals with Good Government Ideals
Moderator: Nadine Westcott, PECG
- Scott Amey, Project on Government Oversight

10:30 Results of a National Voter Survey on Transportation Issues
- Bruce Blanning, PECG

11:00 Audit: FHWA’s Oversight of State Transportation Improvement Programs
- Gary Middleton, Program Director, Surface Transportation, USDOT, Office of the Inspector General

11:30 Lobbying: NASHTU’s Legislative Agenda
- Mary Richards - MOSES
- Ted Toppin - PECG

12:00 p.m. Lunch - On your own

1:00-5:00 Lobbying on Capitol Hill

5:30-7:30 Congressional Reception – Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-369
Wednesday, April 22, 2015 – Capitol Room B

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast – Hosted

8:30  Lobby Day Reports
Moderator: Mary Richards, MOSES

9:00  Jim Tymon, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Policy and Management, AASHTO
Introduction: Nadine Westcott, PECG

9:30  Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Member, House Ways and Means Committee
Introduction: Bill Ricci, CWA Local 1032

10:00  Panel and Discussion: Developments at Highway Departments Throughout the Nation
Moderator: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
- George Heath, SEIU Local 517M
- Raymond Berg, Montana Public Employees Association
- Joe Dorant, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- Vince Oliveri, Professional & Technical Employees Local 17
- Gary Apanasewicz, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association/AFSCME Local 11

11:00  Action Plan for NASHTU for 2014-2015
- Dennis Houlihan – AFSCME
- Mary Richards – MOSES
- Jimmy Tarlau – CWA (retired)
- Nadine Westcott - PECG

11:30  Adjournment