



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, PEGC
- **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**, PEGC
 - **John Keenan**, AFSCME

2:15 **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**