



18th Annual Conference of the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU)

Monday, April 24 through Wednesday, April 26, 2017
Washington Court Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Monday, April 24, 2017 – Springwood Room

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
Robert Lumahan, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:15 **Larry Willis, Secretary-Treasurer, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO**
Introduction: **Jimmy Tarlau**
- 9:30 **State Budget Perspective: Impact of Possible Federal Cuts**
Moderator: **Jimmy Tarlau**
- **Mark Sickles, Virginia State Representative**
 - **Marc Korman, Maryland House of Delegates**
- 10:15 **Transportation Funding Outlook**
Introduction: **Jon Haines, AFSCME**
- **Kevin DeGood, Center for American Progress**
 - **Greg Cohen, American Highway Users Alliance**
- 11:00 **State of Labor: How to Fight the Fight and Win**
Introduction: **Jon Haines, AFSCME**
- **Heidi Shierholz, Economic Policy Institute**
 - **Doug Burnett, AFSCME**
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch (Hosted)
- 1:00 p.m. **Labor Victories to Celebrate: Tales from the States**
Moderator: **Ted Toppin, PEGC**
- **Michael Lund, Alaska Public Employees Association/American Federation of Teachers**
 - **Brian Hawkins, Legislative Director for SEIU 1984**
- 2:00 **Washington DC Media in the Age of Trump**
Introduction: **Jon Ortiz, PEGC**
- **Brianna Gurciullo, Politico**
 - **Eugene Mulero, Transportation Topics**

- **Mike Laris, Washington Post**

- 3:00 **Congressional Staff Insiders Panel**
Moderator: **Jim Kolb, Summit Strategies**
- **Murphie Barrett, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**
 - **Helena Zyblikewycz, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee**
 - **Rebecca Higgins, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee**
- 3:45 Break
- 6:30 **NASHTU Group Dinner – *We, The Pizza*** (305 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)
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Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Springwood Room

- 8:30 **Breakfast**
- 9:00 **Jim Tymon, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (NASHTU)**
Introduction: **Bruce Blanning, PEGC**
- 9:30 **Keynote Speaker: Dan Carol, Office of California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.**
Introduction: **Mark Sheahan, PEGC**
- 10:00 **Public Sector Unions: Fair Share Fee Challenges – What’s Next**
Moderator: **David Strom, American Federation of Teachers**
- **Matthew Mayers, AFSCME**
 - **Norma Gutierrez, SEIU International**
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Jeff Denham (R-CA)**
Introduction: **Chelsea Merrill, PEGC**
- 11:30 **Lobbying 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits**
- **Ted Toppin, PEGC**
 - **Jim Kolb, Summit Strategies**
- 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 2075**
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Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Springwood Room

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Hosted)
- 8:45 **Lobby Day Reports**
Moderator: **Ted Toppin**
- 9:00 **Action Plan for NASHTU for 2016-2017**
- **Jon Haines, AFSCME**

- **Joe Dorant**, MOSES
- **Bill Ricci**, CWA 1032
- **Ted Toppin**, PECG

- 9:45 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA)**
Introduction: **Sutida Bergquist, PECG**
- 10:00 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Sam Graves (R-MO)**
Introduction: **Jon Haines, AFSCME**
- 10:30 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)**
Introduction: TBA
- 11:00 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Don Young (R-AK)**
Introduction: **Michael Lund, APEA/AFT**
- 11:15 Closing Remarks & Adjournment