17th Annual Conference of the
National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU)

Monday, May 16 through Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Hyatt Regency Washington Capitol Hill

Monday, May 16, 2016 – Capitol Room B

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 Welcoming Remarks
Robert Lumahan, President-Elect, Professional Engineers in California Government (PECG)

9:15 A New, Transparent Way of Prioritizing Transportation Project Selection
Introduction: Del. Jimmy Tarlau, Maryland General Assembly, House of Delegates
• Del. Marc Korman, Delegate, Maryland General Assembly, House of Delegates

10:00 Friedrichs v. CTA: What Comes Next...
Moderator: Gerald James, PECG
• Jeffrey B. Demain, Esq., Altshuler Berzon LLP
• Matthew Mayers, Assistant Director, AFSCME International Organizing and Field Services
• David J. Strom, Legal Counsel – American Federation of Teachers

11:00 BREAK

11:15 Organized Labor’s Battles on the Hill
Introduction: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
Bill Samuel, Director of Government Affairs, AFL-CIO

11:30 Congressional Staff Panel: FAST Act, Outsourcing Mandates/Incentives, and the Future of Transportation Funding
Moderator: Jeff Pavlak, Legislative Representative, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
• Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director for Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA)
• Steven Carlson, Legislative Director for Rep. Michael Capuano (D-MA)
• Emily Burns, Legislative Director for Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA)

12:30 p.m. Lunch (Hosted)

1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion: P3s in the States
Moderator: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
• Jeff Pavlak, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
• Ryan Endean, PECG
• Ted Toppin, PECG
2:30  Ed Wytkind, President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
      Introduction: Del. Jimmy Tarlau, CWA (ret.)

3:00  The Development of a Surface Transportation Authorization: A Behind the Scenes Look
      • Jim Kolb, Summit Strategies
      • James O'Keeffe, O'Keeffe Strategies

3:30  Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
      Introduction: Jody Frasier, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon (AEEO)

4:00  Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
      Introduction: Ned Statchen, CSEA/SEIU Local 2001

4:30  BREAK

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

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – Capitol Room B

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast

8:30  John Porcari, Former Deputy Secretary of U.S. DOT, Current Co-Chair of Infrastructure Group for Hillary Clinton Campaign
      Introduction: Jim Kolb, Summit Strategies

9:00  Good Government – Exposing P3 Myths
      Moderator: Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
      • Shar Habibi, In The Public Interest
      • Kevin DeGood, Center for American Progress

10:00  Rep. John Garamendi (D-CA), Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
      Introduction: Ted Toppin, PECG

10:30  ASCE Report – Failure to Act: Closing the Infrastructure Investment Gap for America’s Economic Future
      Brian Pallasch, Managing Director of Government Relations and Infrastructure Initiatives, American Society of Civil Engineers

11:00  BREAK

11:30  Lobbying 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits
      • Jim Kolb, Summit Strategies
      • 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-354
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – Capitol Room B

8:00 a.m. Breakfast (Hosted)

8:30 Gregory Nadeau, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
Introduction: Ted Toppin, PECG

9:00 Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA), Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Introduction: Ted Toppin, PECG

9:30 Workshop: What's Next for Us?
Facilitators: Dennis Houlihan and Jon Haines, AFSCME

10:30 Lobby Day Reports
Moderator: Nadine Westcott, PECG

11:00 Action Plan for NASHTU for 2016-2017
• Dennis Houlihan, AFSCME
• Joe Dorant, MOSES
• Bill Ricci, CWA 1032
• Nadine Westcott, PECG

11:30 Adjournment