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, President, Professional Engineers in California Government

9:15 Larry Willis, Secretary-Treasurer, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
Introduction: Jimmy Tarlau, Maryland State Delegate

9:30 State Budget Perspective: Impact of Possible Federal Cuts
Moderator: Jimmy Tarlau, Maryland State Delegate
• Mark Sickles, Virginia State Delegate
• Marc Korman, Maryland State Delegate

10:15 Transportation Funding Outlook
Introduction: Jon Haines, AFSCME
• Kevin DeGood, Director of Infrastructure Policy, Center for American Progress
• Greg Cohen, CEO & President, American Highway Users Alliance

11:00 State of Labor: How to Fight the Fight and Win
Introduction: Jon Haines, AFSCME
• Heidi Shierholz, Senior Economist & Director of Policy, Economic Policy Institute
• Doug Burnett, Assistant Director, Political Action, AFSCME

11:45 Break

12:00 p.m. Lunch (Hosted)

1:00 p.m. Labor Victories to Celebrate: Tales from the States
Moderator: Bruce Blanning, PECG
• Michael Lund, Executive Vice President, Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT
• Liam Carnahan, Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT
• Brian Hawkins, Legislative Director, SEIU 1984

2:00 Washington DC Media in the Age of Trump
Introduction: Jon Ortiz, PECG
• Brianna Gurciullo, Politico
Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Springwood Room

8:30  Breakfast

9:00  Jim Tymon, Chief Operating Officer, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
     Introduction: Bruce Blanning, PECG

9:30  Keynote Speaker: Dan Carol, Senior Advisor on Infrastructure and Energy, Office of California Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
     Introduction: Mark Sheahan, PECG

10:00 Public Sector Unions: Fair Share Fee Challenges – What’s Next
     Moderator: David Strom, General Counsel, American Federation of Teachers
     • Matthew Mayers, Assistant Director, Organizing and Field Services, AFSCME
     • Norma Gutierrez, Field Director, SEIU International

11:00  Break

11:15  Keynote Speaker: Representative Jeff Denham (R-CA)
     Introduction: Chelsea Merrill, PECG

11:30  Lobbying 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits
     • 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

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Springwood Room

8:00 a.m.  Breakfast (Hosted)

8:45  Lobby Day Reports
     Moderator: Chelsea Merrill, PECG

9:00  Action Plan for NASHTU for 2017-2018
- Jon Haines, AFSCME
- Joe Dorant, MOSES
- Bill Ricci, CWA 1032
- Bruce Blanning, 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: Roderick Jackson, SEIU 517

11:00  **Keynote Speaker: Representative Don Young (R-AK)**  
Introduction: Michael Lund, APEA/AFT

11:15  Closing Remarks & Adjournment