



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**

- Eugene Mulero, Transport 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**
 - **Andrew Wishnia, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee**
- 3:45 Break
- 6:30 **NASHTU Group Dinner – *We, The Pizza*** (305 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE)

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, PEGC**
- 9:30 **Keynote Speaker: Dan Carol, Senior Advisor on Infrastructure and Energy, 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, 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, PEGC**
- 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, PEGC**
- 9:00 **Action Plan for NASHTU for 2017-2018**

- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Joe Dorant**, MOSES
- **Bill Ricci**, CWA 1032
- **Bruce Blanning**, PEGG

9:45 **Keynote Speaker: Representative Grace Napolitano (D-CA)**
Introduction: **Sutida Bergquist, PEGG**

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