



## National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) 19th Annual Conference

Monday, April 16 through Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
Liaison Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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### Monday, April 16, 2018 – The Hill Room

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast (Hosted)
- 9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Sutida Bergquist**, President, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:15 **Larry Willis**, President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Introduction: **Jimmy Tarlau**, Maryland State Delegate
- 9:45 **Sustainable Transportation Funding: Are Mileage-Base User Fees a Future Revenue Source?**
  - **Jack Basso**, Co-Chair, Mileage-Based User Fee Alliance
- 10:15 **[Sustainable Transportation Funding: Oregon's Pilot Program on Mileage-Based User Fees](#)**
  - **Melissa Sutkowski**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 **[The Transportation Climate Initiative of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States](#)**  
Introduction: **Joe Dorant**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
  - **Chris Dempsey**, Director, Transportation for Massachusetts
- 11:45 Lunch (Hosted)
- 1:15 **Rules, Regulations, and Executive Orders – How they Affect You and Your Job**
  - **Jon Haines**, Labor Economist, AFSCME
- 2:00 **Congressional Staff Panel**  
Moderator: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
  - **Helena Zyblikewycz**, Staff Director, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee
  - **Andrew Wishnia**, USDOT Staff Detail, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

- 2:30 **Jim Tymon**, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Policy and Management, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials  
Introduction: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 3:00 **Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI)**, Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Roderick Jackson**, SEIU 517M
- 3:30 **Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)**, Ranking Democrat, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- 4:00 **Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD)**, Ranking Democrat, Senate Subcommittee on Highways and Transportation  
Introduction: **Jennifer Porcari**, AFT Public Employees
- 4:30 **Rep. Rodney Davis (R-IL)**, Member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- 6:30 **NASHTU Group Dinner** – District of Pi (910 F Street NW)
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**Tuesday, April 17, 2018 – The Hill Room**

- 8:00 **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 8:30 **Trump Infrastructure “Bait and Switch” Plan**  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Kevin DeGood**, Director of Infrastructure Policy, Center for American Progress
- 9:00 **[Public Sector Unions: A Legal Update to Fair Share Fee Challenges](#)**  
*(10-point Action Plan mailed upon request)*
- **David Strom**, General Counsel, American Federation of Teachers
- 9:45 **Public Sector Unions: NASHTU Affiliates Share Strategies to Prepare for Janus Decision**
- **Dan Brennan**, SEIU Local 1984 (New Hampshire)
  - **Gary Apanasewicz**, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association/AFSCME
  - **Eric Knapp**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon
  - **Travis Woodward**, Connecticut State Employees Association/SEIU 2001
  - **Nick Alfano**, CWA 1032 (New Jersey)
- 10:30 **[Public Sector Unions: Organizing Challenges in the Wake of Janus](#)**  
Moderator: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Erin Young**, Assistant Regional Director, Organizing and Field Services, AFSCME
  - **Maryann Parker**, Associate General Counsel, SEIU International
- 11:00 **Rep. Alan Lowenthal**, Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Sutida Bergquist**, Professional Engineers in California Government

- 11:30           **Advocacy 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits**
- **Greg Regan**, Secretary-Treasurer, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
  - **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 12:00 p.m.      **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:00-5:00       **Lobbying on Capitol Hill**
- 5:00-7:00       **Congressional Reception** – Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2203
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**Wednesday, April 18, 2017 – The Hill Room**

- 8:00 a.m.       **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 8:30            **Senator Jeff Merkley (D-OR)**, Member, Environment and Public Works Committee  
Introduction: **Cesar Lopez**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon
- 9:00            **Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)**, Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:30            **Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO)**, Chair, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee  
Introduction: **George Heath**, SEIU 517M
- 10:00           **Lobby Day Reports**  
Moderator: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 10:30           **Council of Engineering and Scientist Organizations**
- **Dana Wheeler**, Minnesota Government Engineering Council
- 10:45           Action Plan for NASHTU for 2017-2018
- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
  - **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 11:00           **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**