



## National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference

Monday, June 5 through Wednesday, June 7, 2023  
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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### Monday, June 5, 2023 – Springwood Room

- 8:15 a.m.      **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:00            **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Cameron Knudson**, Past President, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:15            **Greg Regan**, President, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- 9:45            **Organizing and Member Recruitment Post Pandemic**  
**Brian Klopp**, AFSCME  
**Jennifer Porcari**, AFT  
**Damon Coulter**, SEIU International  
**Joshua Szulczewski, PhD, P.E.**, CWA 1032
- 10:45          **Distribution of IJJA/IRA Federal Dollars in the States**
  - **Andrew Olson**, Senior Budget and Policy Analyst, Federal Funds Information for States
- 11:30          **Representative Hillary Scholten (D-MI)**, Member, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **George Heath**, SEIU 517M
- Noon            **Lunch (Hosted)**
- 1:30            **Andy Levinson**, Director of the Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA  
Introduction: **Jennifer Porcari**, AFT
- 2:00            **Safety in Highway Construction Zones**
  - **Jawad Paracha**, Program Manager, FHWA Office of Operations
  - **Cameron Greene**, Director of Federal Government Relations, American Traffic Safety Services Association
  - **Travis Woodward**, SEIU 2001
  - **Denise Gilmore**, AFSCME Council 3
  - **Rob Scholz**, CSEA Local 1000

- 3:00 **Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA)**, Member, Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works  
Introduction: **Ted Toppin**, PECG
- 3:15 **NASHTU Federal Issues and Policy Panel**  
Moderator: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Jackie Schmitz**, Democratic Staff Director, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
  - **Jordan Baugh**, Professional Staff, Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works
  - **Matt Colvin**, Chief of Staff, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
- 4:00 **Representative Marc Molinaro (R-NY)**, Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Brian DuBois**, New York State Public Employees Federation
- 4:30 **Representative Pat Ryan (D-NY)**, Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Brian DuBois**, New York State Public Employees Federation
- 7:30 **NASHTU Group Dinner** – District of Pi (910 F Street NW)
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**Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Springwood Room**

- 8:15 **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 8:45 **Labor Perspective: Workforce Recruitment and Retention**  
Introduction: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
  - **Matthew Emigholtz/Chad Purcell**, Illinois Federation of Public Employees Local 4408
  - **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- 9:30 **Carlos Monje**, Undersecretary for Policy, U.S. DOT  
Introduction: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- 10:00 **Senator Edward Markey (D-MA)**, Member, Senate Committee on the Environment and Public Works  
Introduction: **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- 10:30 **Management Perspective: Workforce Recruitment and Retention**
- **Jim McDonnell**, P.E., Director of Engineering, AASHTO
- 11:00 BREAK
- 11:30 **Advocacy 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits**
- **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
  - **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:00-5:00 **Lobbying on Capitol Hill**

6:00 – 8:00 **Congressional Reception** – Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2044

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**Wednesday, June 7, 2023 – Springwood Room**

8:15 a.m. **Breakfast (Hosted)**

9:15 **Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA)**, Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Joe Dorant**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists

9:45 **State Department of Transportation Developments from Across the Nation**

- **Brian DuBois**, New York State Public Employees Federation
- **Denise Gilmore**, AFSCME Council 3
- **Liam Carnahan**, Alaska Public Employees Association/AFT
- **Travis Woodward**, Connecticut State Employees Association/SEIU 2001
- **Cesar Lopez**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon

10:30 **Lobby Day Reports**

Moderator: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government

11:00 **Action Plan for NASHTU for 2023-2024**

- **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- **Travis Woodward**, Connecticut State Employees Association/SEIU 2001
- **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government

11:30 **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**