



## National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Monday, June 3 through Wednesday, June 5, 2024  
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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### Monday, June 3, 2024 – Springwood Room

- 8:15 a.m.      **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:00            **Welcoming Remarks**  
**Brad Shelton**, President, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:15            **Matt Colvin**, Chief of Staff, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- 9:45            **Union Organizing Strategies in the Transportation Sector**  
**Shannon Douvier**, AFSCME 65 Minnesota  
**Jerry Smith**, Maryland AFT MPEC Local 6197  
**Travis Woodward**, CSEA-SEIU 2001
- 10:30          **Agencies vs. Courts: The Balance of Power and the Future of Federal Rulemaking**  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Gillian Santos**, AFSCME General Counsel
- 11:00          **Building Infrastructure in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**  
Introduction: **Ted Toppin**, Professional Engineers in California Government  
**John Porcari**, Managing Partner, 3P Enterprises
- 11:30          **Infrastructure Funding Panel**  
Moderator: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Joung Lee**, Deputy Director & Chief Policy Officer, AASHTO
  - **Alison Black**, Senior Vice President and Chief Economist, ARTBA
- 12:05 p.m.    **BREAK**
- 12:15          **Lunch (Hosted)**
- 1:40            **Secretary Pete Buttigieg**, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Introduction: **Ted Toppin**, Professional Engineers in California Government

- 2:10            **NASHTU Federal Issues and Policy Panel**  
Moderator: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Jackie Schmitz**, Democratic Staff Director, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee
  - **Mira Lezell**, Staff Director, House Highways and Transit Subcommittee (Invited)
  - **Jordan Baugh**, Senior Policy Advisor, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Invited)
- 6:30            **NASHTU Group Dinner** – Summit Strategies Rooftop – 440 First Street, NW
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**Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – Springwood Room**

- 8:30 a.m.        **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:00            **Messaging on the Reemergence of Public-Private Partnerships**  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- [Shahrzad Habibi, In the Public Interest](#)
- 9:45            **When the Safety Oversight Disappears: The Tragedy of the FIU Pedestrian Bridge**  
Introduction: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- [Robert Molloy, NTSB](#)
- 10:15           **Representative Rick Larsen**, Ranking Member, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- 10:45           **BREAK**
- 11:00           **Advocacy 101: Making the Most Out of Your Capitol Hill Visits**
- **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
  - **Chris Brown**, AFSCME
  - **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 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 2044
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**Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – Springwood Room**

- 8:45 a.m.        **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:15            **Lobby Day Reports**  
Moderator: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 10:00           **State Department of Transportation Developments from Across the Nation**
- **Darren Trast**, AFSCME 221 Minnesota

- **Cesar Lopez**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon
- **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- **Sabrina Bell**, Ohio Civil Service Employees Association/ODOT

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**Action Plan for NASHTU for 2024-2025**

- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Joe Dorant**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
- **Travis Woodward**, Connecticut State Employees Association/SEIU 2001
- **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government

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**Closing Remarks & Adjournment**