



## National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Monday, June 23 through Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

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### Monday, June 23, 2025 – Executive Room

- 8:30 a.m.      **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:15            **Welcoming Remarks**
- **Steve Lee**, President, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:30            **Mary Richards Tribute**
- **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization for State Engineers and Scientists
- 9:45            **History of the National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions**
- **Jimmy Tarlau**, CWA (retired)
- 10:00          **Union Challenges to New Federal Order**
- **Megan Uzell**, Democracy Forward
- 10:30          **Local Perspective on Federal Funding Cuts**
- **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists
  - **Jerry Smith**, Maryland Professional Employees Council / AFT
- 11:00          **Public Sector Union Building**  
Moderator: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Karla Walter**, Center for American Progress
- 11:30          **State by State: Recruitment and Organizing**
- **Darren Trast and Louis McNutt**, AFSCME 221/MNDOT
  - **Edmund Martinez**, Colorado WINS Local 1876
- 12:15          **Lunch (Hosted)**
- 1:30            **Congressional Staff Panel**  
Moderator: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Zoe Walker**, Legislative Assistant, House T&I Highway and Transit Subcommittee
  - **Caryn Lund Moore**, Senior Professional Staff, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

- 2:15            **Federal Employee Union Changes and Challenges**
- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
  - **Jenn Porcari**, AFT
- 6:30            **NASHTU Group Dinner – Sports and Social (1314 U Street, NW)**
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**Tuesday, June 24, 2025 – Executive Room**

- 7:45 a.m.        **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 8:30            **Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)**, Ranking Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
Introduction: **Joe Dorant**, Massachusetts Organization for State Engineers and Scientists
- 9:00            **A Highway Trust Fund in Crisis**  
Introduction: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- **Susan Howard**, AASHTO
- 9:30            **Senator Adam Schiff (D-CA)**, Member, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
Introduction: **Brad Shelton**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 10:00           **A United Front: Labor’s Priorities for the Upcoming Surface Transportation Authorization**  
Introduction: **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Samantha Fazenbaker**, Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO
- 10:45           **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
- 11:15 p.m.      **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:00 - 5:00      **Lobbying on Capitol Hill**
- 6:00 - 8:00      **Congressional Reception – Rayburn Foyer, Rayburn House Office Building**
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**Wednesday, June 25, 2025 – Executive 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**
- **Cesar Lopez**, Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon
  - **George Heath**, SEIU 517M
  - **Darren Trast and Louis McNutt**, AFSCME 221/MNDOT
  - **Patrick Russell**, Massachusetts Organization for State Engineers and Scientists
- 11:00      **Action Plan for NASHTU for 2025-2026**
- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
  - **Jennifer Porcari**, AFT
  - **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 11:30      **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**