



National Association of State Highway and Transportation Unions (NASHTU) 26th Annual Conference

Monday, June 22 through Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Monday, June 22, 2026 – Executive Room

- 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:00 **Welcoming Remarks**
- **Ferdinand de la Cruz**, President, Professional Engineers in California Government
- 9:15 **Welcome and Update from the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO**
- **Introduction: Jennifer Porcari**, AFT
 - **Shari Selemsburger**, Secretary-Treasurer, TTD, AFL-CIO
 - **Andrea Wohleber**, Policy Director, TTD, AFL-CIO
- 9:45 **Update on Union Efforts to Fight Federal Funding Cuts**
- **Meg Uzzell**, Democracy Forward
- 10:15 **Federal Government Crackdown on CDLs and its Threat to Federal Funding**
- **Channing Cooper**, Deputy General Counsel, AFT
 - **Jessica Rutter**, Deputy General Counsel, AFT
- 10:30 **Montana’s Efforts to Curb Corporate Power**
- **Michelle Wheat**, Montana Federation of Public Employees
- 11:00 **Approaching AI through a Union Lens**
- **Jenn Porcari**, AFT
 - **Christine Silvia DeGennaro**, AFSCME
 - **Joe Bellgowan**, SEIU 517M
- 12:00 **Lunch (Hosted)**
- 1:30 **Public Service Loan Forgiveness: What Should You Expect?**
- **Jenn Porcari**, AFT

- 1:45 **Keeping Public Servants Safe in Work Zones**
- **Cameron Greene**, VP of Government Relations, American Traffic Safety Services Association
 - **Rob Scholz**, CSEA NY
- 6:00 **NASHTU Group Dinner – Sports and Social (1314 U Street, NW)**
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Tuesday, June 23, 2026 – Executive Room

- 8:15 a.m. **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 9:00 **The Next Surface Transportation Authorization**
Introduction: **Nadine Westcott**, PECG
- **Susan Howard**, Director of Policy and Government Relations
- 9:30 **Pension Battles in the States**
- **Alaska – Jesse Slone**, APEA-AFT
 - **New York – Corinne Testa**, NYSPEF
 - **Illinois – Matthew Emigholz**, IFPE
 - **Connecticut – Travis Woodward**, SEIU 2001
- 10:15 **Report: Rising Construction Costs: Analyzing the Contributors to Cost Escalations and the Impact on Federal Transportation Infrastructure Investments**
Introduction: **Jim Kolb**, Summit Strategies
- **Grace Truslow**, Eno Center for Transportation
- 10:45 **Effective Tools to Fight Outsourcing and Privatization**
- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- 11:15 **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 2044, Rayburn House Office Building**
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Wednesday, June 24, 2026 – Executive Room

- 7:45 a.m. **Breakfast (Hosted)**
- 8:30 **Lobby Day Reports**
Moderator: **Nadine Westcott**, Professional Engineers in California Government

9:00 **Rep. Val Hoyle (D-OR)**, Member, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Introduction: **Anthony Castaneda**, SEIU 503

9:30 **State Department of Transportation Developments from Across the Nation**

- **Corinne Testa**, NYSPEF
- **George Heath**, SEIU 517M
- **Cesar Lopez**, AEE
- **Louis McNutt**, AFSCME 221
- **Joe Dorant**, MOSES

10:30 **Action Plan for NASHTU for 2025-2026**

- **Jon Haines**, AFSCME
- **Nadine Westcott**, PCCG

11:00 **Closing Remarks & Adjournment**