NACo WELCOMES
INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2017 FLY-IN PARTICIPANTS
2017 NACo Infrastructure Week Fly-In
May 16-18 | 660 North Capitol Street | Washington, D.C. 20001

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 16
5:00pm – 6:00pm
Welcome Reception for Fly-In Participants
660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001 (Main Lobby)

Join NACo for a reception and meet-and-greet with local leaders from around the country who will be visiting Washington, D.C. to help promote the county government priorities as Congress continues their work toward developing an infrastructure package to help build, repair and grow our nation's critical infrastructure.

Wednesday, May 17
8:00am – 9:00am
Breakfast Briefing and Overview for Fly-In Participants
660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001 (Boardroom)

Infrastructure Week Fly-In attendees will meet at NACo’s headquarters and participate in a briefing that will provide a detailed overview of each of NACo’s planned events for Infrastructure Week, along with a legislative update focused on NACo’s 2017 infrastructure priorities.

NACo Staff:
Matthew D. Chase, Executive Director
Deborah Cox, Legislative Director
Kevan Stone, Associate Legislative Director (Transportation)
Jacob Terrell, Associate Legislative Director (Telecommunications & Technology)

9:30am – 11:00am
Built to Last: A Discussion on the Importance of Local Infrastructure Investment
National City-County Leadership Center: 660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

Join local government leaders, along with the President and CEO of the Eno Center for Transportation, Robert Puentes, for a discussion on successful national and local strategies that have helped communities contribute positive economic development through infrastructure and promote new innovations through strong federal-state-local partnerships.

Moderator: Mr. Robert Puentes, President & CEO, Eno Center for Transportation
Panelist:
Hon. Bill Holen, Commissioner, Arapahoe County, Colorado (Vice-Chair, National Association of Counties Transportation Steering Committee)
Hon. Mick Cornett, Mayor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (President, U.S. Conference of Mayors)
Hon. Matt Zone, Councilman, Cleveland, Ohio (President, National League of Cities)
11:30am – 12:30pm  Lunch at NACo Headquarters
660 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20001 (Boardroom)

1:00pm – 1:15pm  Group Photo with Fly-In Participants
Steps of the U.S. House of Representatives

NACo Infrastructure Week Fly-In participants will gather for a group photo on the steps outside of the U.S. House of Representatives for a brief photo-op prior to departing for the Big 7 Capitol Hill Briefing.

2:00pm – 3:00pm  Big 7 Briefing on Capitol Hill: State and Local Governments Drive America – A Discussion for the Future of Infrastructure Policy
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154, Washington, D.C. 20515

Join leaders from the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate for a robust conversation with state and local leaders about the current and future state of infrastructure in America and how Congress and the Federal Government can help support local infrastructure goals.

Speakers:  
Hon. Amy Klobuchar, U.S. Senator (D-Minn.), Ranking Member, Joint Economic Committee
Hon. Jeff Denham, U.S. House of Representatives (R-Calif.), Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials
Hon. Sam Graves, U.S. House of Representatives (R-Mo.), Chair, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
Hon. Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn. (Chair, National Association of Counties Large Urban County Caucus)
Hon. Andrew McLean, Representative, Maine House of Representatives (National Council of State Legislatures)
Hon. Mick Cornett, Mayor, Oklahoma City, Okla. (President, U.S. Conference of Mayors)
Hon. Matt Zone, Councilmember, Cleveland, Ohio (President, National League of Cities)
Hon. Curt Bramble, State Senator, Utah (Immediate Past President, National Conference of State Legislatures)

3:00pm – 4:00pm  Local Infrastructure Roundtable with House Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2154, Washington, D.C. 20515

Join Hon. Gary Palmer (R-Ala.) for an off-the-record discussion on regulatory hurdles that impede infrastructure development and implementation. Chairman Palmer will engage attendees in a two-way discussion of how the federal government can assist local governments through the regulatory process.

Speakers:  
Hon. Gary Palmer, Chair, U.S. House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations
Hon. Jim McDonough, Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minn.
Hon. John Becker, Supervisor, Madison County, N.Y.
Thursday, May 18

2:00pm – 3:00pm Joint Panel Discussion: The Importance of Broadband in Building Smart Communities
National City-County Leadership Center: 660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

Representatives from local government, industry and academia will come together for a discussion on the importance of building and investing in broadband infrastructure when building connected communities in the 21st century.

Moderator: Ms. Jean Rice, Senior Communications Program Specialist, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) U.S. Department of Commerce

Speakers: Hon. Hans Riemer, Councilmember, Montgomery County, Md. 
Hon. David Luna, Vice-Mayor, Mesa, Ariz.
Dr. Brenda Bannan, Associate Professor, George Mason University
Mr. John Breitbart, Chief Technology Officer, New York, N.Y.
Mr. Bryan Witkowski, Head of Product, machineQ, Comcast
Dear County Leaders,

May 16-17, 2017 marks the 5th annual Washington, D.C. Infrastructure Week. During this time, thousands of stakeholders will highlight the critical importance of investing in and modernizing America’s infrastructure. NACo will be participating in a number of events and would like to invite you to attend and help us share the county message.

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Welcome Reception and Tour of NACo’s New Facilities
NACo Headquarters
660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington D.C. 20001

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Internal Strategy Breakfast Meeting at NACo
4th Floor Board Room / NACo Headquarters
660 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20001

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Built to Last: A discussion on the Importance of Local Infrastructure Investment
NACo/ NLC Joint Conference Center
660 North Capitol Street, N.W.

11:30-12:30pm
Lunch at NACo
4th Floor Board Room / NACo Headquarters
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1:00 - 1:15 p.m.
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2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Hill Briefing: State and Local Infrastructure Drives America
Rayburn House Office Building / Room 2154
Washington D.C. 20515

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Roundtable Discussion: Regulatory Hurdles to Infrastructure Development
Hosted by Congressman Gary Palmer, Oversight and Government Reform Committee
Rayburn House Office Building / Room 2154

**Thursday, May 18, 2017**

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
The Importance of Broadband in Building Smart Communities
NACo/ NLC Joint Conference Center
660 North Capitol Street, N.W.

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On behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo), United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), and the National League of Cities (NLC), we are pleased to invite you to a forum discussing the importance of local infrastructure development. With momentum for new infrastructure investment growing, this year promises to be an exciting one!

Join local government leaders to discuss successful national and local strategies that have helped communities contribute positive economic development through infrastructure and promote new innovations through strong federal-state-local partnerships, including the importance of tax-free municipal bonds. We look forward to you joining us on May 17th.

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Doors Open: 9:30 a.m. / Conversation Begins: 10:00 a.m.
NACo Conference Center: 660 North Capitol Street, Northwest, Washington D.C. 20001

Please join us for a discussion with:

**HON. BILL HOLEN**
Commissioner, Arapahoe County, Colorado
National Association of Counties

**HON. MATT ZONE**
Councilmember, Cleveland, Ohio
National League of Cities (President)

**HON. MICK CORNETT**
Mayor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
U.S. Conference of Mayors (President)

**MR. ROBERT PUENTES**
President and CEO, Eno Center for Transportation
Moderator
JOIN US FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK FLY-IN 2017 EVENT

HILL BRIEFING:

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS DRIVE AMERICA – A DISCUSSION FOR THE FUTURE OF INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Conversation Begins: 2:00 p.m. / Rayburn House Office Building / Room 2154 / Washington, D.C. 20515

Please join us for a discussion with:

REPRESENTATIVE JEFF DENHAM (R-CA)
Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Material

SENATOR AMY KLOBUCCHAR (D-MN)
Senate Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee, Member of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

REPRESENTATIVE SAM GRAVES (R-MO)
Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

HON. ANDREW McLEAN
Maine- House of Representatives
The Council of State Governments

HON. MICK CORNETT
Mayor, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
U.S. Conference of Mayors (President)

HON. JIM MCDONOUGH
Commissioner, Ramsey County, Minnesota
National Association of Counties

HON. MATT ZONE
Councilmember, Cleveland, Ohio
National League of Cities (President)

HON. CURT BRAMBLE
Utah- State Senator
National Conference of State Legislatures

On behalf of the National Association of Counties (NACo), United States Conference of Mayors (USCM), National League of Cities (NLC), The Council of State Government (CSG), National Governors Association (NGA), International City/County Manager Association (ICMA) and National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), we are pleased to invite you to a briefing on Capitol Hill to highlight the role of state and local governments in building, maintaining, and improving America’s infrastructure.

Join state and local leaders for a robust conversation about the current and future state of infrastructure in America and how Congress can help support local infrastructure goals.
JOIN US FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK FLY-IN 2017 EVENT

ROUNDTABLE: REGULATORY HURDLES TO INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
Roundtable Begins: 3:15 p.m
Rayburn House Office Building / Room 2154 / Washington, D.C. 20515

Please join us for an off-the-record roundtable discussion on infrastructure development and the regulatory process hosted by:

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS
• National Association of Counties
• National Governors Association
• National League of Cities
• The Council of State Governments

HON. GARY PALMER (R-AL)
Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee,
Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations
Talk of “smart cities” seems ubiquitous these days, as communities experience pressure to prepare for a future that promises autonomous vehicles and fully connected infrastructure. Broadband is critical to the success of these new and forthcoming technological innovations. Participate in this session to better understand the kinds of broadband infrastructure needed for smart cities, and learn how communities can plan for smart infrastructure development.

Join us for an engaging discussion featuring:

- Jean Rice (moderator), Broadband Development Officer, BroadbandUSA, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Dr. Brenda Bannan, George Mason University
- Josh Breitbart, Senior Advisor for Broadband, New York City
- The Honorable David Luna, Vice Mayor, Mesa, Arizona
- The Honorable Hans Riemer, Council Vice President, Montgomery County, Maryland

Hosted by the National League of Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.
The nation’s 3,069 counties play a vital role in our nation’s infrastructure network

Counties play a critical role in the nation’s infrastructure system, owning 45 percent of all public roads and 39 percent of the nation’s bridge inventory, and are involved with a third of the nation’s transit systems and airports that connect residents, communities and businesses. Without a strong federal-state-local partnership, local infrastructure investment will sputter and fall behind our nation’s competitors. As Congress and the Administration work towards an infrastructure package, we urge the following:

**Preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds**
Tax-exempt municipal bonds have been a fundamental feature of the United States tax code since 1913. Municipal bonds remain the primary method used by states and local governments to finance public capital improvements and public infrastructure projects that are essential for creating jobs, sustaining economic growth and improving the quality of life for Americans in every corner of this country.

**Dedicate funding for locally owned infrastructure**
County governments know their infrastructure needs better than anyone. Counties know how to prioritize projects and ensure project delivery, on time and under budget. NACo believes that counties should be recognized as major owners of transportation infrastructure in any potential package presented by the administration. Furthermore, federal funding levels and local authority should adequately reflect the county role in the nation’s transportation system. Direct federal funding is the bedrock of a successful federal-state-local partnership for strong infrastructure development.

**Promote Project Streamlining**
Counties often find themselves navigating the vast jungle of federal regulations to begin projects and receive federal funds. Many of these regulatory hurdles are duplicative to state regulation’s and can substantially delay project implementation. The time and cost of meeting these regulatory requirements is astronomical in cost and severe in delays. Precious federal and local funds can be stretched further by streamlining the regulatory process to ensure successful completion of important local infrastructure.

**Continue to invest in wastewater development**
Local governments fund 95 percent of the water and wastewater infrastructure nationally which provides clean water for residents, protects the environment and invigorates local economies. Since water and wastewater systems are primarily funded through user fees, local governments and other water utilities face an increasing challenge in meeting current and future clean water needs. We encourage the federal government to increase funding to water and wastewater systems to help upgrade aging infrastructure, meet federal regulatory requirements and foster a climate of economic growth in our communities. Additionally, we encourage the Administration to provide grants and technical assistance to small, rural, disadvantaged communities that are unable to meet their water and wastewater needs solely with loans.

**Expand broadband development**
NACo strongly supports legislation and administrative policies that help counties attract broadband services regardless of population or technology used. This includes supporting legislation that provides tax credits to telecommunications providers that develop broadband in rural and underserved communities, and provides for broadened eligibility and additional federal agency loan authority or extension of credit to telecommunications providers that deploy broadband in rural communities.