

A photograph of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., featuring its iconic white dome and neoclassical architecture. The building is reflected in the water of the Tidal Basin in the foreground. To the left, there are lush green trees, and to the right, a statue of George Washington on horseback is visible. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

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 nations 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

SAVE THE DATE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK FLY-IN 2017 MAY 16-17 | WASHINGTON, D.C.



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.

INFORMATION

When: May 16-17, 2017

Where: Washington, D.C.

What: NACo's Infrastructure Week 2017 Fly-in

AGENDA

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5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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
660 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20001

1:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Group Photo with fly-in Participants

Steps of the U.S. House of Representatives

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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JOIN US FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK FLY-IN 2017 EVENT

BUILT TO LAST: A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

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

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.



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 KLOBUCHAR (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





The Importance of Broadband in Building Smart Communities

[An Infrastructure Week Event](#)

Thursday, May 18, 2017 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

National City-County Leadership Center

660 North Capitol Street, NW | Washington, D.C. 20001

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.

INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK 2017



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.