



TRANSPORTATION STEERING COMMITTEE

NACo 2016 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.
February 20-24, 2016

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MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, February 20, 2016 | 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
ROOM: Thurgood Marshall South/West (Mezzanine Level)

8:00 am – 8:15 am **Opening Remarks and Introductions**

- **Hon. Peter McLaughlin**, Commissioner, Hennepin County, Minn.

8:15 am – 8:30 am Report from the National Association of County Engineers

NACE's President Duane Ratermann, P.E. will provide a brief overview of NACE's activities and the goals he has set for the remainder of his term as the organization's president.

- **Mr. Duane Ratermann**, President, NACE (Knox County, Ill.)

8:30 am – 9:00 am Discussion of Submitted Interim Policy Resolutions

The *American County Platform* is NACo's permanent policy document containing language that reflects the philosophy and broad objectives of NACo's membership. In addition to developing and promoting the transportation section of NACo's platform, the steering committee considers and adopts policy resolutions, which are generally single-purpose documents addressing a specific issue or piece of legislation. Resolutions draw attention to a topic of current concern, clarify parts of the broadly worded platform, or set policy in areas not covered by the platform. Current policy will guide NACo advocacy until the NACo Annual Conference in July 2016.

- **Resolution regarding Local Control of Federal Allocations**
Sponsor: Hon. Dan Wright, Commissioner, Walker County, Ala.
- **Resolution regarding Automated Transit Networks**
Sponsor: Hon. Fred Payne, Council Member, Greenville County, S.C.

- **Cross-Jurisdictional or Emergency Resolutions** (*if applicable*)
Cross-Jurisdictional Resolutions: When introduced, resolutions are initially referred to a primary steering committee. However, other steering committees can claim a resolution if the policy issue is relevant to other steering committee's issue area. If Transportation Steering Committee members identify a resolution in another steering committee that is relevant to the committee's mission, Transportation Steering Committee members can ask to claim it at this time.

Emergency Resolutions: "Emergency" resolutions are federal legislative or regulatory matters that could not have been foreseen 30 days prior to the conference. Steering committees receiving emergency resolutions may consider them only if two-thirds of the steering committee members present vote to review them. Inaction on the part of a submitter is not grounds for an emergency resolution.

9:00 am – 9:45 am Panel Discussion on the Use and Regulation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems

While unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) – also commonly referred to as "drones" – have been used for decades, increased production and matured technology have expanded the commercial and personal use of these systems, which raises a number of issues for counties – both as users and regulators of unmanned aircraft. During this panel discussion, we will explore various domestic applications for UAS by counties and reflect on policy and regulatory developments affecting counties' ability to use and regulate this technology in their communities.

Moderator: **Hon. Vance Stuehrenberg**, Commissioner, Blue Earth County, Minn.

Panelists:

- **Tom McMahon**, Vice President of Advocacy and Public Affairs, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International

- **Shawn Bullard**, Duetto Group
- **Michael E. Drobac**, Senior Policy Advisor, Akin Gump

9:45 am – 10:00 am Networking Break

10:00 am – 10:30 am Presentation from the Federal Railroad Administration – Rail Safety

America’s freight and passenger rail networks move people and goods across our country and through our communities. Whether moving grain, crude oil or travelers, the presence of rail in counties can raise safety concerns related to crossings, derailments and land use. During this presentation, we will hear from the Federal Railroad Administration about their efforts to ensure and increase safety in communities through inspections, regulations and resources that may help counties prepare and mitigate safety risks in their communities.

- **Amit Bose**, Chief Counsel, Federal Railroad Administration

10:30 am – 10:45 am Presentation on Connected Transportation Vehicles and Infrastructure

Self-driving cars are no longer limited to the futuristic world of the Jetsons. Rather, connected vehicles and technology have evolved from the research and development phase to deployment – raising a number of questions for counties about their role in advancing connected systems. During this presentation, we will hear from Dan Fedderly about his work with the Connected Vehicle Executive Leadership Team and an outlook for counties as this technology continues to advance.

- **Mr. Daniel Fedderly**, Transit Commission Chair, Dunn County, Wis.

10:45 am – 11:00 am Group Discussion: County Transportation Challenges and Best Practices

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Presentations about Local Road Safety Plans, Technologies and Practices

As the owners of 45 percent of the nation’s road miles, counties play a key role in road safety. Across the nation, local roads are less traveled than highways but have a higher rate of crashes with fatalities and serious injuries. These crashes are typically caused by a combination of road user behavior, vehicle safety and the roadway itself. During this presentation, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will cover strategies, tools and other resources that will help county leaders improve road safety in their communities.

- **Mike Griffith**, Director, FHWA Office of Safety Technologies