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WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

 March 18 - 19, 2026

 Washington, D.C.

2026 ACI-NA/AAAE WASHINGTON LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

All sessions and events will take place at Hilton Washington DC National Mall The Wharf.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

7:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Registration

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM

Networking Breakfast

8:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Congressional Leaders Forum*

Key Members of Congress will share their legislative priorities and insights on what the airport industry can expect from Capitol Hill in the year ahead.

- Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO), Chair, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure
- Rep. Troy Nehls (R-TX), Chair, House Subcommittee on Aviation
- Rep. Jeff Hurd (R-CO)
- Rep. Sharice Davids (D-KS)
- Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI)
- Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC)
- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)
- Sen. Jacky Rosen (D-NV)
- Sen. Tim Sheehy (R-MT)

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Break

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Surface Reauthorization Panel

Representatives from trade groups in the surface transportation industry will discuss the latest efforts to reauthorize federal highway and transit programs.

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Administration Official Luncheon Keynote

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Capitol Hill Visits**
Before your visit, reach out to your congressional delegation to set up in-person meetings in their Capitol Hill offices to talk about your airport and the industry's policy priorities for the coming year.

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM **Reception and Networking Event**
This happy hour is an opportunity to meet and mingle with your favorite ACI-NA/AAAE government affairs staff and airport colleagues from around the country.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Registration**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM **Networking Breakfast**

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Regulatory Updates***

Leading administration officials from FAA/DOT, TSA, and CBP will provide updates and answer your questions on the regulatory outlook for airport issues in 2026.

- **Daniel J. Edwards**, Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration (invited)
- **Matthew Davies**, Executive Director, Admissibility and Passenger Programs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (confirmed)
- **Ha Nguyen McNeill**, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator, U.S. Transportation Security Administration (confirmed)

11:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Break**

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM **Case Studies in Issue-Based Airport Advocacy**

Hear from and engage with airport government affairs peers on successful strategies to advance airport priorities.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **Networking Lunch**

12:15 PM – 12:45 PM **Luncheon Keynote**

1:00 PM **Conference Adjourns**

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Additional Capitol Hill Visits**

After the conference adjourns, if you need more time to visit your congressional delegation, use this block to set up in-person meetings in members' Capitol Hill offices to talk about your airport and the industry's policy priorities for the coming year.

Speakers are scheduled to appear, and this agenda remains subject to change.

When the House and Senate are in session, votes and other last-minute scheduling adjustments may be made with short or little notice. Agency leaders maintain similar schedules. Conference attendees should be aware that agenda changes are likely.