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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 – 8:30 AM

Networking Breakfast

8:30 AM

Conference Opening and Welcome

8:30 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.

- **Sen. Jacky Rosen** (D-NV)
- **Rep. Jeff Hurd** (R-CO)
- **Rep. Troy Nehls** (R-TX), Chair, House Subcommittee on Aviation
- **Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith** (R-MS)
- **Sen. Tim Sheehy** (R-MT)
- **Rep. Hillary Scholten** (D-MI)
- **Sen. Ted Budd** (R-NC)

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

Case Studies in Issue-Based Airport Advocacy

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

- **Cindy Nichol**, Director of Airports, Sacramento County Department of Airports (SMF); ACI-NA Chair (*moderator*)
- **Rebecca Hupp**, Airport Director, Boise Airport (BOI); AA&E Chair (*moderator*)
- **Meghan Cox**, Vice President, Corporate & Government Relations, Allegheny County Airport Authority (PIT)
- **Mitch Killian**, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, Metropolitan Airports Commission (MSP)

- **Jason Knox**, Vice President of Regulatory Compliance, Jacksonville Aviation Authority (JAX)

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM **Break**

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

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

- **Chris Rocheleau**, Deputy Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration (confirmed)

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

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM **Registration**

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM **Networking Breakfast**

9:30 AM – 10:20 AM **TSA Fireside Chat***

TSA leadership will provide an overview of the latest from the agency and dialogue with airports about the shutdown impacting the Department, as well as long-term plans and programs, which are vital to the industry.

- **Ha Nguyen McNeill**, Senior Official Performing the Duties of Administrator, U.S. Transportation Security Administration (confirmed)

10:20 AM – 10:45 AM **Break**

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM **Lessons Learned from Capitol Hill**

In this session, ACI-NA and AAAE staff will engage with airport leaders to debrief meetings with legislators and Capitol Hill staff and discuss strategies for advancing the #AirportsUnited advocacy agenda in 2026.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **FAA/DOT Updates***

Airport leaders won't want to miss important updates from FAA/DOT. Hear more about the regulatory outlook for airport issues in 2026—direct from the Administration's top leadership.

- **Daniel J. Edwards**, Associate Administrator for Airports, Federal Aviation Administration (confirmed)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM **Networking Lunch**

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

- **Jennifer Condon**, Executive Vice President, America250 (confirmed)

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.