



## National Conference of Regions

February 11-14, 2018  
 Washington Court Hotel  
 525 New Jersey Ave N.W., Washington, D.C.

### Draft Agenda

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*\* Times subject to change*

### Sunday, February 11

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration Table Open
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Union Kitchen Mobile Tour</p> <p>Join NARC for an engaging mobile tour of Union Kitchen, located in the NoMa neighborhood of northeast Washington, D.C! Union Kitchen supports the growth of food businesses by eliminating the need for would-be food entrepreneurs to take on debt to purchase expensive equipment, sign a long-term lease, or enter into a disadvantageous distribution contract. Instead, the incubator kitchen takes on many of the typical risks associated with starting a food business.</p>
6:00 pm*	Opening Reception

### Monday, February 12

8:30 am	Breakfast Opens
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Welcome to DC & Introductions
	Keynote

	<p>Washington Update, Part 1: The Local Government Perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Matt Chase, Executive Director, National Association of Counties</i></li> </ul>
	<p>Washington Update, Part 2: What's Ahead for Infrastructure?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ed Mortimer, U.S. Chamber of Commerce</i></li> <li>• <i>Marcia Hale, Building America's Future</i></li> </ul>
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Break
Breakout Sessions 11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Health and the Built Environment
	Financial Transparency
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Plenary Session
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Planning for a More Resilient Community</p> <p>The National Institute of Standards and Technology has partnered with other federal agencies to provide a forum on community resilience – the ability of a community to prepare for anticipated hazards, adapt to changing conditions, and withstand and recover rapidly from disruptions. Resilience planning is preventive care for the “built environment.” These are the structures and technological “systems” that residents rely on for essential services and most activities of daily living, and that underpin the social and economic fabric of their community. By planning, prioritizing, and acting, communities can improve their resilience over time, in a cost-effective manner consistent with their long-term development goals. If a disruptive event does strike, communities with resilience plans will be ready to respond, recover, and then build back better if rebuilding is necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Stephen A. Cauffman, National Institute of Standards and Technology</i></li> </ul>
Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	AARP: Seniors and the Community
	Transportation Committee
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm	2018 Farm Bill: Expectations and Impacts
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Executive Directors Council Business Meeting
Time – TBA*	Board Dinner

8:30 am	Breakfast Opens
9:00 am – 10:00 am	<p>Keynote Presentation: USDOT Undersecretary for Policy Derek Kan</p> <p>Derek Kan serves as a principal advisor to the Transportation Secretary and provides leadership in the development of policies for USDOT, generating proposals and providing advice regarding legislative and regulatory initiatives across all modes of transportation. Mr. Kan coordinates USDOT’s budget development and policy development functions. He also directs transportation policy development and works to ensure that the nation’s transportation resources function as an integrated national system.</p> <p>Prior to his appointment at USDOT, Mr. Kan served as General Manager for Lyft in Southern California. He has also served on the Board of Directors of Amtrak since 2015, for which he was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Earlier in his career, he was a policy advisor to Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and chief economist for the Senate Republican Policy Committee.</p> 
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
Breakout Sessions 10:15 am – 11:30 am	<p>Transportation Year Ahead</p> <p>Environment Committee</p> <p>Communications Peer Exchange (10:15 AM-12:45 PM)</p> <p>This peer exchange is for communications and public affairs directors. It will be the second meeting of this group and we want this convening to spearhead future efforts and engagement among member communications and public affairs directors. Please email Anna Rosenbaum (<a href="mailto:anna@narc.org">anna@narc.org</a>) to express your interest if you have not done so already.</p>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Break
Breakout Sessions 11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<p>Economic and Community Development Committee</p> <p>Public Safety Committee</p>
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Lunch Plenary Session: Grantmakers In Aging</p> <p>Grantmakers In Aging (GIA) is membership organization that is a national catalyst for philanthropy, with a common dedication to improving the experience of aging. GIA members have a shared recognition that a society that is better for older adults is better for people of all ages. Dedicated to promoting and strengthening grantmaking for an aging society, GIA is the only international professional organization of grantmakers active in the field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>John Feather, PhD, CEO, Grantmakers In Aging</i></li> </ul> 

Breakout Sessions 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Transportation
	Housing/ Equity
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Board of Directors Business Meeting

**Wednesday, February 14**

8:30 – 10:00 AM*	Congressional Breakfast
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