

**Draft Conference Agenda**  
**2019 National Conference of Regions**  
**February 10 - 13**

**Sunday, February 10**

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Registration Table Open</b>
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p><b>Mobile Tour - National Landing, Amazon HQ2</b>  <a href="https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/amazon/">https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/amazon/</a>            Visit the newly-branded National Landing, the soon-to-be home of a new Amazon headquarters. Bringing Amazon to the area was the result of a regional partnership between Arlington County and the City of Alexandria. Once fully built out, more than 25,000 new jobs are anticipated. The project will also result bring a new Virginia Tech Innovation Campus to the area and spur significant investments in housing and transportation.</p>
11:30 am - 5:00 pm	<b>Major Metros Roundtable Meeting</b>
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Informal Annual Conference Planning Discussion</b>
6:00 pm*	<b>Opening Reception</b>

**Monday, February 11**

8:30 am	<b>Breakfast Opens</b>
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<p><b>Welcome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Honorable Geof Benson, Commissioner, Town of Beverly Shores, Indiana; Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission; NARC Board of Directors President</li> </ul> <p><b>General Session: What to Expect in the 116th Congress</b></p> <p><b>General Session: Perspectives from Local Government Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Honorable Gary Moore, Judge/Executive, Boone County, Kentucky; NARC Past President; NACo 2nd Vice President</li> </ul>
11:00 am - 11:15 am	<b>Break</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<p><b>Transportation Data: Leveraging Opportunities and Avoiding Pitfalls</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moderator: Greg Rodriguez, Of Counsel, Best Best &amp; Krieger (confirmed)</li> </ul>

11:15 - am – 12:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mid-America Regional Council (confirmed)</li> <li>● Randell Iwasaki, Contra Costa Transportation Authority (confirmed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Safety Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Honorable Byron Ryder, Judge, Leon County, Texas; NARC Board of Directors</li> <li>● Diane Rath, Executive Director, Alamo Area Council of Governments</li> </ul>
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch Plenary Session: Placemaking and the Built Environment</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><b>The Evolving Landscape of Transportation Planning</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Broadband’s Reach</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Svetlana Matt, Legislative Assistant, Office of Congressman Jerry McNerney, Co-Founder of Congressional WiFi Caucus (confirmed)</li> <li>● Kathryn De Wit, Manager, Broadband Research Initiative, Pew Charitable Trusts (confirmed)</li> </ul>
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm	<p><b>Economic &amp; Community Development Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Honorable Jennifer Robinson, Councilmember, Town of Cary, North Carolina; NARC Board of Directors</li> <li>● Betty Voights, Executive Director, Capital Area Council of Governments</li> <li>● Matt Josephs, Senior Vice President, Local Initiatives Support Corporation (confirmed)</li> <li>● Mike Wallace, Program Director, Federal Advocacy, National League of Cities (confirmed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Environment Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Honorable Lee Constantine, Commissioner, Seminole County, Florida; NARC Board of Directors</li> <li>● Rosa de León Park, Executive Director, Stanislaus Council of Governments</li> </ul>
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Finance Working Group</b>
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<b>Executive Directors Council Business Meeting</b>
	<b>Board Dinner</b>

**Tuesday, February 12**

8:30 am	<b>Breakfast Opens</b>
9:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>General Session: Federal Agency Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable Benjamin Carson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (confirmed)</li> <li>• U.S. Department of Transportation (confirmed)</li> <li>• Congresswoman Dina Titus, 1st Congressional District of Nevada (confirmed)</li> </ul>
10:30 am - 10:45 AM	<b>Break</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 10:15 am – 11:30 am	<b>Transportation Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable Fred Strong, Councilmember, City of Paso Robles, California; NARC Board of Directors</li> <li>• Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization</li> <li>• Miriam Gillow-Wiles, Executive Director, Southwest Colorado Council of Governments</li> </ul>
	<b>Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce</b>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	<b>Break</b>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 11:45 am – 12:45 pm	<b>Transportation Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brittney Kohler, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, National League of Cities (confirmed)</li> </ul>
	<b>What's Ahead for Municipal Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emily Swenson Brock, Director, Federal Liaison, Government Finance Officers Association (confirmed)</li> </ul>
12:45 pm – 1:55 pm	<b>Lunch General Session: Congressional Partners</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lisa Soronen, Executive Director, State and Local Legal Center (confirmed)</li> </ul>
<b>Breakout Sessions</b> 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Renewing the Older Americans Act</b>
	<b>Addressing the Housing Crunch</b>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Communications Working Group</b>
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Board of Directors Business Meeting</b>

**Wednesday, February 13**

Morning - TBA	<b>Breakfast on the Hill</b>
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