

2017 "State of the Region" Conference Program

Leveraging the Knowledge Corridor's Transportation Assets and Investments to Drive Economic Progress

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Springfield's Renovated Union Station
55 Frank B. Murray Street
Springfield, Massachusetts



AGENDA

- 7:45 a.m.** Registration, Continental Breakfast, and Networking along with University of Massachusetts and University of Connecticut Transportation Research Displays/Posters
- 9:00 a.m.** Welcome to Springfield, the City's new Union Station and the 2017 "State of the Region" Conference
Mayor Domenic Sarno, Springfield
- 9:10 a.m.** Spotighting the Results of the 2017 New England Knowledge Corridor Business Survey – Peter Gioia, Vice President & Economist, Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA)
- 9:30 a.m.** Keynote Presentation: The State of America's Transportation Infrastructure – Understanding the Big Picture and Why it Matters
- Robert Puentes, President and CEO, Eno Center for Transportation, Washington D.C.
- 10:00 a.m.** Congressional Panel Discussion: The Federal Outlook in an Era of Disinvestment and Disruption
Moderator: George Arwady, Publisher and CEO of The Republican Newspaper and Immediate past Chair, Economic Development Council (EDC) of Western Massachusetts
- Congressman Richard Neal, 1st District of MA
 - Congressman John Larson, 1st District of CT
 - Congressman James McGovern, 2nd District of MA
 - Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty, 5th District of CT
- 10:45 a.m.** Taking Stock of the Key Transportation Investments Fueling the Knowledge Corridor's Economic Progress:
Moderator: George Arwady, Publisher and CEO of the Republican Newspaper and EDC of Western Massachusetts
- Springfield's Union Station Redux, Kevin Kennedy, City of Springfield
 - Bradley International Airport, Kevin Dillon, Connecticut Airport Authority
 - New Haven – Hartford – Springfield Commuter Rail Program, Representative Christopher Perone, Connecticut General Assembly
 - Boston – Springfield – Hartford – New Haven Rail Link, Senator Eric Lesser, Massachusetts State Senate
- 11:25 a.m.** Final Thoughts on the High Stakes of a Connected and Mobile Interstate, Economic Region
- Stephanie Pollack, Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation
 - James Redeker, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation
- 11:55 a.m.** Closing Comments – Conference Ends