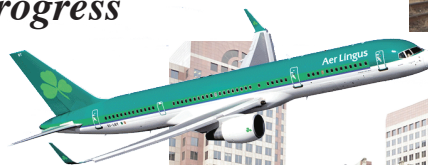


2017 "State of the Region" Conference Program

*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
- 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:
- 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