

ITS America Policy Summit 2026

K&L Gates LLP | 1601 K St. NW #1, Washington, DC 20006

March 11th 8:45am – 4:30pm | March 12th 8:00am – 12:20pm

ITS America Networking Reception March 11th 4:30pm – 6:00pm

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Summit Overview

Join us for ITS America's Policy Summit where we will explore policies that can truly modernize the U.S. transportation system and harness innovative technologies today, while transforming mobility and infrastructure for the future. Hear from U.S. Department of Transportation, Congressional, and industry leaders about the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization, the federal approach to automated vehicles, and artificial intelligence, connectivity, supply chain security and resiliency, and the transportation workforce. Keynotes and fireside conversations will discuss policymakers' goals for broad transportation system modernization across the country, highlighting current and future efforts to leverage innovation to improve safety and mobility.

On day two, ITS America Standing Committee members will attend Committee meetings.

Day 1 Agenda

March 11, 2026

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| 8:45 – 8:55am | Welcome and Opening Remarks – Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America |
| 8:55 – 9:10am | Member Spotlight delivering Innovation – Joanna M. Pinkerton, Senior Vice President, HNTB and Bradley C. Wiefelich, Director, Michigan DOT |
| 9:10 – 9:30am | Keynote Remarks – Seval Oz, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology, U.S. Department of Transportation |
| 9:30 – 9:50am | Fireside Chat – Sean McMaster, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America |
| 9:50 – 10:40am | How Federal Policy Supports Scaled Modernization and Innovation Underscoring the importance of technology investments in reauthorization and why innovation is critical to improving transportation safety, efficiency, and mobility. Discussion of reauthorization, the status/likelihood of extension, and future direction. Underline the importance of formula funding for technology and moving beyond small-scale pilot programs. |

- Erik Dietz, Executive Vice President, PrePass Safety Alliance
- Amy Ford, Executive Director, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, City and County of Denver
- Jared Perdue, Secretary, Florida DOT
- Gerry Petrella, General Manager, U.S. Public Policy, Microsoft
- Marc Williams, Executive Director, Texas DOT
- Tim Drake, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, ITS America (*Moderator*)

10:40 – 10:55am **Networking Break**

10:55 – 11:15am **Fireside Chat – Beyond the Highway: The Local and National Economic Effects of Autonomous Freight** – Gerardo Interiano, SVP of Government Relations and Public Affairs, Aurora and Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America

11:15 – 11:30am **Keynote Remarks** – Jonathan Morrison, Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)

11:30 – 12:30pm **Automated Vehicles: What Do We Need to Scale Safely?**
With NHTSA making updates to regulations, legislation being introduced in Congress, and AV operations scaling in the U.S., what do industry and states want to see to safely scale AVs? This panel will discuss perspectives on the current policy landscape at the federal level, system integration needs, and what the future looks like.

- Stephanie Dock, Innovation Division Manager, District DOT
- Brielle Hopkins, Senior Federal Affairs Manager, Uber
- Russell McMurry, Commissioner, Georgia DOT
- Katie Stevens, Head of Policy, Nuro
- Alex Poirot, Vice President, External Affairs, Beep (*Moderator*)

12:30 – 1:15pm **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:00pm **Unlocking Artificial Intelligence for Transportation at Scale**
We've seen a lot of AI policy conversations in Congress and from the White House. What does this mean for transportation? What policies may be holding us back from unlocking AI's true potential in transportation? Is it procurement or contracting? Lack of data governance? Security? What do we need from our federal partners this year?

- Andres Castrillon, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Qualcomm
- Greg Stuart, Executive Director, Broward County
- Jamie Sullivan, Vice President, Derq

- Laurie Matkowski, Vice President, GFT (*Moderator*)

- 2:00 – 2:20pm** **Fireside Chat – Driving Innovation: Empowering the Transportation Workforce for the Future** – Greg Regan, President, TTD and Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America
Innovation and technology are changing our transportation system and will have significant impacts on the workforce. Where is the middle ground that allows for implementing these lifesaving technologies at scale while protecting and training our workforce?
- 2:20 – 2:35pm** **Networking Break**
- 2:35 – 2:45pm** **Tech Talk** - Mark Pittman, CEO, Blyncsy
- 2:45 – 3:35pm** **Connectivity & Vehicle Technologies: Navigating an Evolving Landscape**
As automakers, suppliers, and IOOs continue to announce advancements in and invest in safety technologies, such as V2X and ADAS (L2/L3), what federal action is needed to help spur further investment and scaled integration in this space? What policy challenges should we be aware of?
- Michele Mueller, Manager, Michigan DOT
 - Kevin Ro, Director, Technical and Regulatory Affairs, Toyota
 - Brad Stertz, Director, Audi
 - Laurel Straub, Assistant Vice President, State Farm
 - Zac Doerzaph, Executive Director, President VVT LLC, VTTI (*Moderator*)
- 3:35 – 4:20pm** **Building Secure and Resilient Supply Chains for Transportation**
Panelists will discuss the importance of supply chain resilience, previous and upcoming legislative and regulatory actions from the Department of Commerce and Department of Transportation on connected vehicles, critical infrastructure, and drones, and how the industry is responding to changes.
- Hilary Cain, Senior Vice President, Policy, Alliance for Automotive Innovation
 - Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America
 - Steve Griffith, Executive Director, NEMA
 - Jim Tymon, Executive Director, AASHTO
 - Finch Fulton, Government Affairs Advisor, K&L Gates (*Moderator*)
- 4:20 – 4:30pm** **National Approach to Digital Infrastructure:** Tim Drake, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, ITS America
- 4:30pm** **Closing Remarks:** Laura Chace, President and CEO, ITS America
- 4:30 – 6:00pm** **Networking Reception**

Day 2 – Committee Meeting Agenda
March 12, 2026

- 8:00 - 8:25am** Committee Leadership Meeting
- 8:30 - 9:20am** Artificial Intelligence Standing Committee Meeting
- 9:30 - 10:20am** V2X & Connected Transportation Standing Committee Meeting
- 10:30 - 11:20am** Digital Infrastructure Standing Committee Meeting
- 11:30 – 12:20pm** Automated Vehicle Standing Committee Meeting

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