



DRAFT AGENDA

2026 NASEO States Transmission Summit **Powering Progress: State Leadership and the Future of America's Grid**

Tuesday, March 24 – Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Arlington, VA

Workshop Overview and Objectives:

This two-day summit will bring together state energy leaders and decision-makers, private industry, and federal partners for an in-depth, solutions-oriented dialogue on the nation's electric transmission system—and its central role in enabling economic growth, strengthening grid resilience, ensuring reliability and affordability, and advancing national security.

This event will provide a dedicated forum for candid discussion, peer exchange, and coordinated action across jurisdictions and sectors. Participants will:

- Examine pressing transmission challenges facing states and explore practical solutions related to planning, siting and permitting, technical and analytical resources, stakeholder engagement, and interjurisdictional collaboration.
- Explore how state leadership intersects with the responsibilities of transmission developers, regulators, regional transmission organizations, the private sector, and federal partners — and identify strategies for improved coordination that can accelerate timely and effective outcomes.
- Gain action-oriented information to support states' responsibilities in transmission planning.

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – Day One

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30-9:45 a.m.

Workshop Objectives

9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Transmission Landscape and Outlook

This presentation will set the stage for the summit, with an assessment of the reliability and security of the U.S. electrical grid and an overview of the challenges and opportunities in the transmission landscape.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Navigating Load Growth and the Transmission Needed to Power It

This panel will explore how states are responding to the challenges of demand growth and how transmission factors into how states are responding.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Transmission Expansion from the National Security Perspective

This session will focus on the national security perspective for advancing transmission expansion. As the U.S. continues to pursue energy independence and dominance as well as advancements in artificial intelligence, states must look to transmission as a method to achieving our goals.

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Opportunities for Permitting Reform at the Federal Level

This session will explore the options being considered to align permitting policy with the needs of the nation's current electrical grid. This will include an overview of the SPEED Act and other related developments.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

State Roles and Opportunities in Long-Term Transmission Planning

This session will explore how federal rules and state actions shape where transmission dollars are spent and how can governance be improved to favor high-value regional solutions over local ones. Building on this foundation, state leaders will discuss how states can engage effectively in transmission planning, siting and development to advance reliability, resilience, affordability, and state policy goals.

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Interregional Engagement in Transmission Planning

This session will focus on the benefits of interregional transmission planning, the opportunities for improved interregional planning, and the role of states in overcoming the barriers to enhanced transmission planning across regions.

4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Day One Wrap Up

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Reception

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – Day Two

8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:55 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Welcome and Day Two Overview

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Innovative Siting and Permitting

This session will explore innovative approaches to siting and permitting transmission lines.

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Interactive Deep Dives

Two concurrent sessions in discussion roundtable format, exploring specific transmission planning topics.

11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Break

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grid Optimization: The Path to Policy

This session will explore the current state of grid optimization transmission technologies including Grid Enhancing Technologies and advanced conductors and how states are developing policies to support these technologies.

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Networking Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Interactive Deep Dives

Two concurrent sessions exploring transmission planning tools.

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Grid Optimization: The Path to Implementation

This session will provide examples of how policies have led to successful implementation of these technologies, moving from pilots to commercially viable applications. The panelists will discuss policy, data, and regulatory considerations, and the methods to overcome implementation challenges. It will also explore the next steps for the NASEO Grid Optimization Task Force.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

State Leaders Roundtable

This informal roundtable discussion will provide a glimpse into cross-office coordination on grid optimization technologies at the state-level, featuring speakers from State Energy Offices, State Legislatures, Governors' Offices, Consumer Advocates, and Public Utility Commissions.

4:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Workshop Wrap Up and Next Steps