4th Infraday Mountain States June 4, 2025

Shaping the Future of Mountain States Infrastructure Through Innovation and Resilience

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AGENDA

8:00 AM – Registration & Networking Breakfast

Kick off the day with coffee, networking, and connections with regional infrastructure leaders.

Morning Sessions

8:30 AM – Welcome & Opening Remarks

A look at the state of infrastructure, setting the stage for the day's discussions.

8:45 AM – Keynote Presentation (20 Min)

The Future of Western U.S. Infrastructure: Priorities, Challenges, and Opportunities

- Upcoming regional infrastructure projects and policy changes
- Key investment trends in transportation, energy, and water
- Public and private sector collaboration strategies
- The role of new technology in reshaping infrastructure

9:10 AM - Panel 1 (30 Min)

Water & Drought Resilience: Ensuring Sustainable Resources for the Future

- Managing water scarcity amid growing demand
- Cross-state and municipal collaboration on water infrastructure
- Investing in desalination, reuse, and conservation technology
- Policy and regulatory updates affecting water distribution

9:45 AM – Panel 2 (30 Min)

Highways & Transit: The Future of Mobility

• Expanding transit networks to meet population growth

- Integrating EV infrastructure and alternative fuel corridors
- Smart highways and congestion management strategies
- The impact of federal funding on transportation projects

10:15 AM – Morning Networking Break (30 Min)

10:45 AM – Standalone Presentation (20 Min)

Federal & State Infrastructure Funding: What's Coming Next?

- Breakdown of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Navigating grant applications and competitive funding opportunities
- State and local priorities for infrastructure spending
- The future of public-private financing for major projects

11:10 AM - Panel 3 (30 Min)

Energy Infrastructure: Grid Modernization & Renewable Expansion

- Expanding solar, wind, and battery storage capacity
- The role of utilities in decarbonization and resilience planning
- Managing energy demand growth while maintaining reliability
- New transmission and distribution infrastructure projects

11:45 AM - Panel 4 (30 Min)

Housing & Urban Development: Solving the Affordability Crisis

- Addressing the housing shortage through infrastructure investment
- Transit-oriented development and smart growth strategies
- Public-private partnerships in housing and mixed-use projects
- The role of infrastructure in supporting economic mobility

Afternoon Sessions

1:15 PM – Standalone Presentation (20 Min)

Resilient Infrastructure: Mitigating Wildfire & Climate Risks

- Infrastructure hardening against extreme weather and natural disasters
- Wildfire prevention and post-disaster recovery planning
- Leveraging AI and data analytics for risk assessment
- Funding and policy initiatives for climate resilience

1:40 PM – Panel 5 (30 Min)

Freight, Logistics & Rail: Strengthening Regional Supply Chains

- The evolution of freight and logistics in a post-pandemic world
- Investing in rail infrastructure to improve supply chain efficiency
- The role of inland ports and intermodal hubs in economic growth
- Federal and state initiatives to enhance freight corridors

2:15 PM - Panel 6 (30 Min)

Public-Private Partnerships: Maximizing Investment in Infrastructure

- Best practices for structuring successful P3 agreements
- Case studies of successful infrastructure P3s
- Legal and regulatory considerations for investors and developers
- The future of private sector involvement in public infrastructure

2:45 PM – Afternoon Networking Break (30 Min)

3:15 PM – Standalone Presentation (20 Min)

AI & Infrastructure: Leveraging Tech for Smarter Cities

- Al-driven solutions for transportation, water, and energy systems
- Smart city infrastructure trends and emerging technologies
- Data-driven decision-making in urban planning
- Cybersecurity challenges and solutions in digital infrastructure

3:40 PM – Panel 7 (30 Min)

Infrastructure Development in Challenging Terrain

- Engineering and construction solutions for rugged landscapes
- Overcoming environmental and permitting challenges
- Cost-effective strategies for rural and remote infrastructure projects
- The role of federal and state agencies in project approvals

4:15 PM - Panel 8 (30 Min)

Airports & Aviation: Expanding Capacity & Innovation

- The future of regional and international airport expansion
- Sustainable aviation fuel and carbon reduction initiatives
- Emerging technologies in airport design and passenger experience
- Federal funding and investment opportunities in aviation infrastructure

4:50 PM – Standalone Presentation (20 Min)

The Future of Water Rights & Infrastructure Development

- Legal and regulatory updates impacting water rights
- Balancing agriculture, urban growth, and environmental needs
- Infrastructure solutions for long-term water sustainability
- Federal and state policy changes on water allocation

5:15 PM - Panel 9 (30 Min)

The Road Ahead: Future-Proofing Infrastructure

- Long-term funding strategies for sustainable infrastructure
- Policy shifts shaping the next decade of infrastructure investment
- The role of innovation in driving infrastructure efficiency
- Workforce development challenges and solutions in the industry

5:45 PM – Closing Remarks & Networking Reception

A chance to unwind, discuss key takeaways, and connect with industry leaders over drinks.