THE BIG STORY

UNCLE SAM GETS THE NACTTI
NEW DOT TRAVEL, TOURISM COMMITTEE SEATS PANTUSO, OTHER ABA LEADERS

What is the NACTTI, and how will it benefit your company? The NACTTI is the National Advisory Committee on Travel and Tourism Infrastructure. Its purpose? To provide information, advice, and recommendations to the secretary of transportation on the role that intermodal transportation can play in facilitating travel and tourism in America.

Indeed, big changes are afoot at the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Historically, the DOT has focused its efforts on supporting the nation’s highways, maintaining ports and terminals, overseeing the safe movement of commodities by rail and pipeline, and enhancing the nation’s airport network. The DOT is involved literally everywhere we go, and its policy decisions mostly arise from its goal of doing what’s best for the U.S. economy. That’s meant a focus on moving freight, helping commuters, and infrastructure.

But the DOT unveiled a policy shift in December 2015. That’s when the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act became law. One of its provisions directed the DOT to think beyond its traditional focus and consider the vital economic role played by tourism and travel.

This is a huge decision by the federal government. It demonstrates Washington’s recognition of the increasing economic importance played by travel and tourism. Our entire industry should applaud and support the creation of the NACTTI.

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SCHEDULE
Monday, Jan. 16

EVENTS

7 a.m.–6 p.m.
Registration Open
Marketplace Floor Open

Foundation Silent Auction

7:45–8:45 a.m.
Operator Breakfast
For Operators Only
★ LOCATION: Grand Ballroom
★ SPONSOR: Branson CVB

9 a.m.–12:16 p.m.
Lodging/Attraction/Receptive/Associate Appointment Session
★ LOCATION: Marketplace Business Floor

9:30–10:30 a.m.
BISC Session: Avoiding Your Next DOT Violation, A Look at the Top 10 Vehicle Violations & Possible Solutions
★ ROOM: 25A
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9:30–10:30 a.m.
BISC Session: Understanding & Integrating In-Vehicle Monitoring Systems into Your Operations; Taking Driver Monitoring to the Next Level
★ ROOM: 25B
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9:30–10:30 a.m.
BISC Session: Figuring Out Your Company’s Public Safety Profile; SMS & DataQ’s
★ ROOM: 25C
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9:30–10:30 a.m.
BusMARC General Session
★ ROOM: 26AB
Brought to you by ABC Companies

10–11 a.m.
Industry Trends for Media
★ ROOM: 11
★ SPONSOR: ABA

10–11:30 a.m.
Travel South USA Meeting
★ ROOM: 12

11 a.m.–Noon
BISC Session: Understanding the New OSHA Recordkeeping & Reporting Requirements for Workplace Injuries
★ ROOM: 25A
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11 a.m.–Noon
BISC Session: What to Expect Post Election: The Federal Update
★ ROOM: 25B
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11 a.m.–Noon
BISC Session: Speed Limiters—What They Do, How They Work & How to Troubleshoot Them
★ ROOM: 26C
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11 a.m.–Noon
BusMARC Session: Coolants
★ ROOM: 25C
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11 a.m.–Noon
BusMARC Session: Adaptive Braking
★ ROOM: 25C
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12:20–12:45 p.m.
Best of Broadway
All-Delegate Lunch
★ LOCATION: Exhibit Hall A
★ SPONSOR: Group Sales Box Office/Broadway.com

1:25 p.m.
Best of Broadway
All-Delegate Entertainment
★ LOCATION: Grand Ballroom
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2:45–3:45 p.m.
BISC Session: Utilizing Employee Behavior Prediction Evaluation Technologies & Techniques; Identifying Problem Employees
★ ROOM: 25A
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2:45–3:45 p.m.
BISC Session: Tips for Effective Online Filing of Workplace Injury Reports
★ ROOM: 25B
Brought to you by ABC Companies

2:45–3:45 p.m.
BISC Session: Insurance & Liability Implications for Malfunctioning or Poorly Maintained Vehicle Safety Technologies
★ ROOM: 26AB
Brought to you by ABC Companies

2:45–3:45 p.m.
BusMARC Session: 110 Outlets & Wi-Fi
★ ROOM: 26C
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2:45–3:45 p.m.
BusMARC Session: Remote Diagnostics/Diagnostics Network
★ ROOM: 25C
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2:45–5:47 p.m.
Lodging/Attraction/Receptive/Associate Appointment Session
★ LOCATION: Marketplace Business Floor

3–5 p.m.
Distinctive Systems Annual User Group Meeting (By Invitation Only)
★ ROOM: 5

4–5:30 p.m.
BusMARC Session: Data Analysis of Maintenance Errors
★ ROOM: 25C
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4–5:30 p.m.
BusMARC Session: AGM Batteries
★ ROOM: 25C
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5:45 p.m.
CTIS Class Photo
★ LOCATION: MP Area

6–6:30 p.m.
CTIS Graduation and Reception
★ LOCATION: MP Area
★ SPONSOR: ABA

7–10 p.m.
Light Up Cleveland! Evening Event
★ LOCATION: Nautica Entertainment Complex
★ SPONSORS: Destination Cleveland and Nautica Entertainment Complex

9:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m.
ABA Foundation Afterglow Party
★ LOCATION: Music Box Supper Club
★ SPONSOR: Hard Rock Cafe International

CHAIRMAN’S CORNER
GOOD NEIGHBORS

Cleveland has warmed our holidays since 1983, thanks to the movie A Christmas Story. A downtown department store allowed Santa scenes to be shot there, and little Ralphie’s home is now the Christmas Story House and Museum. It’s just west of downtown in the Tremont neighborhood. Here groups can enjoy guided tours and see a certain infamous leg lamp. Stop by the Cleveland booth to learn more about this and other fantastic neighborhoods that make this city such a dynamic destination for groups.

I’ll see you all today at the ever-popular Best of Broadway lunch. I know we’re all looking forward to tonight’s Light Up Cleveland! event at the FirstEnergy Powerhouse, home of the Cleveland Aquarium. The ABA Foundation’s Afterglow event will be a short ride from the FirstEnergy Powerhouse. For tickets, visit Registration. And remember to check on your bids at the ABA Foundation Silent Auction.

See you on the Floor!

BRAD HENTON, CTIS, associate director, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum 2017 MARKETPLACE CHAIRMAN
TOURISM OHIO (TOP).

BRANSON CVB (TOP LEFT).

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SPEAKER: Chris Riddell
Marketing Council

Just a Bite of the Motorcoach
11–11:30 a.m.

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SPEAKER: Vincent Ivan Phipps
Your Communications
Your Sales by Improving
Just a Bite of Amplify
9–9:14 a.m.

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Sweet! As in sweet sounds. Enjoy musical surprises from world-class performers found only in the heart of the Ozark Mountains at Monday’s operator breakfast. Get up close and personal with award-winning entertainers as America’s live music show capital offers a dazzling glimpse of Branson’s unmatched music.

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Branson is also home to three pristine lakes, thrilling family attractions, breathtaking scenery, unforgettable museums, unique shopping destinations, championship golfing, and a multitude of restaurants and diverse accommodations. To learn more about Branson, contact Neimeyer at lneimeyer@bransoncvb.com.

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LOCATION: ABA booth
SPONSORS: Bradenton Area CVB and Visit Sarasota

9–9:14 a.m.
Just a Bite of Amplify Your Sales by Improving Your Communications
SPEAKER: Vincent Ivan Phipps

10–10:14 a.m.
Just a Bite of How to Spend Your Precious Marketing Budget
SPEAKER: Christina Miranda

11–11:30 a.m.
Just a Bite of the Motorcoach Marketing Council
SPEAKER: Chris Riddell

9:30–10:30 a.m.
#301 Business in Your Own Backyard: How to Leverage Location Directories to Win New Business
ROOM: 19
SPONSOR: New Hampshire Tourism

9:30–10:30 a.m.
#302 Cracking the Employee Engagement Code: How to Attract Top Talent and Keep Employees Engaged and Happy
ROOM: 21
SPONSOR: Team Mississippi

9:30–10:30 a.m.
#303 Unstopable Tourism Sales
ROOM: 23
SPONSOR: University Circle

11 a.m.–Noon
#304 From Distracted to Productive
ROOM: 19
SPONSOR: Tour Illinois

11 a.m.–Noon
#305 The Art of Remembering Names and Faces for Business Professionals
ROOM: 21
SPONSOR: Biltmore and Asheville CVB

11 a.m.–Noon
#306 Get Your Share of the Student Market
ROOM: 23
SPONSOR: SYTA

3–4 p.m.
#307 The Master Class: Technology for Efficiency, Relationship Building, and Focusing on Real Priorities in 2017
ROOM: 19
SPONSOR: Canada Tourism Commission

3–4 p.m.
#308 Amplify Your Conflict Resolution Skills
ROOM: 21

3–4 p.m.
#309 Embracing the Art of the Schmooze
ROOM: 23
SPONSOR: Best Western Hotels & Resorts

4:30–5:30 p.m.
#310 Smartphone Success and Terrific Tablets
ROOM: 19
SPONSOR: Tour Illinois

4:30–5:30 p.m.
#311 Personal Branding for Professional Success
ROOM: 21
SPONSOR: Rhode Island Tourism

4:30–5:30 p.m.
#312 Marketing Has No Boundaries
ROOM: 23
SPONSOR: Vermont Department of Tourism

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Golden Trowel Award for Marketing Excellence
CAPITAL CITY LAKE MURRAY
3–4 p.m.
#313 Marketing Has No Boundaries
ROOM: 23
SPONSOR: Vermont Department of Tourism
SEMINAR SPOTLIGHT
THE ART OF REMEMBERING NAMES AND FACES FOR BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS
Brent Sverdloff

Each of us is in the business of building relationships, and that starts with remembering names. Getting a name right inspires confidence from the outset and helps others remember you—a powerful advantage in any business or social situation. Come to Sverdloff’s workshop at 11 a.m. with your imagination fully loaded and ready to play!

Can’t make the session? Get a quick bite of the material today from 5:15 to 5:29 p.m. at the ABA booth or at his seminar “How to Memorize Scripts, Speeches, Lists, and Other Sequential Material” (Tuesday, 11 a.m. to noon). Check out the schedule for other professional development track sessions.

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FIND YOUR SCHOLARSHIP: HERE’S HOW

There’s no “typical” scholar anymore. With tuition costs constantly on the rise, most college students must have part-time jobs and financial aid. At ABA, we know our members and their employees are often scholars too!

That’s why this year we doubled the amounts of 19 of the ABA Foundation’s scholarships from $2,500 to $5,000. Since the scholarship program began in 1997, ABA has awarded nearly $800,000 to more than 300 deserving students.

Getting involved is easy. Be an auction bidder! All proceeds from the Live and Silent Auctions go to the Foundation. Like to mingle? Buy a ticket to our Hard Rock Cafe-sponsored Afterglow event tonight; all of its proceeds go to the Foundation too.

Afterglow will be at the Music Box Supper Club. It’s a quick ride from tonight’s earlier event at the Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Come and enjoy our DJ and desserts and dance. It’s all for a good cause from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

We are proud to offer a range of inclusive scholarships that are available to all ABA members, their employees, and their families. To learn more or even find the scholarship that’s right for you or your child, visit the ABA Foundation booth today.
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Come to the FirstEnergy Powerhouse tonight and be energized with bright memories of Cleveland. Spend your evening exploring what was once a power station that generated electricity for the city’s streetcars and is now home to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium and Nautica Queen.

The high-voltage fun includes tasting the fantastic variety of Cleveland’s food scene. Savor culinary specialties ranging from traditional fare and the ethnic-influenced eats of Cleveland’s neighborhoods to delectable desserts inspired by the CLE’s best bakeries.

Don’t eat too much—you'll want to show off your dance moves and enjoy the glorious sounds of Cleveland's music landscape with bands performing rock, polka, sunny island tunes, and more. Then take a break from the dance floor and drink in the awesome views of the city’s illuminated skyline via Windows on the River.

You might even notice a few fish here. This former power plant is now home to the Greater Cleveland Aquarium. Stroll eight galleries and more than 50 exhibits and learn about the watery wonders of the region’s lakes and rivers.

Light Up Cleveland is presented by Destination Cleveland and the Nautica Entertainment Complex with support from Lake Erie Shores and Islands and Raise the Roof Entertainment. The Host City Sponsors are TourismOhio, Destination Cleveland, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center, the Nautica Entertainment Complex, and TravelCenters of America.
An all-star show awaits you at lunch today, featuring performances from Broadway’s most popular hits. Presented by Group Sales Box Office at Broadway.com, your one-stop shop for group travel to New York City, the Best of Broadway is sure to be one of the most talked about events of the week. Arrive early and grab one of the best seats in the house! Shows scheduled to appear include A Bronx Tale, Anastasia, Bandstand, Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, Cats, Chicago, Dear Evan Hansen, Groundhog Day, Kinky Boots, Miss Saigon, On Your Feet!, School of Rock, The Book of Mormon, The Phantom of the Opera, Waitress, and Wicked.

Be sure to join us tomorrow, Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m. to experience a Broadway Classroom workshop, the industry leader in providing unique arts and educational experiences. It’s a chance to see firsthand why groups of all ages ask to return year after year. Make your Broadway debut and participate in a Step by Step dance workshop. Taught by a performer from Chicago, you’ll learn choreography from the longest-running American musical on Broadway. After strutting your stuff, you’ll be able to wind down with a Q&A where you will get up close and personal in a discussion with the performer. This forum gives attendees a unique opportunity to engage in a meaningful and introspective open dialogue, so have your questions ready.

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PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (clockwise from top): ABA President Peter Pantuso held a summit meeting yesterday. He received “bully” counsel from Teddy Roosevelt of the Medora Musical and the state of North Dakota and founding fatherly advice from George Washington representing the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia and the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. Meanwhile, Blue Man Group got colorful. Siblings John and Elizabeth Hall of John Hall’s Alaska Tours showed off their motorcoach decorated with Tlingit tribal art, and the Minnesota booth celebrated Spam. (ABA member Spam Museum is in Austin, Minn., where Hormel is headquartered.)
ELECTRIC SLIDE: There was a whole lot of booty shakin’ at Birmingham’s Operator Reception Saturday. Folks also got in the Southern spirit with costumes and learned about the city’s Railroad Park, a historic downtown green space that’s a venue for concerts and family fun.

GOING, GOING, GONE! (clockwise from left): Terry Fischer, TCS president, had the winning bid for the MCI J4500 coach. ABA’s Zoe Delogos showed off an auction item. Auctioneer Ron Bast revved up bidders. The MARS/Destination D.C. team shared auction info.
THE SKY’S THE LIMIT: Entrepreneur and author Josh Linkner (top right) held delegates rapt with his keynote address on innovation. He challenged ABA members to return to their companies and apply the five obsessions of highly successful companies and inventors. A quartet of delegates from Nashville (below) shared sunny Tennessee smiles, and Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson (left) told delegates that Cleveland ranks as the Midwest’s number one group tour destination.
REALLY GRAND STRAND ... AND AWARDS
(clockwise from below left): The Myrtle Beach CVB dished up a wonderful Operator Breakfast Sunday. During an awards presentation hosted by ABA Board Chairman John Meier, Luke Busskohl of Arrow Stage Lines received the Green Spirit Award in the large company category from MCI’s Pat Ziska. David Hubbard bestowed the BUSRide Good Stewardship Award on Gordon Mackay of Indian Trails. Jodi Merritt of H & L Charter accepted a Green Spirit Award for the small company category. Pulse-pounding entertainment came from One The Show, produced at the legendary Alabama Theatre and featuring Jason Cox and guitarist Greg Rowses.
COMING ON STRONG: Thousands of enthusiastic delegates flooded the Exhibitor Floor, and hundreds of seven-minute meetings on the Business Floor energized buyers and sellers.

BISC GOES TECH: BISC (Bus Industry Safety Council) sessions are focusing on new technologies under the leadership of outgoing Chairman Stephen Evans (left). BISC keynote speaker David L. Strickland, former head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (below left), sat with ABA’s VP of Government Affairs Suzanne Rohde and Clyde Hart, winner of the Norm Littler Award.

ON THE GROWL: Seminar leader Stuart Ellis-Myers (above) made delegates wild with his talk on using TripAdvisor to triple sales. Delegates got an education “bite” about TAP (Travel Alliance Partners) from its executive director, Stefanie Gorder.
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Whether you operate a motorcoach, plan or conduct tours, or are a travel industry professional, our government’s actions can and do affect your business and bottom line. You know your business and the importance of staying focused on it. Congress is focused on its business too, and legislators are faced with numerous competing interests.

This is where BusPAC helps. It lets ABA cut through the competition, direct attention to our industry’s interests, and educate key legislators on matters affecting your business. BusPAC’s efforts are possible only through contributions from you and members of our industry. Thanks to BusPAC funds, in 2016 ABA took part in more than 70 events with members of Congress, all of whom have the power to help or hurt your business. Our efforts ranged from obtaining bus security grants to obtaining a seat on NACTTI, the National Advisory Committee on Tour and Travel Infrastructure. We need your full participation to keep these successes coming.

In the interest of benefiting your business, ABA asks, “Isn’t it time you got on the BusPAC?” Please visit ABA’s booth to learn more about BusPAC and how its work benefits you and your business. Opting to participate and donate is voluntary. Remember, helping BusPAC helps you and your business.

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WASHINGTON OUTLOOK FOR 2017

With a new administration and Congress in Washington, a number of legislative and regulatory issues may be addressed this year that could affect your business. Here are some key issues:

LEGISLATIVE:

■ Infrastructure: On the campaign trail and shortly after becoming president-elect, Donald Trump advocated for a big infrastructure bill early in his first 100 days. More recently, investment in infrastructure has taken a backseat to Republicans’ plans to repeal Obamacare and overhaul the tax code during the first nine months of Trump’s administration. Many people believe that infrastructure spending is an area where Democrats and Republicans will be able to come together, but we will have to wait for other big-ticket items to be dealt with in the 115th Congress.

■ Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP): With the continuing resolution (CR) process, FY 2016 $3 million in funding for the IBSGP remains in place through April until Congress passes a new appropriations bill, such as an omnibus, as expected early this year. Alternatively, if Congress and the White House cannot reach agreement on funding for an omnibus measure early in 2017, Congress could then just continue the CR process through the end of the fiscal year, and the $3 million in funding for the IBSGP would remain in place for 2017. ABA continues to conduct outreach to our key congressional offices to ensure FY 2017 funding for the IBSGP remains a priority during funding discussions.

■ SAFER TRANSIT Act: Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-III) introduced H.R. 5794, the Securing America’s Facilities, Equipment, and Rail: Taking Responsibility for American National Security in Transit Act, or the SAFER TRANSIT Act, in July 2016. ABA worked with Rep. Lipinski to introduce the bill, which would reauthorize several transportation security grant programs. Among these programs is the IBSGP, which has not been reauthorized since the 9/11 Act in 2007. ABA will work with the congressman’s office to have it reintroduced in the next Congress.

■ Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act: On Sept. 22, Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Jon Thune (R-S.D.) and Ranking Member Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) introduced S. 3379, the Surface Transportation and Maritime Security Act. The bill is intended to address the perceived issue that the Transportation Security Administration concentrates its resources on the aviation industry and does not sufficiently account for other modal security risks. ABA staff submitted comments to committee staff and continue to advocate for the inclusion of over-the-road buses when discussing multimodal transportation facilities.

REGULATORY:

ABA expects a new notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for lease and interchange after the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) spent the fall reviewing the rule and promising to reconsider it. Other NPRMs we believe the FMCSA will put out in 2017 include those addressing sleep apnea and annual inspection requirements. The topic of sleep apnea saw a number of headlines during summer and fall 2016 when the FMCSA and the Federal Railroad Administration held public listening sessions and Medical Review Board meetings. According to the FMCSA, the new annual inspection requirement NPRM will include slight amendments that “do not involve the establishment of new or more stringent requirements, but instead clarify existing requirements to increase consistency of enforcement activities.”

We could also see final rules on ADA requirements for over-the-road buses, structural integrity, speed limiters, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) metropolitan planning organization performance measures, and motorcoach window glazing.

One of the hot topics in 2016 we expect to see resolution on this year is the Department of Labor’s overtime rule that was blocked in early November 2016 by a federal judge in Texas. The DOL appealed the rule, but it is uncertain whether the Trump administration will continue to appeal.

We will also look for FHWA guidance on tolling facilities affected by FAST Act requirements to exempt private motorcoaches from tolls or provide parity with transit operators. In addition, a number of pilot programs—such as on crash preventability and 18- to 21-year-old military CDL drivers—may begin in 2017.

This is just a synopsis of what your ABA Government Affairs & Policy team is working on. Find more information in ABA’s Government Affairs and Policy Monthly Update. Past issues are available in the Advocacy section of ABA’s website.

ABA has teamed up with MorphoTrust USA to offer all Marketplace attendees the opportunity to sign up for TSA’s PreCheck trusted traveler program! MorphoTrust has an RV on the Floor to make enrollment easier for attendees. Stop by and sign up for an appointment today!

PreCheck RV availability times are Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 16 and 17, 9 a.m.–noon and 2–6 p.m.

NOTABLE NEWS

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