Westrends Board
Friday, August 18, 2017
9:00 a.m. – Noon
Venice 3

Colorado Representative Polly Lawrence, Chair
California Assemblymember Ken Cooley, Vice Chair

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

9:10 a.m. State Budget Trends in the West
The Board will learn about and discuss current budget trends and what they mean for state legislatures in the Western region. This will include a macro assessment of the impacts of increased health care and education costs, as well as potential federal actions with significant budgetary implications for states such as tax reform and modifications to the Affordable Care Act, among others.

- Brian Sigritz
  Director of State Fiscal Studies
  National Association of State Budget Officers

- Lindsey Browning
  Program Director
  National Association of Medicaid Directors

10:30 a.m. The Intersection Between Technology and Transportation
Across the country states and local governments are grappling with technological advances that are reshaping the way we think about and support transportation systems. This includes the need for adequate regulatory frameworks to meet the growth of autonomous and electric vehicles; promoting innovative public-private partnerships; identifying ways to finance dilapidating infrastructure needs; and the short and long term implications for economic development and jobs.

- Reema Griffith
  Executive Director
  Washington State Transportation Commission

- William Covington
  Director, Technology Law & Public Policy Clinic
  University of Washington School of Law

- Sean Slone
  Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Policy
  The Council of State Governments

Noon Adjourn