



Session IV: Building Critical Infrastructure
April 1-April 2, 2020

Wednesday, April 1
All Times Eastern

Morning Session

- 8:45 – 9:00 am **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Tim Thomas, Federal Co-Chairman, Appalachian Leadership Institute
Your Version of Heaven in West Virginia (video, 3 mins)
- 9:00 – 10:30 am **Keynote Speaker:**
Charles L Marohn, Jr., President & Co-Founder, Strong Towns
- 10:30 – 11:00 am **Break**
- 11:00 am – Noon **Connective Infrastructure: From Roads to Broadband**
Mark Burton, Director, Transportation Economics, Center for Transportation Research, The University of Tennessee – Knoxville (retired)
Christopher Mitchell, Director, Community Broadband Networks, Institute for Local Self-Reliance
Tom Smith, Senior Transportation Advisor, Appalachian Regional Commission
Moderator: Tim Ezzell, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor, ISSE and Political Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Afternoon Session

- 2:15 – 3:30 pm **Managing Disruption: COVID-19**
Bill Fox, Ph.D., Director, Boyd Center for Business and Economic Research
Jessica G. Wright, RN, MPH, CHES, Director of the Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease, WV Bureau for Public Health
Moderator: Katie Cahill, Ph.D., Associate Director, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy

Thursday, April 2
****All Times Eastern****

Morning Session

- 9:10 – 9:20 am **The Day Ahead**
Jessica Mosley, Program Manager, Appalachian Leadership Institute
- 9:20 – 10:00 am **The 2020 Census and What It Means for Your Community**
Michelle Elison, National Partnership Program, U.S. Census Bureau
- 10:00 – 10:30 am **Break**
- 10:30 am – Noon **The Future of Infrastructure, The Built Environment and Zero-Growth**
Joseph Minicozzi, Principal, Urban3
Keith Heaton, Director, Community Development, State of Utah
Shae Strait, Planner, City of Huntington, WV
Moderator: Tim Ezzell, Ph.D., Assistant Research Professor, ISSE and Political Science, University of Tennessee Knoxville

Afternoon Session

- 2:00 – 3:00 pm **Addressing Community Needs: Hospitals and Grocery Stores**
Michelle Foster, Ph.D., President and CEO, Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation
Dr. C. Donovan “Dino” Beckett, CEO and co-founder of Williamson Health and Wellness Center
Moderator: Bruce Decker, Owner, Collective Impact
- 3:15 – 3:30 pm **Break**
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm **Making Difficult Choices**
Bruce Decker, Owner, Collective Impact
Cat Wilt, Research Director, University of Tennessee