



A bold voice for transportation workers

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Larry I. Willis is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), a Washington, D.C.-based labor organization consisting of 32 member unions. TTD's unions represent workers in all modes of transportation including aviation, rail, transit, bus, longshore, maritime, trucking and related industries. TTD is the transportation policy umbrella organization of the national AFL-CIO which represents 11.5 million workers in the United States.

As the Department's chief financial officer, Willis oversees the daily financial and administrative activities of TTD. As part of this responsibility, Willis accounts for affiliate dues, budgets for the operations of the Department, and plans for the sustained and long-term fiscal needs of the organization.

In addition to his financial responsibilities, Willis oversees TTD's policy, legislative and legal activities. He represents the interests of the Department before Congress and among key Executive Branch officials. Willis has worked on virtually every issue before the Department including: Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization; Surface Transportation Reauthorization; Amtrak and high speed rail; maritime issues; international aviation negotiations; and a variety of safety and security challenges facing transportation workers. In particular, Willis is one of the labor movement's key leaders in responding to the security background checks imposed on workers after 9/11. Willis has testified in front of relevant Congressional Committees and is asked to speak to union audiences and other organizations on transportation policy and legislative issues.

Willis started at TTD in 1996 as a Legislative Representative and subsequently became the organization's Legislative Counsel. In 1999, Willis left TTD to join the international law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP where he served as Director of Legislation and as associate in the Firm's Public Policy practice group. In 2003, Willis returned to TTD as General Counsel, and assumed the Chief of Staff duties in addition to his legal responsibilities in 2007. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer of TTD effective April 1, 2010. Willis remains the chief legal counsel for TTD.

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Willis obtained his juris doctor degree from the John Marshall Law School in 1995 and received a B.A. in political science from the University of Iowa. He lives in suburban Maryland with his wife and daughter.