

## **RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 20-21, 2024**

**CHICAGO, IL**

### **Minutes**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”), pursuant to notice, held its first quarter meeting and annual field visit, in person, on Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 21, 2024, at locations in and near Chicago, IL.

#### The following members were present:

- Mr. Ben Abrams (RSTAC Chairman), President & CEO, Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc.
- Mr. Eric Jakubowski (RSTAC Vice Chairman), Chief Commercial Officer, Anacostia Rail Holdings, Inc.
- Mr. Robert McRae (RSTAC Secretary), Vice President of Transportation, Univar Solutions
- Mr. Ryan Dreier, Vice President Industrial Products, BNSF Railway Co.
- Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company
- Mr. Robert (Buck) Rogers, VP, Petroleum & Chemicals, Canadian National Railway Co.
- Mr. Stefan Loeb, Vice President First & Final Mile Markets, Norfolk Southern Railway Co.
- Mr. Jeremy Ferguson, President, Transportation Division of the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers
- Mr. Ross Corthell, Vice President of Transportation, Packaging Corporation of America
- Mr. Don Itzkoff, Chief Policy Officer, Patriot Rail Co. LLC
- Mr. Justin Broyles, EVP Commercial Affairs, R.J. Corman Railroad Group, LLC
- Mr. W. Paul Delp, President, Lansdale Warehouse Company
- Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America
- Ms. Holly Pixler, Senior Director of Transportation and Logistics, Ardent Mills
  
- Mr. Martin Oberman, Chairman, Surface Transportation Board,
- Ms. Karen Hedlund, Vice Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Patrick Fuchs, Member, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Robert Primus, Member, Surface Transportation Board
- Ms. Michelle Schultz, Member, Surface Transportation Board

#### Alternate representatives from companies represented on the RSTAC:

- Mr. Matt McLaren, Assistant Vice President Safety, Canadian National Railway Co.

#### Also present:

- Ms. Allison Dane Camden, U.S. Department of Transportation, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy
- Mr. T. Stephen O'Connor, Senior Economist, Federal Railroad Administration

- Ms. Janie Sheng, Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Gabriel Meyer, Attorney-Advisor and RSTAC Liaison, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, Surface Transportation Board
- Ms. Ellen Erichsen, Chief of Staff, Office of Chairman Martin Oberman, Surface Transportation Board
- Ms. Jetta Sandin, Attorney-Advisor to Chairman Oberman, Surface Transportation Board
- Mr. Charles (Chip) Vance, Attorney-Advisor to Vice Chairman Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board
- Ms. Lisa Novins, Attorney-Advisor to Board Member Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board

Present on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 only:

- Mr. Charles (Chuck) Baker, President, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
- Mr. Ian Jeffries, President and Chief Executive Officer, Association of American Railroads
- Mr. J. Frederick Miller, Associate General Counsel and Government Affairs Liaison, Association of American Railroads
- Dr. Joseph L. Schofer, Professor Emeritus of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Northwestern University
- Mr. Paul F. Titterton, Executive Vice President and President, Rail North America, GATX Corp.

Absent:

- Mr. Richard G. Erstad, Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Hawkins, Inc.

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

1. RSTAC members boarded a Canadian National Railway (CN)-provided passenger train at Spaulding Interlocking (Bartlett, IL), for a tour/inspection trip of infrastructure developed pursuant to the Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency (CREATE) program.
2. The train stopped at CN's Homewood, IL training center at approximately 12 noon. RSTAC members toured the facility.
3. RSTAC members re-boarded the train for the remainder of the tour/inspection trip, to Chicago Union Station.
4. Following the conclusion of the inspection trip, RSTAC members visited the Chicago Transportation Coordination Office's Integrated Rail Operations Center.
5. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:15 pm.

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

1. RSTAC members and STB Board members convened at DePaul University at 8:00 am.
2. RSTAC members elected Eric Jakubowski as RSTAC Chairman and Ross Corthell as Vice Chairman for the coming year. The members also thanked departing members Terry McDermott and Mark Wagner for their RSTAC service.
3. Deputy Asst. Secretary for Multimodal Freight Policy Allison Dane Camden gave a presentation on her office's Freight Logistics Operations Works (FLOW) initiative, and its work toward establishment of a national multimodal freight network.

4. RSTAC members commenced field reports at approximately 8:45 am. Mr. Matt McLaren of Canadian National Railway attended the field reports in place of Mr. Robert (Buck) Rogers.
5. Field reports concluded and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.