



AGENDA

2024 WisDOT Annual Freight Railroad Conference Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Marriott Conference Center
1313 John Q Hammons Dr, Middleton, WI 53562



7:30-8:15	<u>Registration/Networking</u>
8:15-8:35	<u>SAFETY BRIEFING & WELCOME</u> <i>Lisa Stern, Chief of Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i> <i>Kristina Boardman, WisDOT Secretary</i>
8:35-8:50	<u>WisDOT Railroads and Harbors Updates</u> <i>Lisa Stern, Chief of Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
8:55-9:20	<u>Office of the Commissioner of Railroads & Operation Lifesaver Update</u> <i>Don Vruwink, Commissioner of Railroads</i>
9:25-9:45	<u>Report on the Wisconsin Railroad Industry</u> <i>Peter Kammer, Wisconsin Railroads Association</i>
9:45-10:15	<u>Intermodal Terminal Opportunities for Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota</u> <i>Libby Ogard, Prime Focus</i> <i>Dr. Richard Stewart, UW-Superior</i>
10:15-10:30	BREAK
10:30-10:50	<u>Update to 2019 WisDOT Intermodal Report</u> <i>Sarah Simonson, Economic Development, WisDOT</i> <i>Dave Leucinger, Economic Development, WisDOT</i>
10:50-11:10	<u>FRA Report</u> <i>Tom Domres, Federal Railroad Administration</i>
11:15-11:40	<u>WisDOT Railroad Safety Initiatives</u> <i>Kris Sommers, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
11:40-12:00	<u>Agricultural Commodities By Rail</u> <i>Chris DeLong, The DeLong Co., Inc.</i>
12:00-1:00	LUNCH

1:00–1:20	<u>Passenger Rail Update</u> <i>Rich Kedzior, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
1:20–1:45	<u>Canadian Pacific Kansas City Report</u> <i>Mike Deegan, CPKC</i>
1:50-2:20	<u>How To Think Like a Railroad - Why They Do What They Do</u> <i>Brian Buchanan, The Killer Bee, LLC</i>
2:20–2:35	BREAK
2:35-2:55	<u>Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad Report</u> <i>Nick Turinetti, Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad</i>
2:55–3:15	<u>Railroad Updates</u> <i>BNSF, CN, CPKC, ELS, FVLS, Tomahawk, UP, WGN, WN, WSOR</i> <i>Facilitated by Greg Baer, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
3:20–3:40	<u>Merrimac Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update</u> <i>Pete Schierloh, SW Bridge</i>
3:45–4:00	<u>QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, COMMENTS, CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN</u> <i>Lisa Stern, Chief of Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>

