



AGENDA
2023 WisDOT Annual
Freight Railroad Conference
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Marriott Conference Center
Middleton, WI



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>Craig Thompson, WisDOT Secretary</i>
8:35-8:50	<u>WisDOT Railroads and Harbors Updates</u> <i>Lisa Stern, Chief of Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
8:55-9:25	<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>North Central Wisconsin Intermodal Freight Study</u> <i>Libby Ogard, Prime Focus</i>
10:15-10:30	BREAK
10:30-10:50	<u>Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050</u> <i>Alex Gramovot, Chief, Planning Section, WisDOT</i>
10:55-11:15	<u>FRA Report</u> <i>Tina Blumenberg, Federal Railroad Administration</i>
11:20-11:40	<u>WisDOT Railroad Safety Initiatives</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-crash crossings• Bike/ped safety plan• Wauwatosa-Waukesha corridor safety study <i>Kris Sommers, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT</i>
11:40-12:00	<u>Update from Union Pacific</u> <i>Mark Bristol, General Director, Network Development, Union Pacific Railroad</i> <i>Tom Evenson, Senior Director, Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad</i>
12:00-1:00	LUNCH

- 1:00–1:35 **Passenger Rail Update**
Rich Kedzior, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT
Arun Rao, Director, Network Development, Amtrak
Ismael Cuevas, Government Affairs Manager, Amtrak
- 1:40–2:30 **Local Rail Spur Planning for Economic Development**
Roselynn Bittorf, Economic Development, WisDOT
Brian Buchanan, The Killer Bee, LLC
- 2:30–2:45 **BREAK**
- 2:45–3:05 **Railroad Updates**
BNSF, CN, CPKC, ELS, Tomahawk, UP, WGN, WN, WSOR
Facilitated by Greg Baer, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT
- 3:10–3:30 **Merrimac Bridge Rehabilitation Project Update**
Pete Schierloh, SW Bridge
- 3:30–4:00 **DeLong Grain Export Facility at Port Milwaukee**
Mike Halsted, Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT
- 4:00–4:15 **QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, COMMENTS, CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURN**
Lisa Stern, Chief of Railroads and Harbors, WisDOT

