



Wisconsin Rail Plan 2050

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Update to Wisconsin Rail Plan 2030

- First Wisconsin Rail Plan was adopted in 2014
 - Project listing tables within the plan were updated in 2020
- Covers all rail modes:
 - Railroad crossings
 - Freight rail
 - Wisconsin's state-owned rail system,
 - Long distance passenger rail, intercity rail, and commuter rail



Making the Plan Current

- Need to refresh the Plan with
 - Freight commodity flow statistics
 - Rail data trends
 - Existing and possible future service levels
 - Rail system conditions
 - Future rail-related improvements or plans (project listing tables)
 - Inclusions from FRA state rail plan guidance from late 2013



Plan is now in pre-draft stage



Conducting stakeholder outreach to help initial identification of trends, issues and opportunities.



FRA Plan Guidance Topics

Distributed prior to conference

- Used to identify required plan contents
- Combined with WisDOT's initial review of conditions impacting rail service in the state



Expected Plan Policy Discussion - Freight

Pick a bullet or two and enter into the chat box ideas of what to include in the plan on the topic

1. Rail grant & loan programs
2. Changes since last rail plan in the movements of frac sand, oil, and coal
3. Northwoods rail service
4. Intermodal rail-truck
5. Pulp-timber rail movements & rolling stock availability



Expected Plan Policy Discussion - Passenger

Pick a bullet and enter into chat box ideas of what to include in the plan on the topic

1. Passenger and commuter rail's role in non-driver mobility
2. Demand forecast model of long range passenger rail service



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