

Welcome to Kansas City!



Overview of Rail Advocate and Stakeholder Organizations

SPRC – Jeremy Latimer

SAIPRC – Jeremy Steinemann

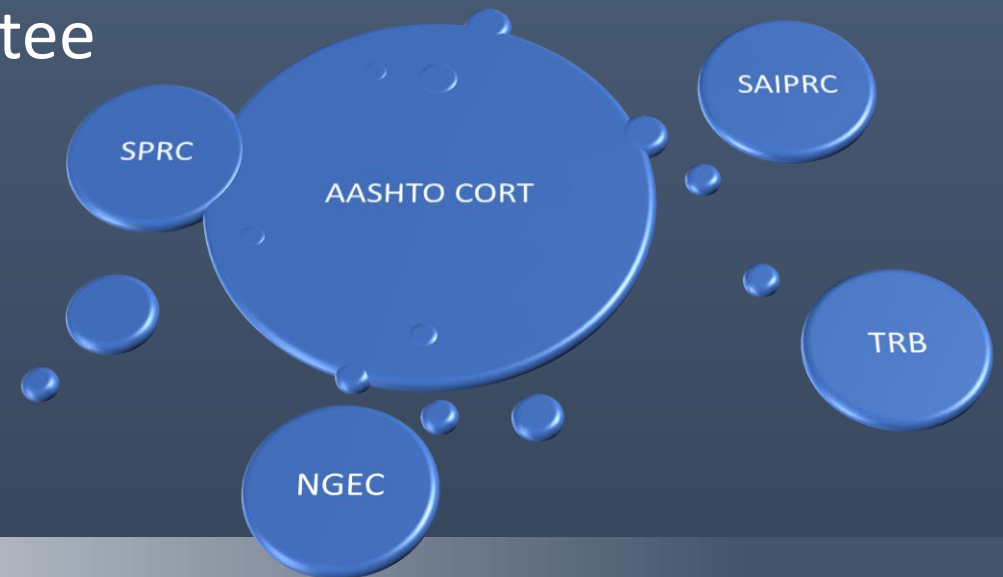
AASHTO – Shayne Gill

NGEC – Ray Hessinger

TRB – Rachel Copperman

Who We Are – What We Do

- **S**tates for **P**assenger **R**ail **C**oalition
- **S**tate-**A**mtrak Intercity **P**assenger **R**ail **C**ommittee
- **A**merican **A**ssociation of **S**tate **H**ighway and **T**ransportation **O**fficials
- **N**ext **G**eneration **E**quipment **C**ommittee
- **T**ransportation **R**esearch **B**oard





States build Partnerships.

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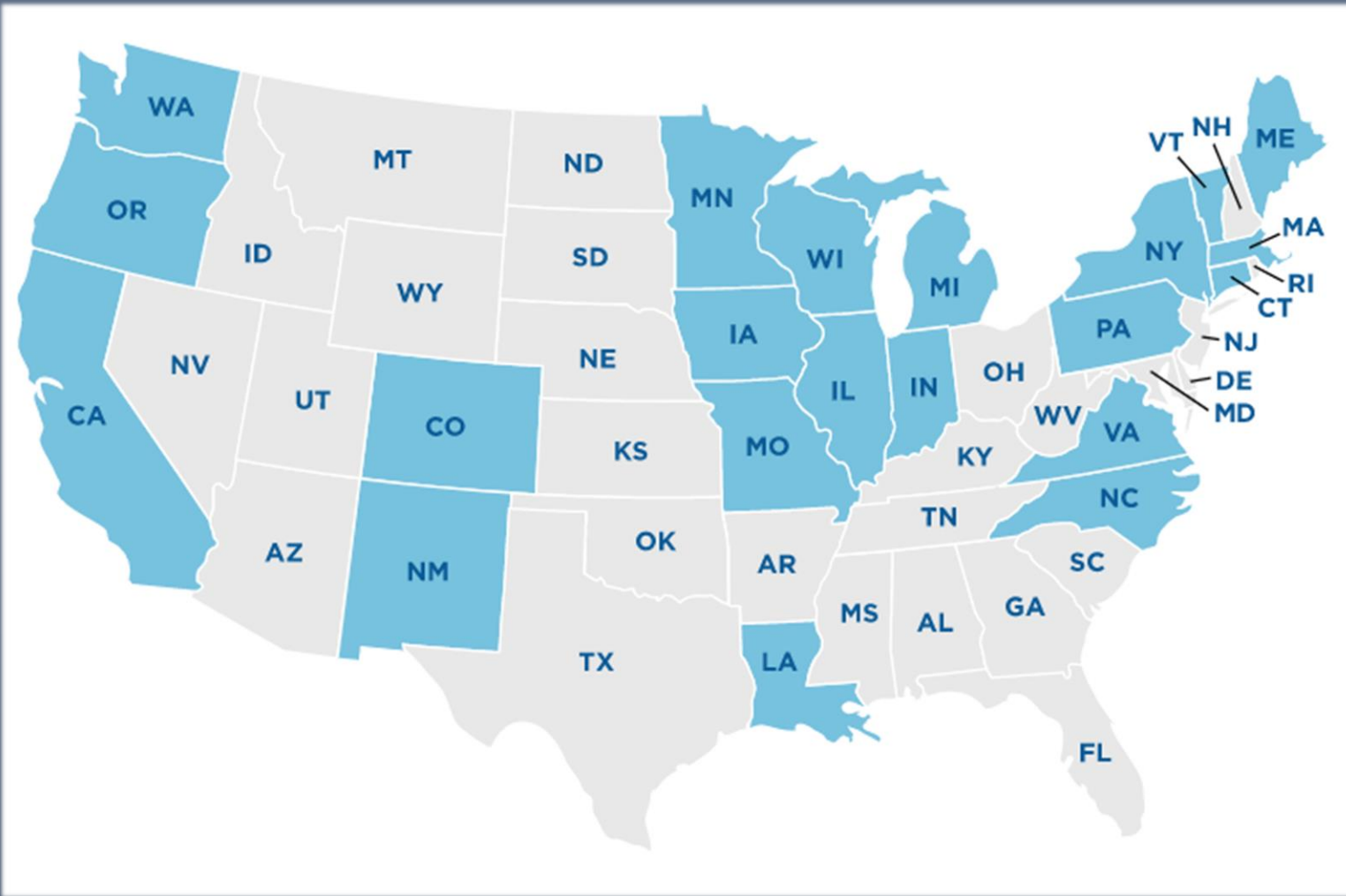
The only all states advocacy group focused solely on intercity passenger rail.

Membership of 20 state DOTs and 4 Joint Power Authorities across the US.

A resource for direct access to DOT staff on all things related to intercity passenger rail

A forum to collaborate with Amtrak, FRA, AAR, and STB in support of the collective interest of its members.

Communicates and coordinates with industry organizations such as AASHTO, the NEC Commission, SAIPRC, the NGEC, OneRail and the RPA.



Our Vision: An expanded intercity passenger rail network integrated into our national transportation system that improves mobility, supports economic growth, promotes equity, protects the environment, and enhances quality of life.

What We Do

- **Promote** public investment and partnerships to expand intercity passenger rail service throughout the United States,
- **Facilitate** coordination and cooperation among state officials, railroads and federal officials;
- **Advocate** and assist in the pursuit of state and federal funding to support on-going development of America's passenger rail system, and
- **Support current efforts and projects** managed by state transportation departments.
- **Create and encourage** peer to peer exchange opportunities among our member states and JPAs



History

- The States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC) was formed in 2001 by Terry Mulcahy, Secretary of Transportation, Wisconsin DOT, and state DOTs across the US to:
 - Organize as a coalition of states focused solely on intercity passenger rail;
 - Advocate for legislation and policies to advance intercity passenger rail in the US;
 - Act quickly and speak with one voice in developing and/or responding to legislation/policies affecting intercity passenger rail in the US.

STATES *for* PASSENGER RAIL COALITION

www.s4prc.org

CHAIR - SECRETARY TERRY MULCAHY - WISCONSIN DOT
VICE CHAIR - DEPUTY SECRETARY DAVID KING - NORTH CAROLINA DOT
SECRETARY/TREASURER - RAIL MANAGER KEN UZNANSKI - WASHINGTON DOT

Chair, Secretary Frank J. Busalacchi, Wisconsin DOT
Vice Chair, Rail Manager Ken Uznanski, Washington DOT
Secretary-Treasurer, Deputy Secretary Karen J. Rae, Pennsylvania DOT

States for



Passenger Rail Coalition

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States for Passenger Rail 2000 Annual Report

1. Mission and membership

States for Passenger Rail is a coalition of state departments of transportation to advocate for federal funding and to support intercity passenger rail initiatives.

- The coalition in 2000 had nineteen members: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.
- At least twelve other states were considering membership, or participated in meetings and information sharing.
- The Wisconsin Department of Transportation initiated the concept for the coalition at a national summit on high speed rail in October of 1999. In early 2000, the coalition formed, with each state member assigning a delegate to a coalition Steering Committee.



STATES FOR PASSENGER RAIL COALITION



Introduction to SAIPRC

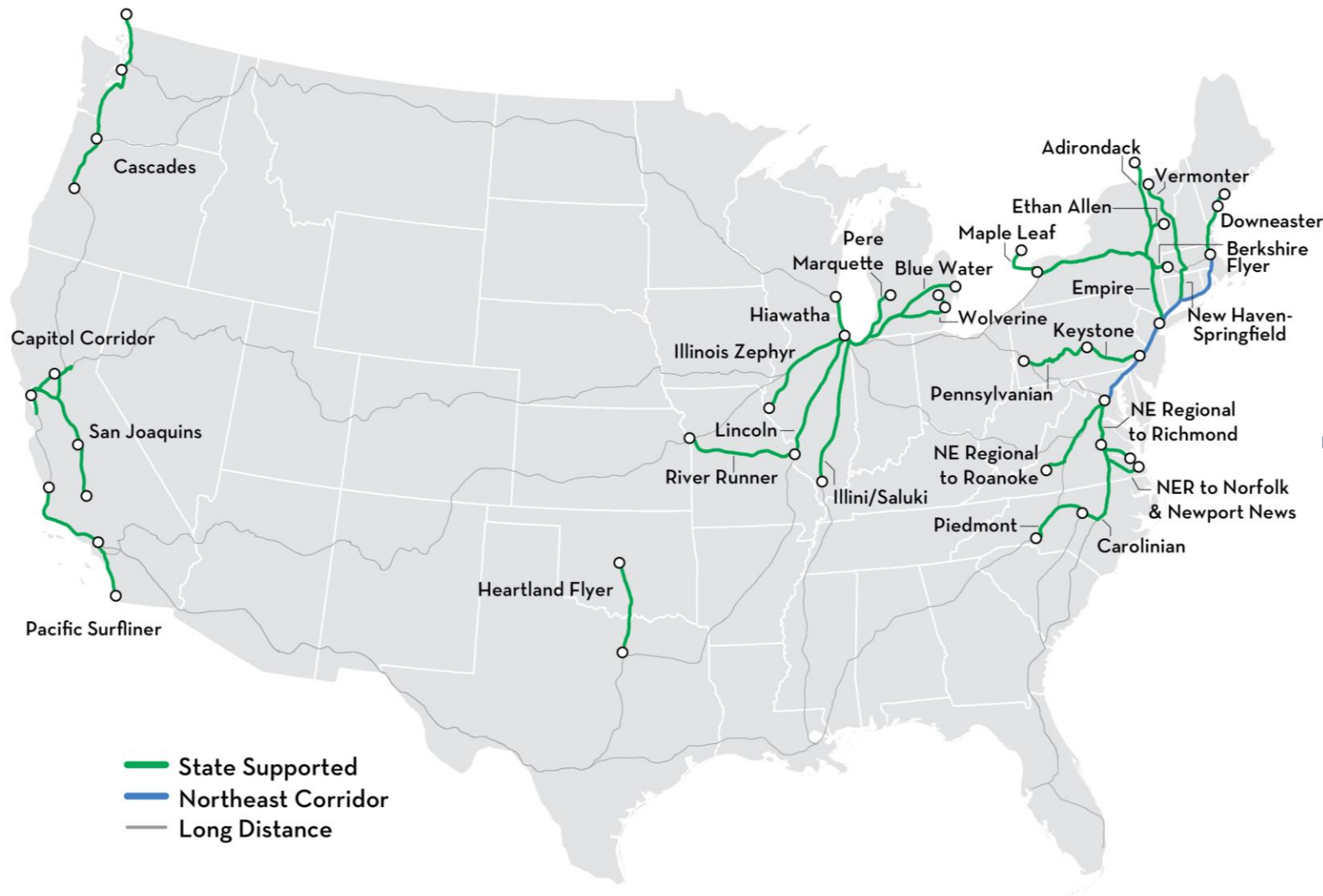
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The State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee is the forum for Amtrak, the states, and the FRA to work together to identify and solve shared challenges.

Our mission is to improve intercity passenger rail to support mobility in local communities and encourage economic growth across the United States.

State Supported Services



28 routes in
22 states



Routes 750mi or
less and off the NEC



About one-half of
all Amtrak riders

Section 209 of PRIIA (2008)

Directed states to assume responsibility for the operating and capital expenses associated with their routes—using a standard, nationwide methodology.

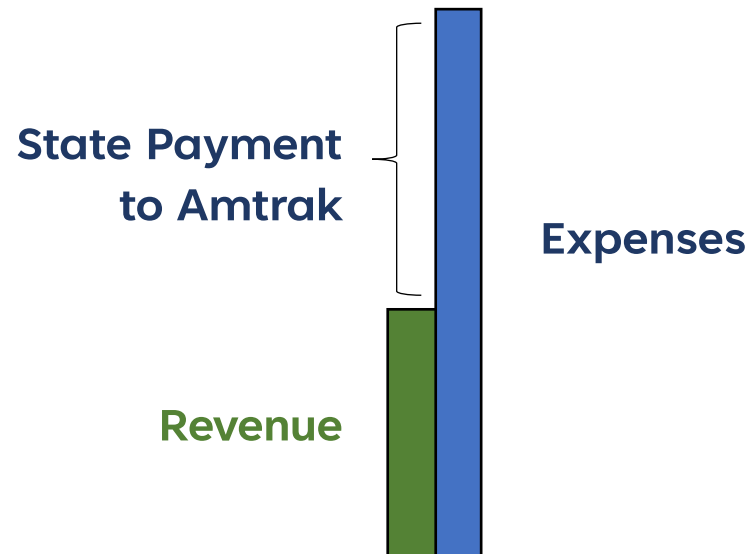
STB Decision (2012)

First year of operating and capital payments (2013)

FAST Act (2015)

1. Established “state-supported route committee” (SAIPRC)
2. Directed the committee to
 - a) Oversee implementation of the PRIIA 209 Methodology
 - b) Foster collaboration among Amtrak, the states and FRA
3. Authorized funding for committee

State Contributions



Under PRIIA 209, each year states typically contribute **over \$800m** to Amtrak in ticket revenue and direct state payments.

Voting Members

22 Voting Members: Amtrak, FRA, and 20 state agencies in 17 states



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration



Voting Members

SAIPRC Voting Members: Primary Representatives

Ray Lang	Amtrak
Paul Nissenbaum	USDOT FRA
Chad Edison	California STA
Rob Padgett	Capitol Corridor JPA (CA)
Jason Jewell*	LOSSAN (CA)
Stacey Mortensen	San Joaquin JPA (CA)
Rich Jankovich*	Connecticut DOT
John Oimoen	Illinois DOT
Meredith Slesinger	Massachusetts DOT
Peter Anastor*	Michigan DOT
Troy Hughes	Missouri DOT

Jason Orthner	North Carolina DOT
Patricia Quinn	NNEPRA (Maine)
Ray Hessinger	New York State DOT
Jared Schwennesen	Oklahoma DOT
Michael Jenkins	Oregon DOT
Jennie Louwerse	Pennsylvania DOT
Chad Coburn	Texas DOT
Jeremy Latimer	Virginia Pass. Rail Auth.
Dan Delabruere	VTrans
Ron Pate	Washington State DOT
Lisa Stern	Wisconsin DOT

*Acting

Executive Committee



Chair: Rob Padgette, Managing Director
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority



Vice Chair: Ray Lang, Vice President
State-Supported Services, Amtrak



Treasurer: Patricia Quinn, Executive Director Northern New
England Pass. Rail Authority



Secretary: Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator for
Railroad Policy & Development, Federal Railroad
Administration



Member at large: Jason Orthner, Director,
Rail Division, North Carolina DOT

Associate Members

Bylaws define two types of members

1. **Voting Members:** Currently sponsor state-supported service.
2. **Associate Members:** Planning/contemplating introduction of state-supported service.

Activity	Voting	Associate
Vote: Formally approve SAIPRC business (e.g., policy amendments, plans, etc.)	✓	—
Attend: In-person meetings	✓	✓
Reimbursement: For SAIPRC-related travel	✓	✓
Working Groups: Participate in calls and meetings	✓	✓

Associate Members

Current Associate Member(s)

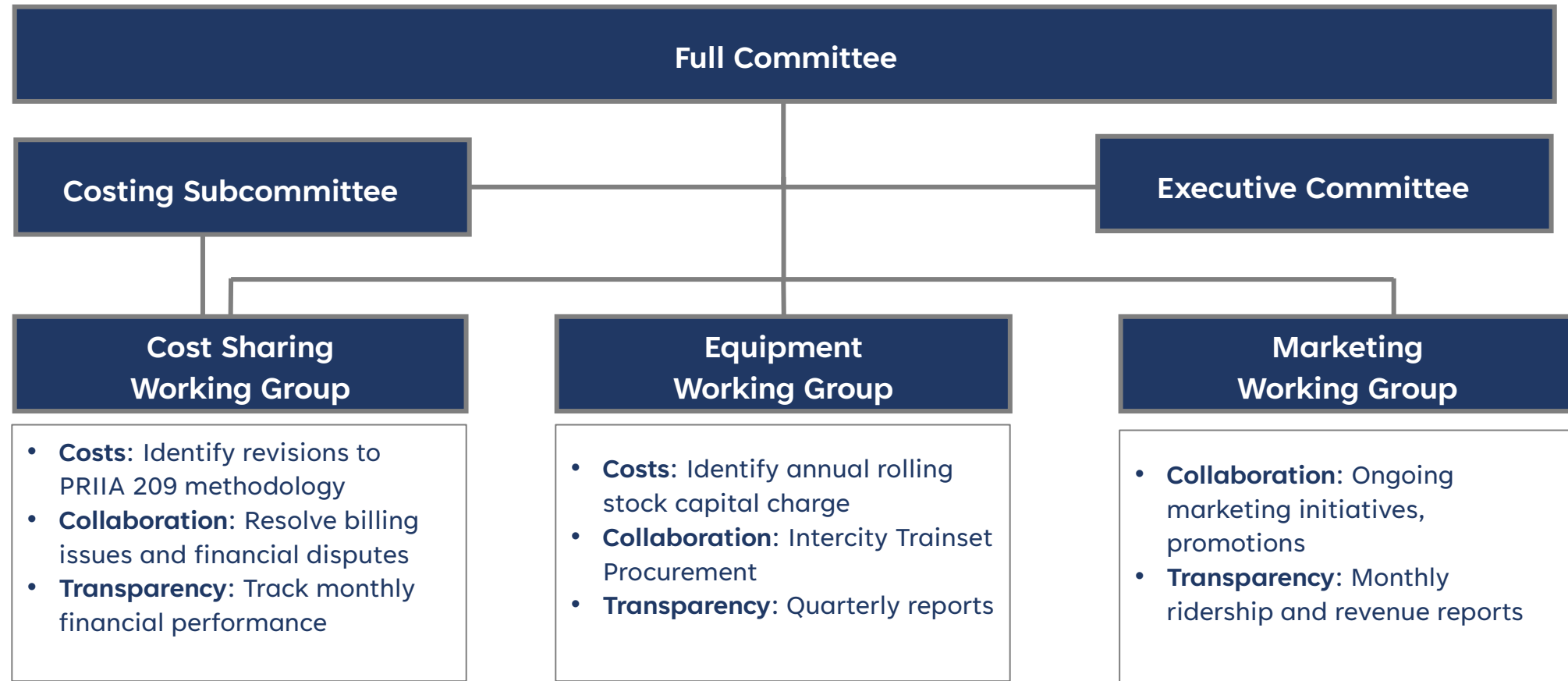


SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION

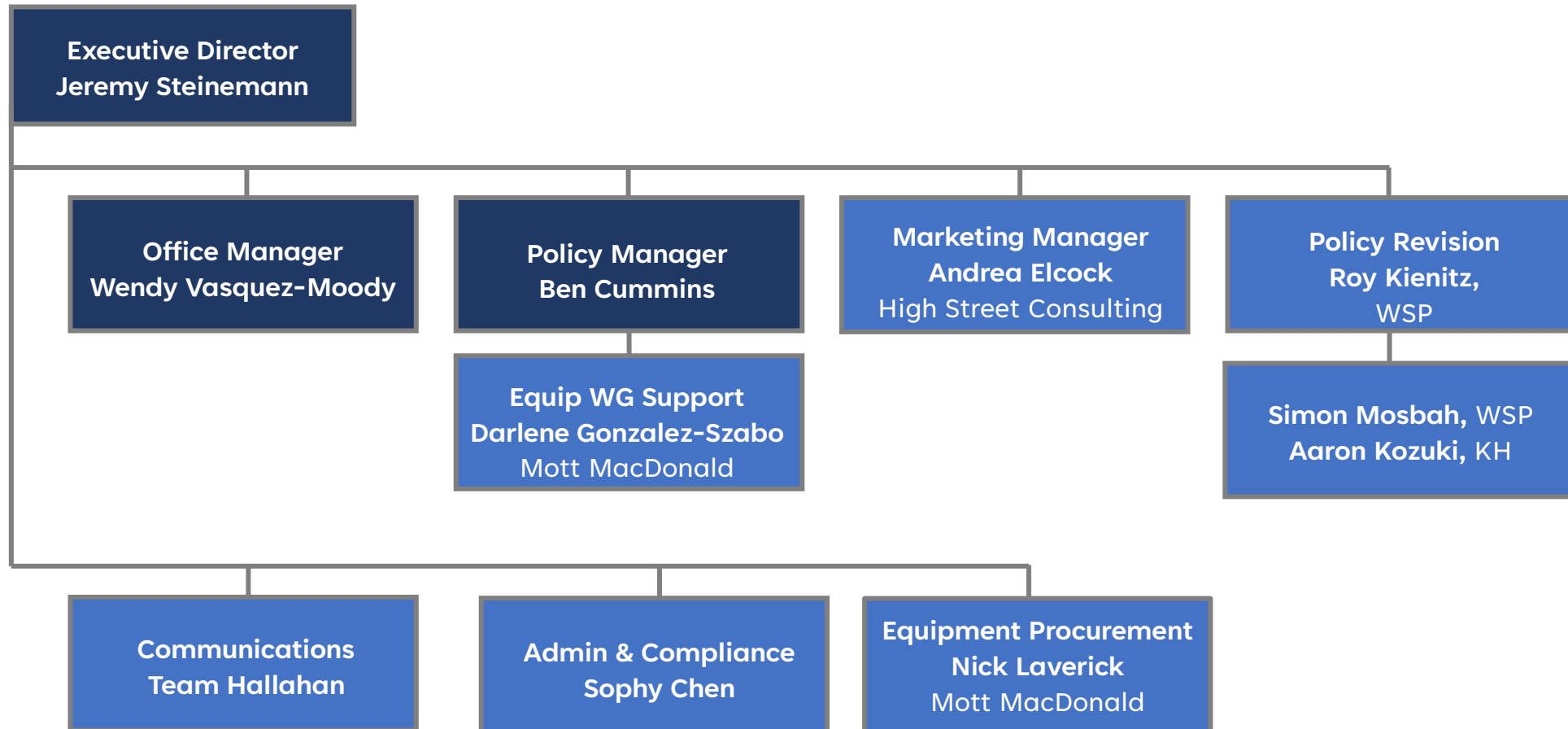
Organizational Strategies

Strategy	Sample Activities
Cost Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refinement and revision of Policy• Implementation of costing approach
Collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marketing and efforts to drive ridership and revenue• Rolling stock planning and procurement
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operating cost reporting• Capital reporting
Funding partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of COVID-19 relief• Identifying a new Federal-State funding partnership

Committee Structure



SAIPRC Staff & Contractors



Full-Time Staff

Contractor

1. Costing

- a) New approach to calculating state operating-cost payments to increase transparency, predictability, and control
- b) Refinements TBD for revenue and rolling stock capital costs

2. Collaboration and decisionmaking

- a) Clarifies areas of state authority
- b) Defines processes for States to work with Amtrak to manage services

3. Transparency and Accountability

- a) New requirements for ongoing reporting
- b) Annual review of costing model and its inputs

4. Federal-State Partnership

An Introduction to the

American Association of State
Highway and Transportation Officials
(AASHTO)

Background

What is AASHTO?

- ❖ Nonprofit association
- ❖ Founded in 1914
- ❖ Members include:
 - ❖ Transportation departments of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico
 - ❖ 50+ Associate Members from Federal, State, and Local agencies and other countries
- ❖ Covers all modes: Aviation, Rail, Highways, Transit, Water, and Active Transportation



2021-2022 AASHTO Leadership



Shawn Wilson, PhD
President

Secretary,
Louisiana Department
of Transportation and
Development

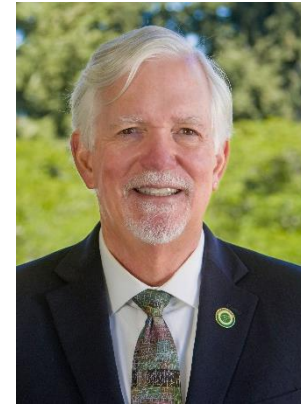


Russell McMurry
Secretary-Treasurer

Commissioner,
Georgia Department of
Transportation

Roger M. Millar
Vice-President

Secretary of
Transportation,
Washington State
Department of
Transportation



Jim Tymon
Executive Director

AASHTO



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AASHTO

Regional Associations



AASHTO's New Strategic Plan 2021-2026

Vision:

Providing improved quality of life
through leadership in transportation

Mission:

Supporting State DOTs to connect America
with the transportation system of today
and tomorrow



Goals of the new Strategic Plan

- ❖ Safety, Mobility, and Access for Everyone
- ❖ National Transportation Policy Leadership
- ❖ Organizational Excellence with World Class Services

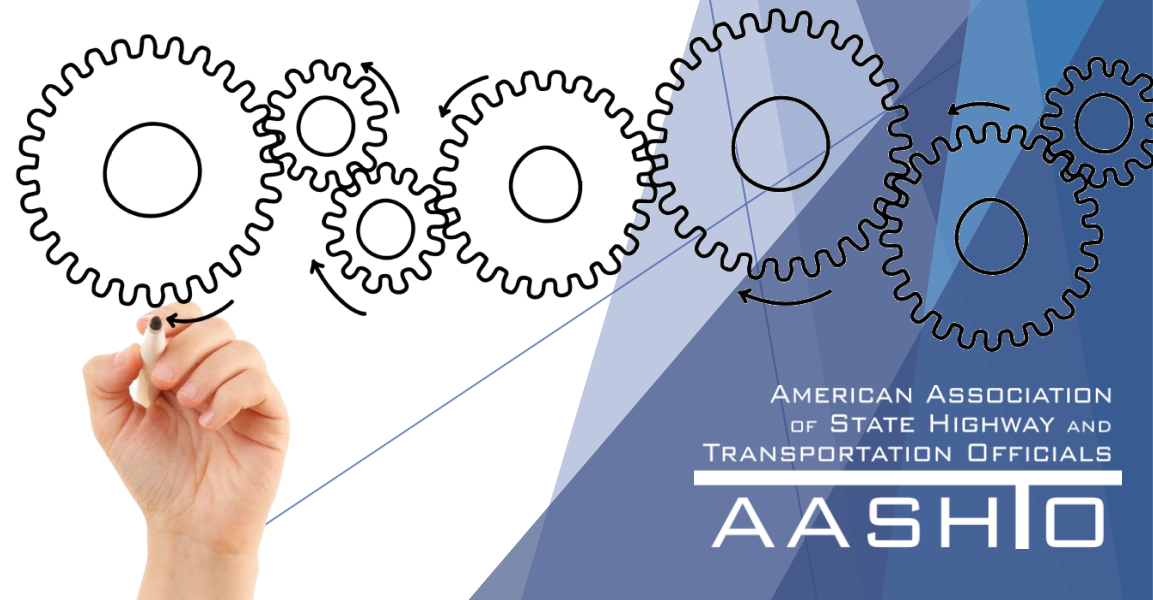


AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
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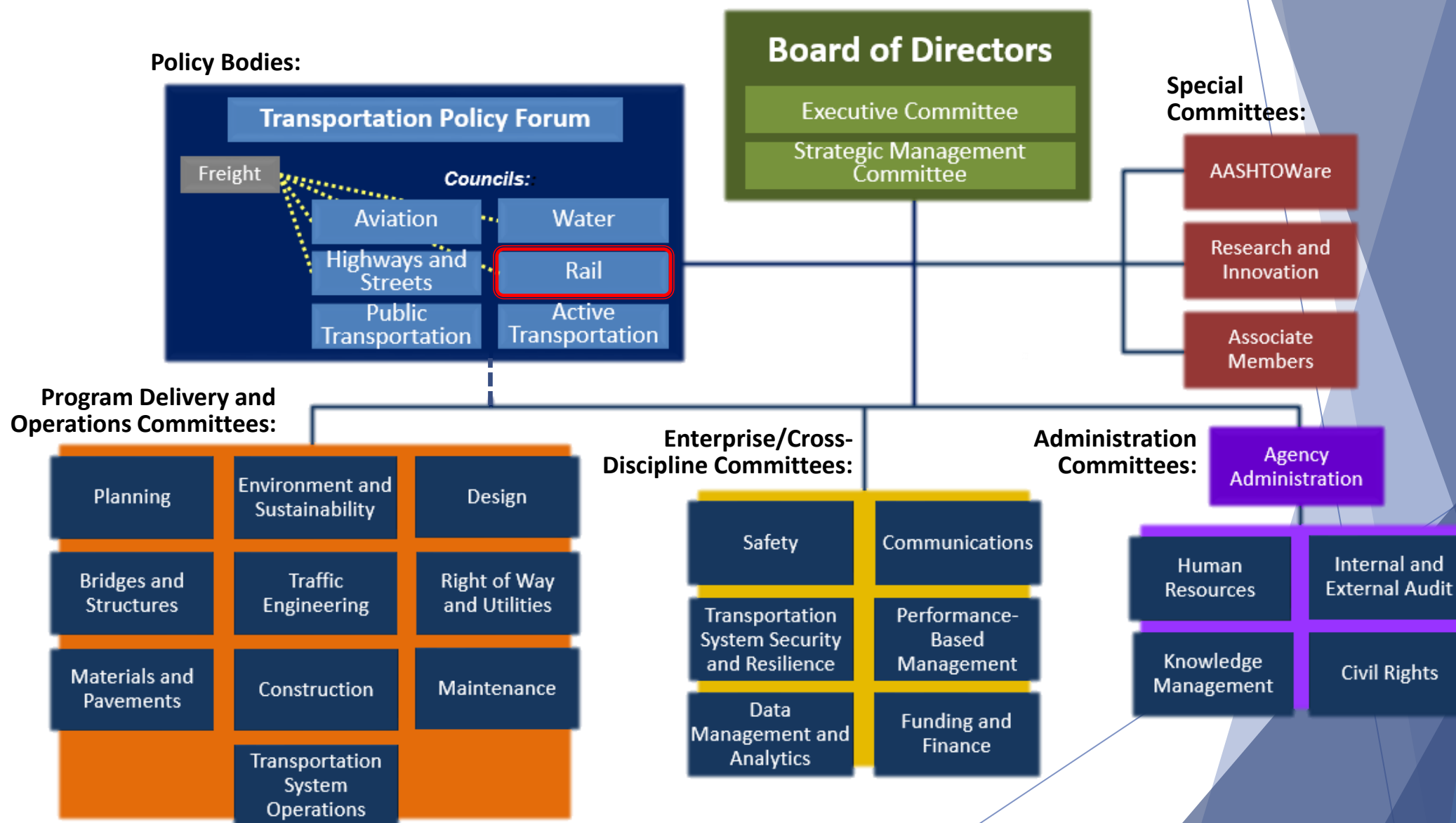
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How will the Plan be accomplished?

- ❖ Policy Implementation and Research
- ❖ Partnership and Collaboration
- ❖ Workforce Development
- ❖ Member Engagement
- ❖ Organizational Optimization

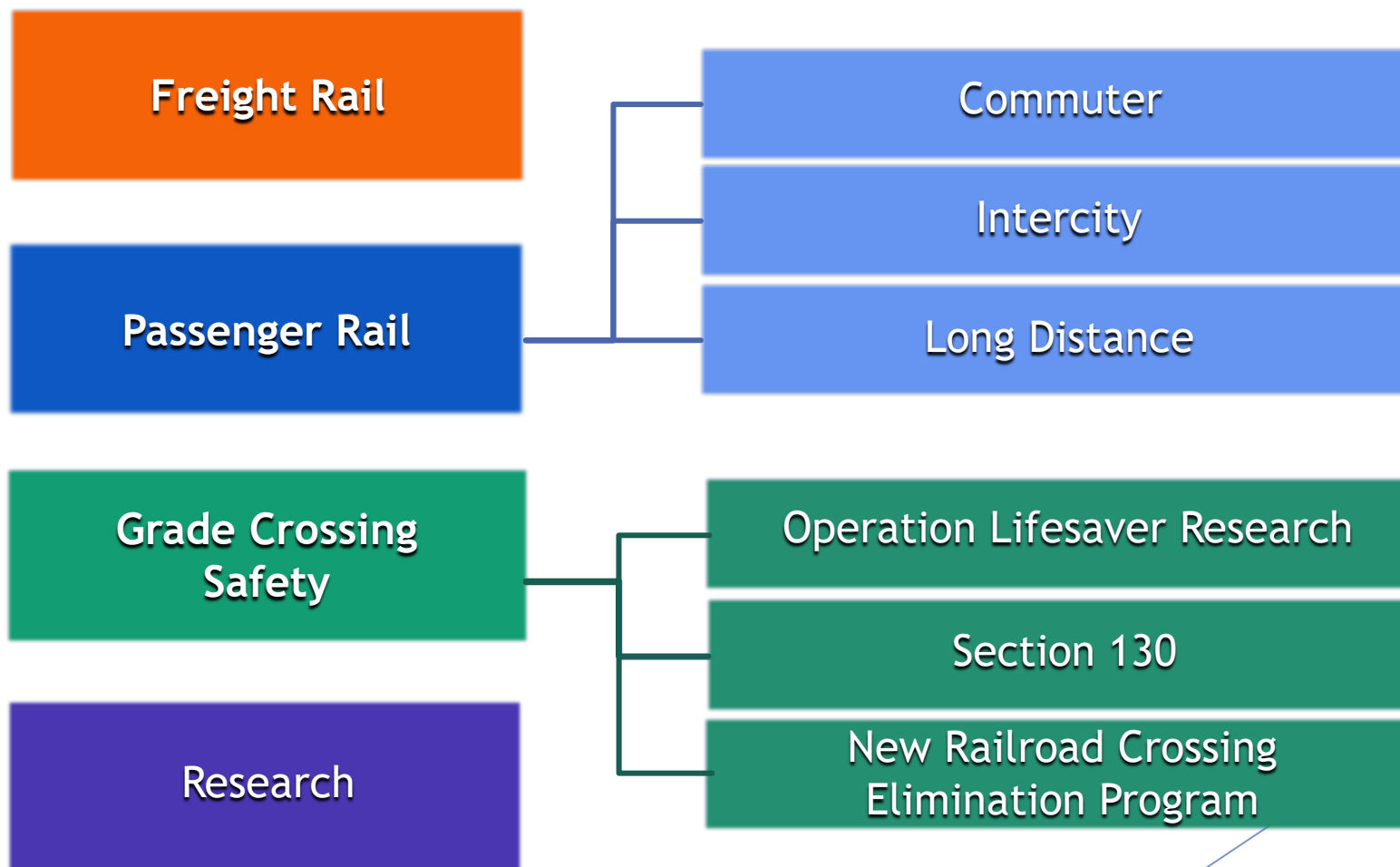


AASHTO Committee Structure



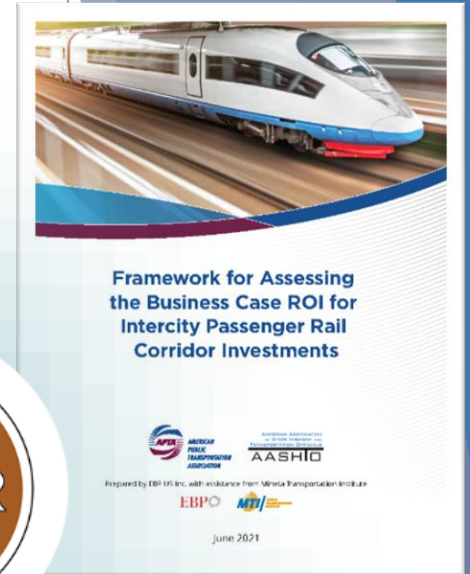
Council on Rail Transportation

Policy Development for:



AASHTO Rail Resource Center

- ❖ Voluntary pooled fund to provide technical assistance and peer exchange opportunities for state rail agencies



**AASHTO RAIL
RESOURCE
CENTER**



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Next Generation Equipment Committee

Update to
States for Passenger Rail Coalition
September 20, 2022

Raymond Hessinger, P.E. (NYSDOT)
Chair
Next Generation Equipment Committee



The NGEC will provide national leadership in standardization,
acquisition, financing and management of passenger rail equipment.

NGEC Origins

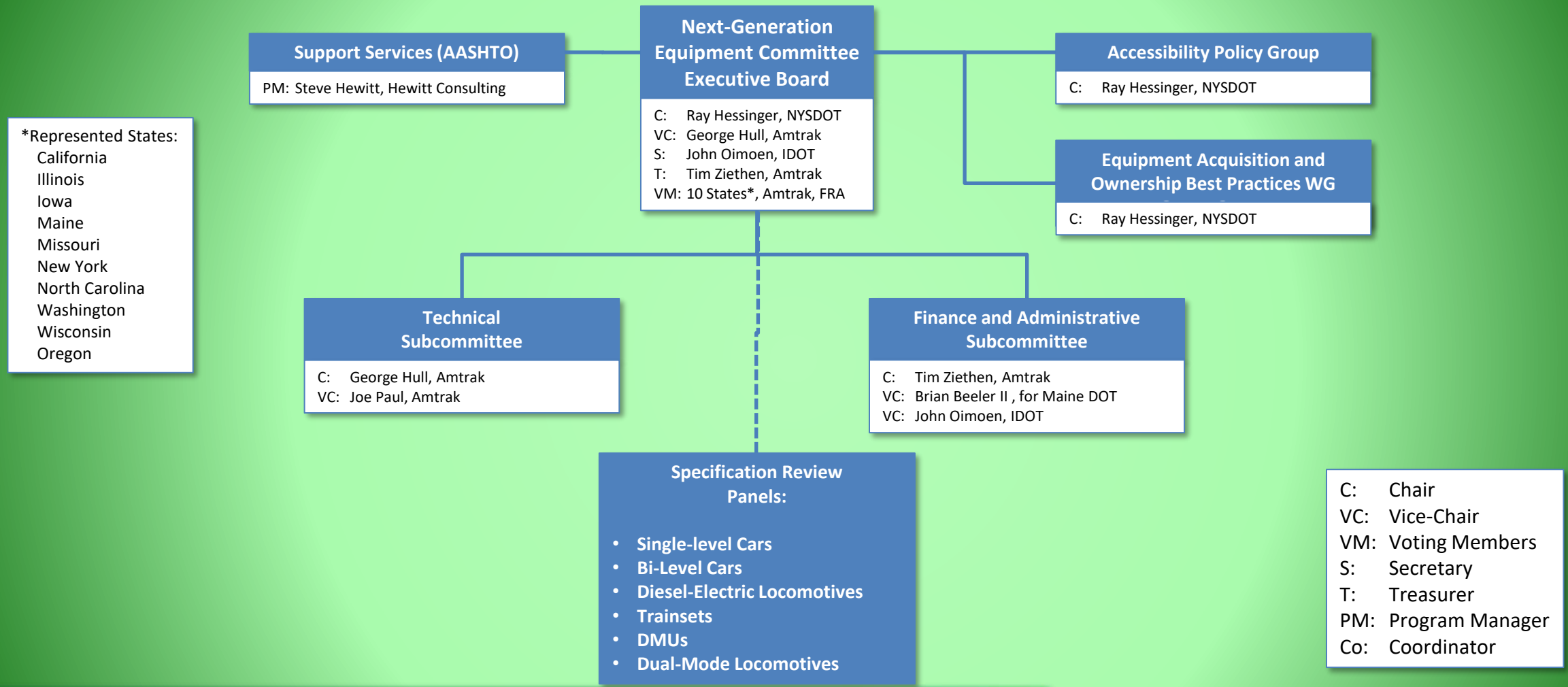
§ 305 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA)

- Amtrak was required to establish the *Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee*
- Per statute, membership is comprised of representatives from:
 - Amtrak,
 - Federal Railroad Administration,
 - Interested States (Current Membership: CA, CT, IA, IL, ME, MO, NC, NY, OR, WA, WI),
 - Host freight railroad companies,
 - Railroad equipment manufacturers & suppliers (currently over 200 industry members),
 - Other passenger railroad operators
- The Committee was formed to design, develop specifications for, and procure standardized next-generation corridor equipment.
- Revitalization of the American Passenger Railcar Manufacturing Industry.



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NGEC Organization



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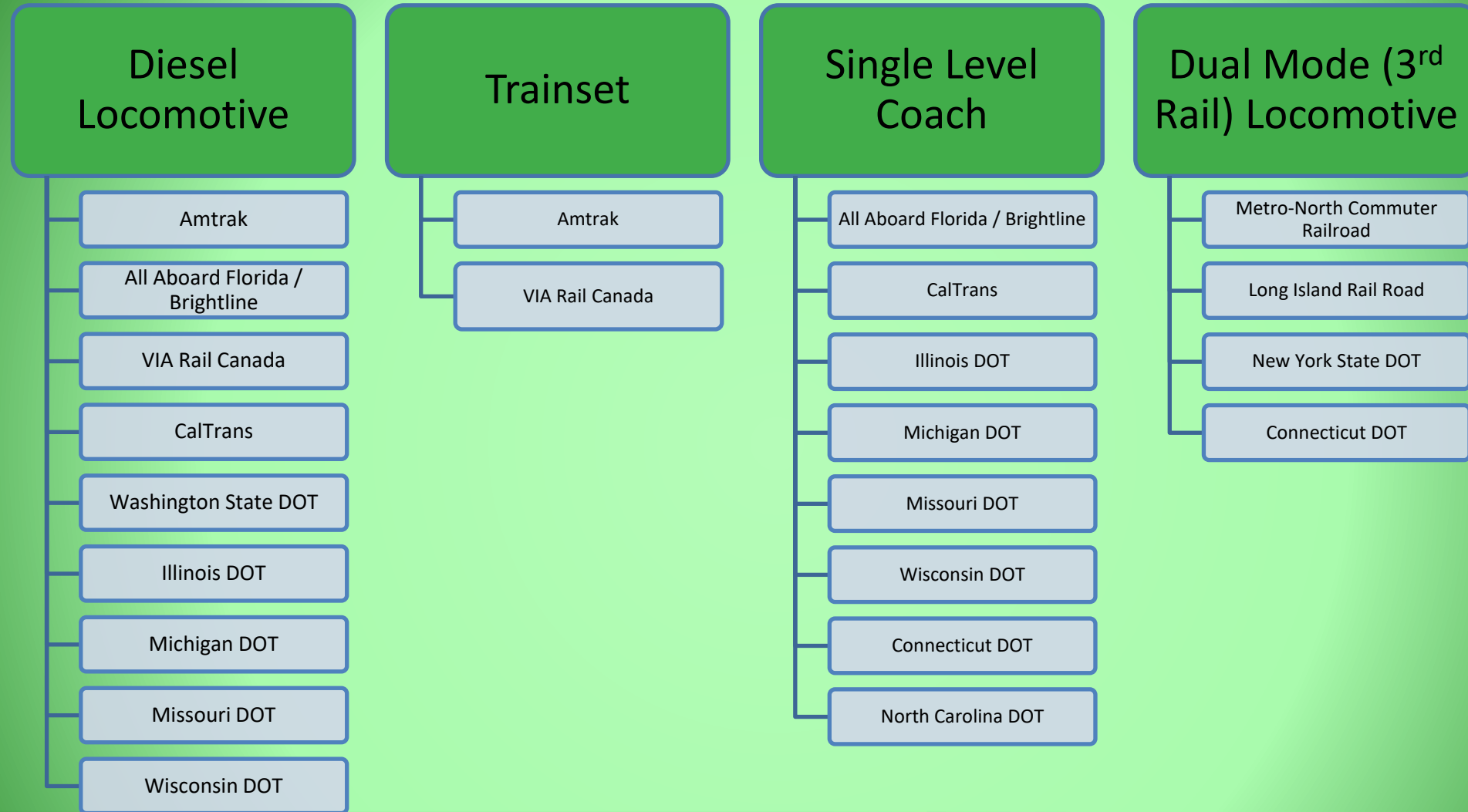
6 Equipment Specifications and 1 Recommended Practice have been created and maintained since January 2010

<u>EQUIPMENT TYPE</u>	<u>INITIAL RELEASE</u>	<u>LAST UPDATE</u>
Bi-Level Coach	Aug 2010	Aug 2016
Single Level Coach	Feb 2011	Feb 2019
Diesel Locomotive	Mar 2011	Jun 2017
Single Level Trainset	Aug 2011	Oct 2019
Diesel MU	Sep 2012	Jan 2022
Dual Mode (3 rd Rail) Locomotive	Feb 2016	n/a
Acquisition & Ownership Recommended Practice	Feb 2021	n/a
Guidance for Long-Term Vehicle Svc Agreements	Jul 2021	n/a



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NGEC Specifications In Use



Comments or Questions?



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Transportation Research Board

“We provide leadership in transportation improvements and innovation through trusted, timely, impartial, and evidence-based information exchange, research, and advice regarding all modes of transportation.”

- <https://www.nationalacademies.org/trb/transportation-research-board>

AR010 Passenger Rail Committee

Composed of 27 formal members and over 400 friends

One of eight committees within the Rail Technical Group

One of over 175 standing committees covering all aspects of transportation

Mission of AR010 Passenger Rail Committee

Advance the knowledge and understanding of the role of Passenger rail in global transportation and its ability to provide for economic, environmental, and socially sustainable solutions to mobility challenges.

Provide a forum for transportation professionals to discuss today's and tomorrow's transportation issues related to Passenger Rail.

What AR010 Does

- Identify passenger rail research needs
 - develop the syntheses for Research Problem Statements
- Solicit papers on passenger rail systems
 - consider for TRB publication and presentation
- Communicate research findings, best practices, and related information on passenger rail systems,
 - use a broad range of information activities and peer exchanges
- Sponsor TRB sessions and workshops on Passenger Rail systems
 - At the Annual and Mid-Year meetings
 - Via TRB webinars
 - Through other identified activities



Opportunities for Collaboration - Questions?