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

• States for Passenger Rail Coalition
• State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee
• American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
• Next Generation Equipment Committee
• Transportation Research Board
States build Partnerships.
Who We Are

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
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.
Introduction to SAIPRC

September 20, 2022
Who we are

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
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*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
Bylaws define two types of members

1. **Voting Members**: Currently sponsor state-supported service.

2. **Associate Members**: Planning/contemplating introduction of state-supported service.

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<td><strong>Attend</strong>: In-person meetings</td>
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<td><strong>Reimbursement</strong>: For SAIPRC-related travel</td>
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Associate Members

Current Associate Member(s)

[Logo: Indiana Department of Transportation]

[Southern Rail Commission logo]
## Organizational Strategies

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| Cost Sharing           | • Refinement and revision of Policy  
                          • Implementation of costing approach                                           |
| Collaboration          | • Marketing and efforts to drive ridership and revenue  
                          • Rolling stock planning and procurement                                           |
| Transparency           | • Operating cost reporting  
                          • Capital reporting                                                              |
| Funding partnership    | • Implementation of COVID-19 relief  
                          • Identifying a new Federal-State funding partnership                           |
Committee Structure

Full Committee

Costing Subcommittee
- Costs: Identify revisions to PRIIA 209 methodology
- Collaboration: Resolve billing issues and financial disputes
- Transparency: Track monthly financial performance

Executive Committee

Equipment Working Group
- Costs: Identify annual rolling stock capital charge
- Collaboration: Intercity Trainset Procurement
- Transparency: Quarterly reports

Marketing Working Group
- Collaboration: Ongoing marketing initiatives, promotions
- Transparency: Monthly ridership and revenue reports

Cost Sharing Working Group

Costing Subcommittee
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

Roger M. Millar  
Vice-President  
Secretary of  
Transportation,  
Washington State  
Department of  
Transportation

Russell McMurry  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Commissioner,  
Georgia Department of  
Transportation

Jim Tymon  
Executive Director  
AASHTO
Regional Associations

WASHTO

MAASTO

NASTO

SASHTO
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
How will the Plan be accomplished?

❖ Policy Implementation and Research
❖ Partnership and Collaboration
❖ Workforce Development
❖ Member Engagement
❖ Organizational Optimization
AASHTO Committee Structure

Policy Bodies:
- Transportation Policy Forum
- Councils:
  - Freight
  - Aviation
  - Highways and Streets
  - Public Transportation
  - Water
  - Rail
  - Active Transportation

Program Delivery and Operations Committees:
- Planning
- Environment and Sustainability
- Design
- Bridges and Structures
- Traffic Engineering
- Right of Way and Utilities
- Materials and Pavements
- Construction
- Maintenance
- Transportation System Operations

Board of Directors
- Executive Committee
- Strategic Management Committee

Enterprise/Cross-Discipline Committees:
- Safety
- Communications
- Transportation System Security and Resilience
- Performance-Based Management
- Data Management and Analytics
- Funding and Finance

Administration Committees:
- Agency Administration
- Human Resources
- Internal and External Audit
- Knowledge Management
- Civil Rights

Special Committees:
- AASHTOWare
- Research and Innovation
- Associate Members
Council on Rail Transportation

Policy Development for:

- **Freight Rail**
- **Passenger Rail**
- **Grade Crossing Safety**
- **Research**

- **Commuter**
  - **Intercity**
  - **Long Distance**

- **Operation Lifesaver Research**
- **Section 130**
- **New Railroad Crossing Elimination Program**
AASHTO Rail Resource Center

- Voluntary pooled fund to provide technical assistance and peer exchange opportunities for state rail agencies.
Next Generation Equipment Committee

Update to
States for Passenger Rail Coalition
September 20, 2022

Raymond Hessinger, P.E. (NYSDOT)
Chair
Next Generation Equipment Committee
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.
6 Equipment Specifications and 1 Recommended Practice have been created and maintained since January 2010

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<td>Jul 2021</td>
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NGEC Specifications In Use

**Diesel Locomotive**
- Amtrak
- All Aboard Florida / Brightline
- VIA Rail Canada
- CalTrans
- Washington State DOT
- Illinois DOT
- Michigan DOT
- Missouri DOT
- Wisconsin DOT

**Trainset**
- Amtrak
- VIA Rail Canada

**Single Level Coach**
- All Aboard Florida / Brightline
- CalTrans
- Illinois DOT
- Michigan DOT
- Missouri DOT
- Wisconsin DOT
- Connecticut DOT
- North Carolina DOT

**Dual Mode (3rd Rail) Locomotive**
- Metro-North Commuter Railroad
- Long Island Rail Road
- New York State DOT
- Connecticut DOT
Comments or Questions?
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?