

Council on Rail Transportation **2021 Annual Meeting**

September 28–October 1
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

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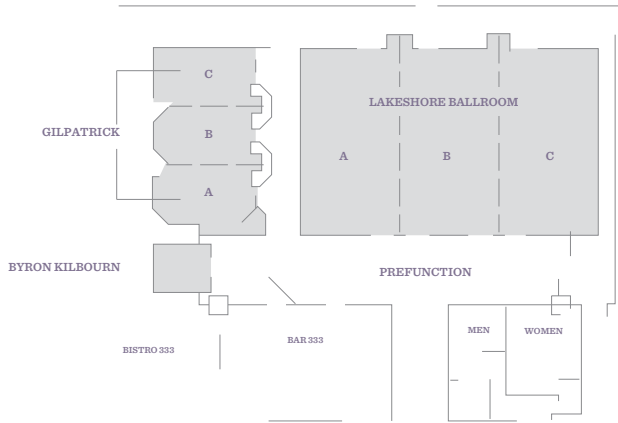
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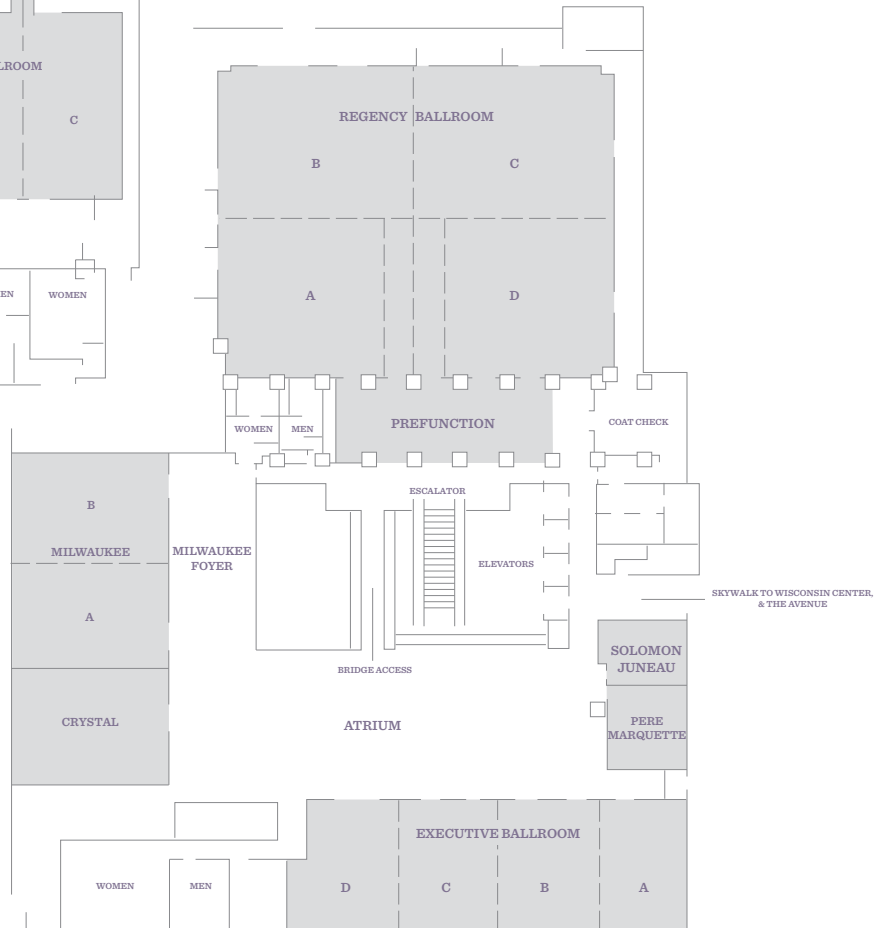
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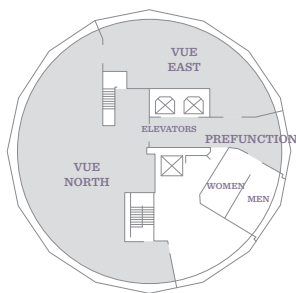


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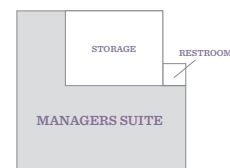
VUE-21ST FLOOR

Rooftop



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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

Breakfast and lunch on your own

WISCONSIN DOT RAIL TOUR



8:30 a.m.

Amtrak Bus to Milwaukee International Airport, Hiawatha Train to Milwaukee Intermodal

Meet at the 3rd street entrance of the hotel
next to Starbucks at 8:30 a.m.



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11:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | **Regency Pre-function
Registration**

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. | **Regency Ballroom A
Freight States Session**

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m. | **Regency Ballroom D
States for Passenger Rail Coalition
Members-Only Portion**

2:15 p.m.–6:00 p.m. | **Regency Ballroom C
TRB Intercity Passenger Rail Committee–AR010**

3:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Light snacks will be available

3:45 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | **Regency Ballroom D
States for Passenger Rail Coalition
Public Portion | Open to all**

COVID-19 SAFETY PRACTICES



To promote the safety of everyone at the meeting, AASHTO will follow the guidance and requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC), State of Wisconsin, City of Milwaukee Health Department, Hyatt Regency Milwaukee, and other local regulations regarding COVID-19 safety practices. **All attendees are required to show proof of vaccination and to wear a face mask for the duration of the meeting, regardless of vaccination status.**

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. | **VUE North** [Directions on Pg. 3]

Breakfast

7:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. | **Lakeshore Pre-function**
Registration

8:30 a.m.–9:00 a.m. | **Lakeshore Pre-function**
Networking

9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
Opening Session

Jim Tymon, Executive Director, AASHTO

Joe Giulietti, Commissioner, Connecticut DOT;
Chair, AASHTO CORT

Craig Thompson, Secretary, Wisconsin DOT

10:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m. | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
Keynote Speaker: Amit Bose

Deputy Administrator, FRA

10:20 a.m.–Noon | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
**Delivering Public Benefits:
Federal Grant Success Stories**

Moderator

Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator for Railroad
Policy and Development, FRA

Speakers

Joe Arbona, AVP for Government Affairs, Genesee and
Wyoming RR

Meredith Slesinger, Rail and Transit Administrator,
Massachusetts DOT

Matt Dietrich, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development
Commission

Jamie Rennert, Director, Office of Infrastructure
Investment, FRA

Noon–12:20 p.m. | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
Keynote Speaker

Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Director, Port Milwaukee

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. | **Regency Ballroom CD**
Conference Luncheon

Lunch will be available on a flow due to limited
seating to accommodate social distancing.

1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m. | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
Sustainability, Climate, and Resilience Solutions

Featured Speaker

Herman Crosson, Vice President of Safety, Training,
and Regulatory, Patriot Rail

Speakers

Jordan Stone, Assistant Vice President,
Government Affairs, AAR

Beth Termini, Assistant Vice President for Public Health,
Environment, & Sustainability, Amtrak

Marlys Osterhues, Chief, Environment and Project
Engineering Division, FRA

2:45 p.m.–3:15 p.m. | **Lakeshore Pre-function**
Networking Break

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3:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. | **Lakeshore Ballroom**
Rail Investments and Improving Core Assets

Featured Speaker

Arun Rao, Passenger Rail Implementation Manager,
Wisconsin DOT

Speakers

Roger Harris, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing
and Revenue Officer, Amtrak

Joe Giulietti, Commissioner, Connecticut DOT

Jason Orthner, Rail Division Director, North Carolina DOT

Gerald Francis, Chair, AIPRO, President,
Keolis Commuter Service

AASHTO–APTA Return on Investment Report

Ira Hirschman, Senior Economist, EBP

RECEPTION

6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery

Blue Ribbon Hall, 907 W. Juneau Ave.

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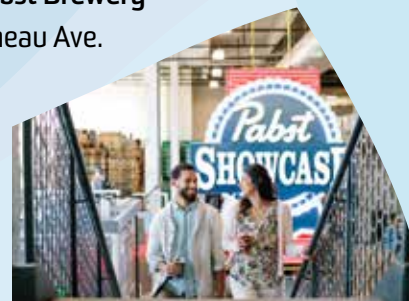


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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

7:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m. | [VUE North](#) [Directions on Pg. 3]

Breakfast

7:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | [Lakeshore Pre-function](#)

Registration

8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m. | [Lakeshore Ballroom](#)

Equity, Economic Inclusion Goals, and Workforce Development

Moderator

Venetta Keefe, Rail Programs Manager, Indiana DOT

Speakers

Diana Mendes, Corporate President for Infrastructure and Mobility Equity, HNTB

Leo Sanchez, Deputy Managing Director, Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Andrea Niethold, U.S. Government Affairs Director, Canadian National Railroad

Rhonda M. Dews, Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights, Federal Railroad Administration

9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m. | [Lakeshore Ballroom](#)

Rail Safety

Moderator

Matt Dietrich, Executive Director, Ohio Rail Development Commission

Speakers

Elliot Ramos, Bureau Chief of Passenger Rail Corridor Management, Illinois DOT

State Rail Safety Participation Program

Peter Dahlberg, Office of Freight and Commercial Vehicle Operations Program Manager, Minnesota DOT

Andreas Aeppli, Principal, Cambridge Systematics

11:00 a.m.–Noon | [Lakeshore Ballroom](#)

New Technologies

Featured Speaker

Jennifer Powell Bastian, Section Chief Passenger Rail Rolling Stock, Illinois DOT

Speakers

Jared Katseff and Maite Pena-Alcaraz, Associate Partners, McKinsey & Company

Joshua Doran, Data Scientist, VisioStack Inc.

Melissa Shurland, Rolling Stock Research Division Program Manager, FRA

Francisco González, III, Tank Car and Hazardous Materials Project Manager, FRA

Noon–12:20 p.m. | [Lakeshore Ballroom](#)

Keynote Speaker: Jeffrey Polenske, PE

Commissioner of Public Works, City of Milwaukee
Department of Public Works

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. | [VUE North](#) [Directions on Pg. 3]

Conference Luncheon

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1:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. | [Lakeshore Ballroom](#)

Grade Crossing Safety Peer Exchange/ Training Session

FRA-Led Session on State Action Plan Development

Debra Chappell, FRA

Peer Exchange Session

Brandon Wilcox, FHWA

Lisa Stern, Wisconsin DOT

Rickey Fitzgerald, Florida DOT

AASHTO Legislative Update on Reauthorization

2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

State–Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee

Members and Invited Guests Only

Wisconsin Center District, 202 Meeting Room
401 W. Wells Street

On the southwest corner of Philips and Wells;
two-minute walk from the Hyatt.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:30 a.m.–Noon

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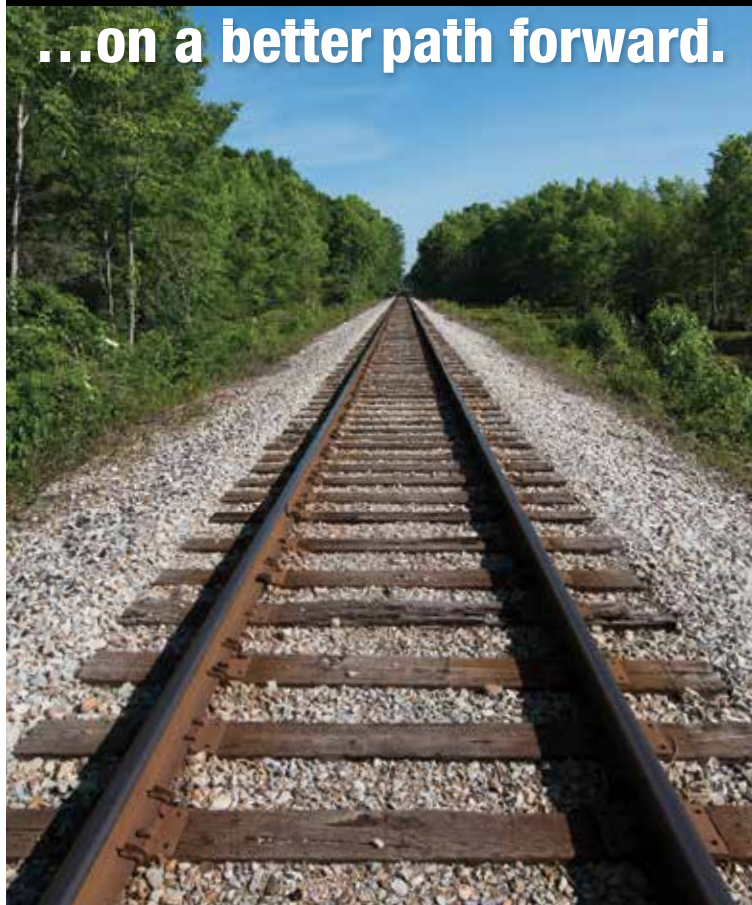
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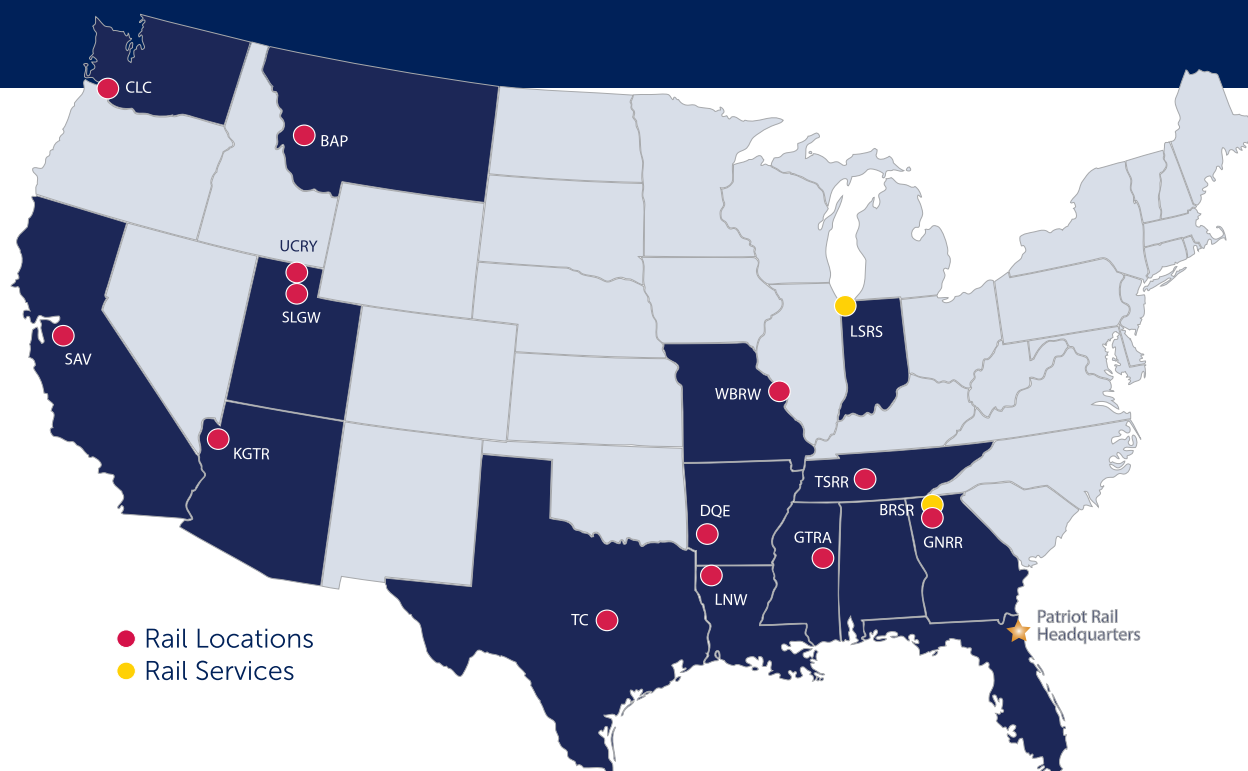
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At all times, AASHTO staff, Association members, and meeting and event attendees will be expected to abide by the Code of Conduct, specifically:

1. Contribute to a collegial, inclusive, positive, and respectful environment.
2. Consistently show respect to others and never take any inappropriate actions based on race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, marital status, political affiliation, presence of disabilities, or educational background.
3. Interact with others in a cooperative and respectful manner, never using insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language in their interactions. Disruptive, harassing, or inappropriate behavior toward other AASHTO staff, Association members, and meeting and event attendees is unacceptable. Personal boundaries set by others must be observed. Harassment of any kind including, but not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances and other verbal or physical harassment will not be tolerated.
4. Obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant government authorities while acting on behalf of AASHTO; obey all applicable laws and regulations of the relevant government authorities while attending AASHTO meetings and events, and comply with all applicable safety guidelines.

Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct should be reported promptly to AASHTO staff for investigation, or can be submitted to humanresources@aahto.org, or reported to the AASHTO Executive Director or AASHTO President if appropriate. To the extent possible, AASHTO will try to keep the reporting individual's concerns confidential; however, confidentiality cannot be guaranteed, and the reporting individual's identity may need to be revealed as the claim is investigated. Anyone, regardless of position or title, AASHTO determines has engaged in conduct that violates this policy will be subject to corrective action depending on the nature of the violation. Retaliation for reporting perceived violations in good faith or for cooperating in the investigations of any claims will not be tolerated.

*Approved by the AASHTO Board of Directors
October 9, 2019*

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February 22–25, 2022 2022 Council on Rail Transportation Legislative Meeting

Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill

