DRAFT AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- Brightline Train Trip and Tour (To reserve space on train $37.50 payment is due during Council on Rail Transportation registration)
  - Depart Miami Central Station 8:10 a.m. – Ft. Lauderdale Station (Tour of Station)
  - Depart Ft. Lauderdale Station 9:40 a.m. – Miami Central Station (Tour of Station)
- Lunch – Downtown Hilton Hotel (11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
- States for Passenger Rail Coalition Meeting (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- BATIC Institute Sessions
  - Economic Development/Freight Rail Opportunities (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
  - Transit Oriented Development (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Freight States Meeting (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Welcome Reception (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- General Session (8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
  - Welcome (8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)
    - Commissioner James Redeker, Connecticut DOT
    - Jim Tymon, Chief Operating Officer/Director of Policy and Management, AASHTO
    - Jim Wolf, District 6 Secretary, Florida DOT
  - Keynote Speaker (9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)
    - Jim Ray, Special Advisor to the Secretary for Infrastructure, U.S. Department of Transportation
  - Federal Railroad Administration Perspective (9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)
    - Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy and Development
    - Jamie Rennert, Director, Office of Program Delivery
    - Michael Lestingi, Director, Office of Policy and Planning
Marlys Osterhues, Chief, Environmental and Corridor Planning Division
Laura Shick, Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist
Beth Nachreiner, Chief, Passenger Rail Policy Division
Trevor Gibson, Chief, Program Implementation Division
Michael Longley, Chief, Grants Management Division

- PTC Implementation (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
  - Amtrak
  - FRA
  - AAR
- Keynote Lunch Speaker (12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
  - Stephen Gardner, Chief Commercial Officer, Amtrak

- General Session (1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
  - Amtrak Perspective (1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
    - Byron Comati, Vice President, Corporate Planning
    - Meredith Slesinger, Senior Director, Strategic Planning
    - Lenka Hennessy, Director, Product Development and Customer Experience
    - Mariah Morales, Government Affairs Manager
  - Safety and New Technologies in Freight and Passenger Rail (3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)
    - Venetta Keefe, Rail Programs Manager, Indiana DOT
    - Paul Wheeler, Lead Unmanned Aircraft Systems Coordinator/Technology Advancement Specialist, Utah DOT
    - Jim Shefelbine, Growth Strategy and Consumer Engagements Senior Product Manager, GE Transportation
  - State Operations of Passenger Rail Perspective (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
    - Allan Rutter, Division Head, Freight Mobility and Infrastructure Investment Analysis, Texas A&M Transportation Institute
    - Jason Orthner, Rail Division Director, North Carolina DOT
    - Richard Andreski, Public Transportation Bureau Chief, Connecticut DOT
    - Edward Byers, General Manager, Herzog Transit Services, Inc.
- Dinner Reception (6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)
  - Briza on the Bay – 1717 N Bayshore Drive

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee-Workgroups (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- General Session (9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)
  - Florida Perspective (9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.)
    - Rickey Fitzgerald, Freight and Multimodal Operations Manager, Florida DOT
  - USDOT – FRA and FHWA (9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)
    - Stephen O’Connor, FRA Chief, Freight Rail Policy Division
o Connections of Freight Rail and Ports: An Intermodal Perspective (10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)
  ▪ Laura A. McNichol, Vice President, Government and Industry Relations, Watco Companies
  ▪ Bobby Landry, Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer, Port of New Orleans
  ▪ Paul Rathgeber, Senior Manager – Industry & Public Projects, Union Pacific Railroad
• Keynote Lunch Speaker (11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
• Council on Water Transportation Tour of South Florida Ports (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
  Advanced Registration Required
• SHRP2 Railroad-DOT Mitigation Strategies (R16) Peer Exchange (12:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

• Council on Water Transportation General Session and Business Meeting (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
• SHRP2 Railroad-DOT Mitigation Strategies (R16) Peer Exchange (8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.)