

INDUSTRY RAIL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Information of Meeting

Date: Monday, October 14, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Facilitator: Sheryl Trent

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89316636194?pwd=930M7hCz7sbYHAFmOff9Dj26BCcdw.1>

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Agenda

- 3:00 pm Welcome
- 3:02 pm Housekeeping/Administrative Items (**Information**)
- Review and Approval of Industry Committee Minutes from 10.9.24
 - Community Committee Minutes from 10.10.24
 - Update on Action Items
- 3:10 pm **Section IV**, Short Lines Perspective
- Presentation on SLSI Hazmat Instruction Program - John Walsh (**Information**)
 - Presentation on OmniTRAX - Ken Rose (**Information**)
- 3:50 pm **Section IV**, Assessment Emergency Response and Clean Up Activity Necessary to Reduce Highway Rail Crossing Incidents and Other Risks (**Discussion/Direction on Language**)

Gaps have been identified in training, response times and location of specialized equipment across the state to respond to potential hazardous materials incidents based on actual train operations, and the ability to respond in real time. These gaps affect life safety. The State should conduct a detailed and comprehensive analysis of capacities throughout the state to respond to a rail emergency based on the ten existing emergency management all hazards.

Communication between rail employees and first responders during incidents should continue to be a focus for improvement. Additionally, the system could benefit from more specificity in terms of adequate training,

number of staff, and certifications for responders and operations technicians. Environmental resources such as water need to be protected and impacts/risk minimized. The Committees should continue to discuss, evaluate and develop solutions for these gaps in emergency response.

4:15 pm **Section V, Quantification of Adequate Levels of Investment to Reduce Highway-Rail Crossing Incidents and Other Risks (*Discussion/Direction on Language Recommendation*)**

- Presentation by PUC - Additional information on rail crossing cost share and high hazard crossing locations

4:45 pm Feedback on topics for joint meeting on October 21st

Next meeting is October 21st (joint meeting)

Reminder: 2nd Joint Meeting scheduled for November 7th

Action Items			
What	Who	By When	Status
Ask the AG for a legal opinion on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Responding to email - do we respond in the next meeting, or do we just report we have responded to each email we have received since the last meeting 2) How do we keep a record of any comments or questions as part of the committee meetings 	Rebecca	Next Meeting	Transparency and consistency are key. To that end, the committees should establish a policy for how comments are handled. The cleanest approach would be the policy that topics raised in public comments are addressed orally at the next scheduled meeting, as appropriate, which interested commenters can view via the Zoom link. Group discussion of any responses is ideal so that all committee members are aware of the response being provided and can voice if they disagree (versus an individual member sending a response). There is no need for meeting minutes to transcribe the questions

			and answers; the minutes can simply indicate that public comments were discussed.
Present questions to Community Committee	Pam	September 10	Done. See minutes of Community Committee meeting
Ask Kevin Kline to attend the September 23 meeting	Rebecca		Yes, attended.
Does information from wayside detectors get to the operating center?	Andy & John		
Send reports from FRA related to communications to long trains	John		Done
Check if Class III have wayside detectors	Michael		Done
Check if short lines have long trains	Michael		Done