

INDUSTRY RAIL SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

Information of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 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>

Meeting ID: 893 1663 6194

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Agenda

- 3:00 pm Welcome
- 3:02 pm Housekeeping/Administrative Items (*Information*)
- Review and Approval of Industry Committee Minutes from 9.30.24
 - Community Committee Minutes from 10.3.24
 - Real Time Train Consist Information (*See Attachment*)
 - Update on Action Items
- 3:10 pm Information on current railroad response capabilities (*Information*)
- Short Lines presentations
- 3:30 pm Section IV, Assessment Emergency Response and Clean Up Activity Necessary to Reduce Highway Rail Crossing Incidents and Other Risks (*Direction*)

Questions for the Committee

1. What does the Committee want to recommend?

- 3:55 pm Section VIII, Section VIII, A Report Concerning Communication Issues impacting Rail Line in the State, Including Communication with State Entities such as the Department of Public Safety; Communication Issues Between Crews Working Long Trains; and Communication from Wayside Detectors to Trains (*Discussion/Direction*)

**Please read the minutes and/or watch the recording of the Community Committee on 10.3.24 and be prepared to offer comment, feedback and information.*

4:15 pm **Section V**, Quantification of Adequate Levels of Investment to Reduce Highway-Rail Crossing Incidents and Other Risks

Presentation by PUC on State Grade Crossing (*Information*)

4:25 pm Language Recommended by Community Committee: Section VI, Mechanisms for Ensuring Equitable Input from Public (*Discussion/Direction*)

Members of the public and businesses should be able to communicate directly to both the railroad and to the Office of Rail Safety. Recommended methods of communication include: a specific hotline (such as 311) that is on each rail crossing as well as marketed to the public; a report from each railroad to the Office of Rail Safety regarding public complaints including the specific location of that complaint and the resolution to the complaint; marketing and outreach of existing PUC website; and community meetings and listening sessions statewide.

4:25 pm **Look Ahead to Next Meeting**

- **Section V**, Quantification of Adequate Levels of Investment to Reduce Highway-Rail Crossing Incidents and Other Risks
 - **Section VII**, Best Practices for Financial Responsibility
1. What information do you have to share? (*Need by next Wednesday*)
 2. What information do you need?

Open Discussion

Next meeting is October 14th

Reminder: Joint Meetings are scheduled for October 21st and November 7th

Action Items

What	Who	By When	Status
<p>Ask the AG for a legal opinion on:</p> <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
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