Michigan Rail Conference 2018

“End to End Journeys: Integrating Partners”

August 7-9, 2018
SVSU Conference Center, Saginaw, MI
Welcome to the Michigan Rail Conference (MRC) 2018 in Saginaw, Michigan. This fifth such conference will focus on freight and passenger rail transportation in the state of Michigan. Once again, we bring together talent and expertise to share understanding and explore tremendous opportunities! We thank our planning committee for putting together a great lineup of speakers and activities, Dave Nelson and his team from Michigan Tech for the great logistic support, to the staff at the Conference Center at SVSU, and to the team involved in organizing the field visits. Lastly, we also need to thank our amazing sponsors whose generous support allows us to keep the conference costs low and make attendance feasible to a vast variety of participants.

As conference co-chairs, we believe that our theme, Improving End to End Journeys: Integrating Partners, reflects current business realities and potential economic impacts. Partnering rail transportation with its customers and other modes of transportation enables rail to cover the first and last mile of the journey, and everything between. Our speakers draw from experiences locally, statewide and nationwide to give you very broad perspectives. We hope that you will find the information and networking useful that will help you advance and improve every aspect of rail transportation.

Welcome to the conference! — Nikkie Johnson and Nick Little

Keynote Speaker:
Linda Bauer Darr - President, American Shortline and Regional Railroad Association

MRC Technical Program | August 8th

- **7:15 - 8:00 AM** | Registration and Breakfast

- **8:15 - 8:30 AM** | Welcome and Safety Briefing
  - **Nikkie Johnson**  
    Project Manager - Economic Development & Freight Operations, Michigan Department of Transportation
  - **Nick Little**  
    Director - Railway Management Program  
    Michigan State University

- **8:30 – 9:45 AM** | Plenary Session – Improving End to End Journeys: Integrating Partners
  - **Moderator:** Name, Company  
    **Jeff Baker (tentative)**  
    DOW
  - **Ray Lang**  
    Senior Director - National State Relations, Amtrak
  - **Class 1 Railroad Representative**
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### Plenary Panel – Michigan Update
- **Doug Conway**
  - **Company**: Watco
- **Peter Anastor (tentative)**
  - **Company**: MDARD
- **Ben Stupka (tentative)**
  - **Company**: MI Trans. Planning Assoc.

### Breakout Session #1A – Shippers
- **DOW (tentative)**
- **Brian Sarginson (tentative)**
  - **Company**: ARAUCO
- **Michigan Sugar (tentative)**

### Breakout Session #1B – Passenger Rail
- **Adam Krom**
  - **Company**: Amtrak
  - **Title**: “Amtrak Partnership”
- **Edgar Benning (tentative)**
  - **Company**: General Manager, MTA
  - **Title**: “Local Transit Connections to Rail - Flint”
- **Barry Murray**
  - **Company**: City of Dearborn
  - **Title**: “Dearborn Station Connection to Downtown”

### Breakout Session #2A - Safety
- **Kris Foondle**
  - **Company**: Manager - Local Crossing Project
  - **Title**: Michigan DOT Company
  - **Title**: “Rifkin Rail Relocation Project”
- **Sean Pengelly**
  - **Company**: LSRC
- **Robert Rohauer**
  - **Company**: Manager Northern Region Community Affairs and Safety - CSX
  - **Title**: “CSX/Ford Defensive Driving”

### Breakout Session #2B - Shortlines
- **Jodi Heath**
  - **Company**: Manager - Commercial Development
  - **Title**: NS
- **Chris Bagwell**
  - **Company**: Executive Vice President
  - **Title**: GLC
- **Rob Bingham (tentative)**
  - **Company**: Sales Marketing Manager
  - **Title**: Huron-Eastern (G&W)

### Breakout Session #3A - PTC
- **Mark Wegner**
  - **Company**: President, Twin Cities & Western
  - **Title**: “Shortline Perspective”
- **Melody Sheahan**
  - **Company**: AAR
  - **Title**: “Class I Perspective”
- **TBA**
  - **Title**: “Amtrak Perspective”

### Breakout Session #3B - Autonomous Vehicles
- **Barbara Hanson (tentative)**
  - **Company**: Detroit People Mover
  - **Title**: “Passenger - Threats and Opportunities”
- **TBA**
  - **Title**: “Freight - Threats and Opportunities”
## Pre-Conference Activities | Tuesday, August 7th

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## Welcome Reception

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## Field Visit Schedule | Thursday, August 9th

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<td>Sargent Docks</td>
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## Conference Notes

- **Dress Code**
  - Tuesday: Casual
  - Wednesday: Business Casual
  - Thursday: Casual (no open-toed shoes)

- Conference WiFi: TBA
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