2016 SCORT Meeting ⭐ Washington DC
February 16–19 at the Hyatt Regency Washington–Capitol Hill

AASHTO Standing Committee on Rail Transportation
Tuesday, February 16

Noon–5:00 p.m.
Registration. Capitol A Registration Area

3:00 p.m.
Hotel Check-In

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
The open session of the States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC) meeting will include a report of recent Coalition activities, a dialogue with FRA on rail corridor safety, and other updates. This session will be followed by a Business Meeting, open to Members only, beginning at approximately 2:15 p.m.

3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Freight States is a working group of SCORT members investigating the policy, economic, and regulatory issues involving state government’s role in the delivery of freight rail programs and systems. The meeting is open to interested SCORT members and invited guests. A closed session to discuss contracts and budgets will take place at approximately 4:00 p.m. (States only)

Evening on Your Own

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Registration. Capitol A Registration Area

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast. Capitol Room A&B

9:00 a.m.–9:15 a.m.
Welcome Session and Opening Address. Capitol Room A&B
Speakers: James P. Redeker, Chair, SCORT and Commissioner, Connecticut DOT
Bud Wright, Executive Director, AASHTO

9:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.
General Session: FRA Programs, FAST Act Implementation and Regional Updates. Capitol Room A&B
Speakers: Amit Bose, Chief Council, FRA
Paul Nissenbaum, Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy, FRA
Will Dyer, Division Chief, National Rail Planning, FRA
Calvin Gibson, Director, Office of Civil Right, FRA
Jamie Renner, Acting Director, Office of Program Deliver, FRA

11:15 a.m.–Noon
General Session: FHWA & FRA Freight Update. Capitol Room A&B
Speakers: Caitlin Hughes Rayman, Director, Freight Management and Operations, FHWA
Scott Greene, Chief, Freight Rail Policy Division, FRA
Ryan Endorf, U.S. DOT, Office of the Secretar

Noon–1:30 p.m.
Luncheon and Keynote Speaker. Congressional A
Speaker: Joseph H. Boardman, President & CEO, Amtrak

1:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
General Session: Amtrak Update. Capitol Room A&B
Speakers: Caroline Decker, Vice President, Government Affairs
Robert Friedman, Vice President, Brand Management & Marketing
Morrison Manner, Senior Director, Business Services
Chuck Farmer, Vice President, Financial Planning

3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.
Networking Break. Capitol A Registration Area

3:15 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Update from Capitol Hill—A Look at the FAST Act—and a View of What’s next on the Legislative Front. Capitol A&B
Speakers: Patrick Fuchs, Professional Staff Member, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation (Majority)
Kate Hallahan, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Appropriations, Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Subcommittee (Minority)
David Connolly, Professional Staff Member, House Committee on Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (Majority)

5:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Welcome Reception and Dinner. Congressional A
Thursday, February 18

7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Registration. Capitol A Registration Area

8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast. Capitol Room A&B

9:00 a.m.–9:45 a.m.
General Session: Update on Rail Safety and Grade Crossing Programs. Capitol Room A&B
 Speakers: Bonnie Murphy, President, Operation Lifesaver, Inc.
 Jamie Rennert, Acting Director, Office of Program Deliver, FRA
 Ron Hynes, Executive Director, Shortline Safety Institute

9:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m.
AASHTO Update. Capitol Room A&B
 Speakers: Bryan Hong, Program Coordinator for Policy, AASHTO
 Jennifer Brickett, Director, BATIC Institute, AASHTO
 Shayne Gill, Director for Multimodal Transportation, AASHTO

10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
General Session: Freight Partners Update. Capitol Room A&B
 Speakers: Jennifer Macdonald, AVP Government Affairs, Association of American Railroads
 Nicole Brewin, Vice President Government Affairs, Railway Supply Institute, Inc.
 Jerry Vest, Chair, Legislative Policy, American Shortline and Regional Railroad Association, Genesee & Wyoming Railroad
 David Arganbright, Vice President of Government Relations, OmniTrax, Inc.

11:00 a.m.–Noon
General Session: Passenger Rail Partners Update. Capitol Room A&B
 Speakers: Art Guzzetti, Vice President—Policy, American Public Transportation Association
 Sean Jeans-Gail, Vice President of Policy, National Association of Rail Passengers
 Anne Canby, Director, One Rail
 Steve Morrison, Director, Siemens Mobility, Washington, DC

Noon–1:00 p.m.
Luncheon. Congressional A

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session: Technical Training/Webinar State DOT Multimodal NEPA Planning/Project Delivery. Capitol Room A&B

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Concurrent Session: Technical Training State—Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee. Congressional B

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Friday, February 19

7:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Registration. Capitol A Registration Area

8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Next Generation Equipment Committee (NGEC) 305 Annual Meeting. Capitol Room A&B

10:20 a.m.–10:50 a.m.
Networking Break. Capitol A Registration Area

3:45 p.m.–4:00 p.m.
Meeting Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks. Capitol Room A&B

4:00 p.m.
Meeting Adjourns.
James P. Redeker, Chair  
Rail Division Director CTDOT

James Redeker was named Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation by Governor Dannel P. Malloy on August 25, 2011. He is responsible for overseeing the statewide system of highway operations and maintenance, capital project design and construction, public transportation, and ports.

Redeker serves on the board of the Connecticut Airport Authority, which is responsible for Bradley International Airport and the five general aviation airports. He also serves on the board of the Capital Region Development Authority. He chairs the Northeast Corridor Commission that has responsibility for the creation and implementation of a short-term and long-term, regional investment strategy for the Northeast Corridor. He also chairs the Standing Committee on Rail Transportation. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

He joined CTDOT in 2009 after a 30-year career with NJ TRANSIT.

Redeker received a Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering Science in 1977 and a Master’s in Civil Engineering in 1980 from the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Paul C. Worley, Vice-Chair  
Rail Division Director NCDOT

Paul Worley is Rail Division Director at NCDOT and leads a multi-faceted modal division that is key to North Carolina’s transportation, economic development, and job creation needs through providing customer services, building infrastructure, and improving safety.

Duties of the Rail Division include state-supported passenger service operations and facilities, rail freight and passenger planning and project development, administration of rail freight and industrial access programs, rail-highway at-grade crossing safety improvements, safety oversight programs, and the design and construction of rail freight and passenger track projects to improve speed, capacity, and efficiency.

Serving on numerous national transportation and rail committees, Worley is a graduate of Campbell University and has over 25 years of experience with NCDOT.

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