2017 AASHTO SCORT Meeting
Washington, DC | Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill
February 21–24, 2017
Tuesday, February 21

Noon–5:00 p.m.
**Registration**
Capitol B Registration Area

1:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
**States for Passenger Rail Coalition**
Capitol Room

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. **Public Session** *(Open to all Delegates)*
2:15 p.m.–5:00 p.m. **Business Meeting** *(Members Only)*

3:00 p.m.
**Freight States Meeting**
Olympic Room (2nd Floor)

Freight Bottom Line Report Update—**Alex King**, WSP|Parsons Brinckerhoff
SHRP2 R16 update—**Kate Kurgan**, AASHTO
SHRP2 C20 update—**Matt Hardy**, AASHTO

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
**Registration**
Capitol B Registration Area

8:00 a.m.
**Breakfast**
Capitol A Registration Area

8:45 a.m.
**Welcome and Introductions**
Capitol Room

**Bud Wright**, Executive Director, AASHTO
**Paul Worley**, Vice Chair, SCORT and North Carolina DOT

9:00 a.m.
**Key Note Speaker**
Capitol Room

**Earl Weener**, NTSB Board Member

9:30 a.m.
**U.S. DOT Update**
Capitol Room

**Paul Nissenbaum**, FRA
**Jamie Rennert**, FRA
**Michael Lestingi**, FRA
**Trevor Gibson**, FRA
**Beth Nachreiner**, FRA
**Caitlin Rayman**, FHWA
**Kelly Morton**, FHWA

11:15 a.m.
**Congressional Update**
Capitol Room

**Moderator**: **Patricia Quinn**, Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority

**Patrick Fuchs**, Senate Commerce Committee
**Heideh Shahmoradi**, Senate Appropriations Committee *(Invited)*
**Devon Barnhart**, Senate Commerce Committee *(Invited)*
**Mary Phillips**, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
**Jennifer Homendy**, House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

Noon
**Lunch**
Congressional A

**Speaker**: **Jason Molfetas**, Executive VP/Chief Marketing and Business Development, Amtrak

1:30 p.m.
**Amtrak Update**
Capitol Room

**Moderator**: **Tim Hoeffner**, Michigan DOT
**Caroline Decker**, Amtrak

2:30 p.m.
**State Freight Rail Planning and Service Outcome Agreements**
Capitol Room

**Moderator**: **Matthew Dietrich**, Ohio Rail Development Commission
**Chad Edison**, Caltrans
**Pete Burrus**, Virginia DRPT
**Jason Biggs**, Washington State DOT
3:30 p.m.  
**Break**  
*Capitol A Registration Area*

3:45 p.m.  
**Partners Panel**  
*Capitol Room*  
**Moderator:** Katherine (Katie) England, Indiana DOT  
Jennifer MacDonald, AAR  
Jo Strang, ASLRRA  
Bonnie Murphy, Operation Lifesaver  
Anne Canby, OneRail Coalition  
Jim Matthews, National Association of Railroad Passengers

5:30 p.m.  
**Dinner**  
*Congressional A*  
Joe McHugh, VP, State Supported Services Business Development, Amtrak

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**Friday, February 24**

8:00 a.m.–8:30 a.m.  
**Registration**  
*Capitol B Registration Area*

8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.  
**7th Annual Meeting of the Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee (NGEC)**  
*Capitol Room*

Section 305 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA) directed Amtrak, states, FRA, and the rail manufacturing and supply industry, to establish the Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee to standardize and streamline the process for designing and obtaining next-generation passenger rail equipment purchased with federal funding. Formally established in January, 2010, the NGEC has brought together representatives from Amtrak, states, FRA and over 200 members of the rail equipment industry in a collaborative effort that is producing results and fulfilling its vision to “provide national leadership in standardization, acquisition, financing and management of passenger rail equipment”.

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**Thursday, February 23**

**State-Amtrak InterCity Passenger Rail Committee Meeting**

Morning—**Work Group Meetings**

9:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
**Marketing Work Group Meeting**—*Capitol A*

10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
**SAIPRC Reports Work Group**—*Capitol B*

Afternoon—**Full Committee** (Amtrak, States and FRA Only)  
Noon–3:30 p.m.  
*Capitol Room*

The SAIPRC is tasked to promote mutual cooperative and planning efforts related to Amtrak’s rail operations and other activities on state-supported routes. Its quarterly meeting will feature leadership and work group updates, along with a discussion of various business items. This meeting is open only to members and those with invitations.
James P. Redeker, Chair
Commissioner, Connecticut DOT

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.

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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