

## DAY 1 – Wednesday, May 14

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, MO

Starlight Ballroom

- Moderator: Alex Schroeder, MoDOT, Administrator of Railroads
- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration & Breakfast  
*Starlight Room Breakfast Sponsored by – Union Pacific and Olsson*
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome & Safety Briefing  
*Alex Schroeder, MoDOT, Administrator of Railroads*
- 9:10 – 9:30 Federal Railroad Administration  
*Debra Chappell, FRA*
- 9:30 – 9:50 AASHTO Update  
*Barley Fields, Associate Program Manager for Multimodal Transportation/American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials*
- 9:50 – 10:10 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Update  
*John Miller, P.E., RSP, Transportation Specialist (Safety & Mobility Engineer)*
- 10:10 – 10:30 Break
- 10:30 – 12:00 Operation Lifesaver Updates  
*Rachel Maleh, Executive Director, Operation Lifesaver, Inc.*  
*Matt Vogt, Kansas Operation Lifesaver*  
*Tim Hull, Missouri Operation Lifesaver*  
*Rich Kotan, Nebraska Operation Lifesaver*  
*Francis Edeker, Iowa Operation Lifesaver*  
*Bill Pearsall, Illinois Operation Lifesaver*  
*Richard Hansen, Minnesota Operation Lifesaver*
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch  
*Sponsored by BNSF & CMT*
- 1:00 – 1:30 Federal Railroad Grade Crossing  
*Cecilia Diaz, FRA, Railroad Grade Crossing Inspector*
- 1:30 – 1:50 Union Pacific Railroad Update  
*Chris Keckeisen, Union Pacific Industry & Public Projects*

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- 1:50 – 2:10 CPKC Update  
*Kyle Spree, US Manager of Public Works*
- 2:10 – 2:30 Kansas City Streetcar Presentation  
*Tom Gerend, Executive Director, Kansas City Streetcar Authority*
- 2:30 – 2:45 Break  
*Sponsored by Wilson & Company and HDR*
- 2:45 – 3:15 Panel Discussion I – Public vs. Private Crossings  
*Julie Witcher - Minnesota, Eric Curtit - CMT, David Swiercek - MoDOT*
- 3:15 – 3:35 BNSF Public Infrastructure & Investments  
*Jim Townsend, Associate VP, Wilson & Company; Kara Brockamp, BNSF*
- 3:35 – 4:05 Panel Discussion II – Out of Service/Abandoned Rail  
*Kris Klop - Iowa DOT, Bill Pearsall - Illinois, Travis Haberman - Nebraska DOT*
- 4:05 – 5:30 Tour of Kansas City Streetcar Maintenance Facility and Yard  
*Meet in Hotel Lobby, Yard Tour @ Singleton Yard, 600 E 3<sup>rd</sup> Street*
- 6:00 - 8:00 Evening Social & Dinner - *Sponsored by GFT, CPKC and Benesch*  
*Sinkers Lounge, 53 W 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64105*

## DAY 2 – Thursday, May 15

Crowne Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, MO

Starlight Ballroom

- Moderator: Alex Schroeder, MoDOT, Administrator of Railroads
- 7:15 – 8:00 Breakfast  
*Starlight Room - Sponsored by Tavalva Solutions & Island Radar*
- 8:00 - 8:20 Wisconsin Department of Transportation-Wisconsin Rail Crossing Safety Grant Projects  
*Kristen Sommer, Railroad Engineering and Safety Supervisor*
- 8:20 – 8:40 BNSF Railway Update

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*French Thompson, General Director, Public Infrastructure & Investments*

8:40 – 9:00 Texas Department of Transportation Section 130 Program Management Success  
*Doug Henry, TxDOT and Blanca Obregon, P.E. GFT*

9:00 – 10:30 State DOT Updates  
*Shawn Hennes, Kansas Department of Transportation*  
*Alex Schroeder, Missouri Department of Transportation*  
*Travis Haberman, Nebraska Department of Transportation*  
*Kristopher Klop, Iowa Department of Transportation*  
*William Pearsall, Illinois Department of Transportation*  
*Julie Whitcher, Minnesota Department of Transportation*  
*Kris Sommers, Wisconsin Department of Transportation*

10:30 – 10:50 Break

10:50 – 11:20 Panel Discussion III – Crossing Exemptions  
*Eric Curtit, Sr. Rail Planning Lead, CMT, Bill Pearsall, Illinois DOT*

11:20 – 11:40 Grade Crossing Grant Program Lessons Learned  
*Lisa Koch, AICP; GFT*

11:40 – 12:00 American Short Line & Regional Railroad Association Update  
*Michael Ogborn*

12:00 – 12:20 Open Forum and Wrap Up  
*Alexander Schroeder, MoDOT, Administrator of Railroads*

*Thanks for Attending & Safe Travels Home!*