

Illinois – Iowa – Kansas – Minnesota – Missouri – Nebraska – Wisconsin

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 Whitcher - 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 3rd Street
- 6:00 - 8:00 Evening Social & Dinner - *Sponsored by GFT, CPKC and Benesch*
Sinkers Lounge, 53 W 13th 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 Witcher, 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!