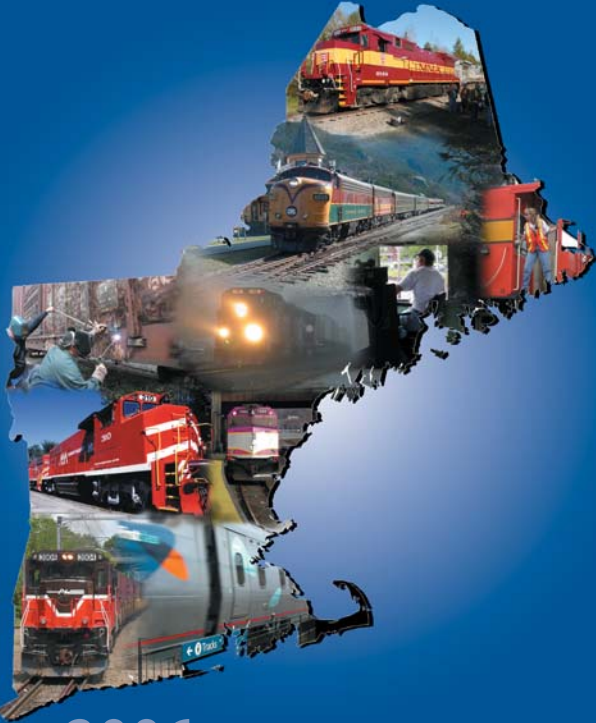


Seminar Schedule



2006

NEW ENGLAND RAIL FORUM & Expo

March 28, 2006

DCU Center

Worcester, Massachusetts

High Speed Rail The Keystone Corridor Improvement Program

1pm to 2pm, Seminar Room A

Speaker: Vinay Mudholkar, National Railroad Passenger Corporation

Overview: The Keystone Corridor Improvement Program, a \$145.5 million undertaking, will provide immediate and long term benefits for passengers traveling between Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The current 120 minute trip time for Regional Service will be reduced to 105 minutes while making all 10 intermediate stops. By the fall of 2006, fully-electric express trains, with only two intermediate stops, will travel at speeds up to 110 mph and complete the trip in 90 minutes. When the project is completed the Keystone High-Speed Rail Corridor will stand out as an example of a fast, convenient, well connected, and safe infrastructure anchored in the use of reliable electric traction power, seamless welded rail, and the necessary separation of road and rail grades.

Fuels, Technology, Funding and Building for the Future Rising Fuel Costs, New Emissions Rules, and Green Technologies: Meeting Business Needs

2pm to 4pm, Seminar Room B

Welcome: Dave Rutkowski, Providence & Worcester Railroad, President of the New England Railroad Club

Moderator: Alycia Gilde, Northeast Diesel Collaborative Speakers: Steven Levy, Director, Sprague Energy; Tom Balon, M.J. Bradley & Associates; Kerry-Jane King, Manager, Transportation Program, New York Power Authority; Todd Stevens, New York Container Terminal (Invited); Paul Gessner, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Overview: Rising fuel costs and stricter government emissions standards are impacting the way the nation's railways look at locomotive fuel efficiency and its relationship to the bottom line. This is especially true in New England, where older, second-hand locomotives comprise the bulk of shortline and regional fleets. This seminar will provide your mechanical forces with the opportunity to meet face-to-face with a panel of experts to discuss where the industry is headed, what they need to do to keep you fleet compliant, and how new technologies can help save you money. Specific topics will include: a review of upcoming fuel regulations and its effect on the rail industry in the Northeast, discussion of fuel availability and what to expect in 2007 (now and then), a review of upcoming federal regulations for locomotives, guidance on conducting an inventory (fleet and emissions), the business case for financial assistance through low interest loans, other funding opportunities through Public Utilities, New York Container Terminal's choice to use on-dock hybrid locomotives, and the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey's intensive capital redevelopment on-dock and regional rail improvement programs

Innovations in Transit

2pm to 3pm, Seminar Room A

Moderator: TBA Speakers: TBA

Overview: A panel of transit professionals from the Boston area brings us up to date on some of the recent advancements in transit technology that are helping to make operations more efficient, cost-effective, and user-friendly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION!



Hurricane Katrina

CSX's Efforts to Rebuild in the Wake of the Storm

1pm to 2pm, Seminar Room C
Video footage available for viewing throughout the day.
Speaker: Charles Bailey, CSX Transportation

Overview: Last year Hurricane Katrina, this country's biggest natural disaster, virtually destroyed the CSX mainline through Mississippi and on into Louisiana. Immediately after the storm CSX was able to get into the affected area and record the level of devastation as it began to formulate a plan for rebuilding. This special presentation will be run throughout the day for the benefit of our attendees.



Public-Private Partnerships: How to Get the Job Done!

Two Models of Partnerships Will Illustrate the Roles of a Variety of Stakeholders

3pm to 4pm, Seminar Room A
Speakers: Bill Galligan, Executive Director, East of Hudson Rail Freight Task Force; Scott Saylor, President, North Carolina Railroad

Overview: The East of the Hudson Rail Freight Task Force now in its sixth year and Co-Chaired by Congressmen Jerrold Nadler of New York and Christopher Shays of Connecticut. East of the Hudson is defined geographically as the Downstate Region of New York State and Southwestern Connecticut. Rail Freight volume East of the Hudson has increased by eight times since the Task Force began tackling the various freight issues. The Task Force includes all eight railroads offering freight services EOH including four which operate in New England.

The North Carolina Railroad is a 160 year old public-private partnership that provides shared use facilities to accommodate freight and passenger operations. Capital investments in the infrastructure have provided for economic growth and development in its region. This cooperative venture illustrates a model for tying together varied interests in a common mission.

Transportation Security

The Role of TSA in Transportation Security

4pm to 5pm, Seminar Room B
Speaker: Gary A. Gordon, Transportation Security Administration

Overview: The protection of transportation systems, for both goods and people, is emerging as a critical function of the Department of Homeland Security. TSA is facing a number of challenges as it moves from response to proactive steps. Gary Gordon will describe TSA's programs and recent experiences.

Keynote Address

Joseph H. Boardman, Federal Railroad Administrator

Immediately following dinner, Crowne Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom

Overview: Nominated by President George W. Bush on March 17, 2005 and confirmed by the United States Senate on April 28, 2005, Joseph H. Boardman is the eleventh Federal Railroad Administrator. As Administrator, Mr. Boardman is responsible for overseeing all aspects of operations for the nearly eight hundred-person organization. This includes managing comprehensive safety programs and regulatory initiatives; enforcement of FRA safety regulations; development and implementation of national freight and passenger rail policy; and oversight of diverse research and development activities in support of improved railroad safety.

Mr. Boardman has served in the transportation industry for nearly thirty years with experience in city, county and State government. In addition, he owned his own transportation management company. Most recently, he was chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board (TRB) and Chair of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Standing Committee on Rail Transportation (SCORT).

