

2014 AASHTO Standing Committee on Rail Transportation Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 7

9 – 12 p.m.
Location TBD

Registration

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

States for Passenger Rail Coalition Meeting
Members and Invited Guests Only

2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

Freight States Meeting
Members and Invited Guests Only

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. Please contact Chris Smith at csmith@aaashto.org or 202-624-5839 for additional details and agenda.

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Union Station
1225 Seventeenth Street
Suite 3050

Welcome Reception

Come tour Denver's 120 Year old Union station which has just undergone a \$54 million transformation into a bustling mixed-use, transit-oriented hub. The reception will be set in a section of the Great Hall. Guests will be offered tours of the outdoor train platforms, plazas, light-rail station and underground bus facility /concourse.

Monday, September 8

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Location TBD

Continental Buffet

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.
Location TBD

Welcome Session & Opening Address

Speaker:
Joe Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Location TBD

General Session: US DOT – FRA Update

Description here.

Speakers:
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11 a.m. – Noon
Location TBD

General Session: Colorado Update

Description here.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Location TBD

Luncheon & Keynote Speaker

Speaker:

1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Amtrak

Description here.

Moderator:

Speakers:
D.J. Stadtler, Joe McHugh, Drew Galloway, Mark Murphy

Monday, September 8

3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Location TBD

Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Freight

This session will examine the current economic and industry issues related to the challenges rail shippers face in regard to available freight rail capacity.

Moderator:

Speakers:

Darrell Hanavan, Executive Director, Colorado Grain Shippers Association

David Simpson, Simpson Consulting

5:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Denver Botanic Gardens
1007 York Street
Denver, CO 80206

Dinner & Event

Enjoy a wonderful reception and dinner in the heart of the Denver Botanic Gardens. Set on 23 acres just minutes from Downtown this urban oasis features lush manicured grounds. The gardens have an exhibition by World renowned artist Dale Chihuly who's glass sculptures will inspire and entertain guests.

Tuesday, September 9

7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Location TBD

Registration

8 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Location TBD

Breakfast Buffet

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Safety

This session will address recent proposed FRA rules regarding rail safety, it's impact on the rail industry, and State response to rail and other emergencies

Moderator:

Speakers:

Steven Neubauer, Manager of Safety, BNSF Railway Company
Mike Martino, Senior Director Operations, Association of American Railroads

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Class 1 & States

Moderator:

Speakers:

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Short Line Railroads

Moderator:

Speakers:

12:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Location TBD

Luncheon

Tuesday, September 9

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location TBD

General Session: Passenger Rail

Moderator:

Speakers:

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Location TBD

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location TBD

General Session: State Roundtable Wrap-Up

Moderator:

Speakers:

Evening

On Your Own

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Transportation Technology
Center, Inc.
55500 DOT Road
Pueblo, CO 81001

Tour to Pueblo Train Testing Facility
Description here.

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