



***Standing Committee on Rail Transportation  
2007 National Meeting***

**October 14-17<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**The IP Resort  
850 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, MS 39530**

***Welcome to a Taste of Mississippi  
(Tentative Agenda 8-16-07)***

***Conference Attire: Casual***

**Conference Themes:      **Making productive investments in freight rail projects****  
**Developing and operating intercity passenger rail corridors**

**Sunday, October 14**

**1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.      *Conference Registration/Information Office Open***

**1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.      **States for Passenger Rail Coalition  
(By invitation)****

**6:00 p.m.      **Mississippi Delta Blues Reception (All registrants)****

**Monday, October 15**

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** *Conference Registration /Information Office Open*

**7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **Breakfast (All registrants)**

**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** **Executive Committee Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** **Opening Session**

**Mississippi Welcome:**

**Larry L. “Butch” Brown, Executive Director  
Mississippi Department of Transportation**

**Wayne Brown, Southern District Commissioner  
Mississippi Department of Transportation**

**Chairman’s Remarks:**

**Astrid C. Glynn, Commissioner  
New York State Department of Transportation**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** **Washington Report**  
**Panel: AAR**  
**ASLRA**  
**FRA**  
**Amtrak**  
**APTA**

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** **Break**

**10:30 a.m. - 11:15a.m.** **Southeast Rail Initiatives**

**11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **State Rail Plan Guidebook**

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**

**Speaker: Hunter Harrison (Invited)**  
**President and CEO**  
**Canadian National**

**1:30p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** **SCORT Task Force Meetings:**  
**▪ Rail Passenger Service**  
**▪ State Programs**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **SCORT Task Force Meetings**  
**▪ Rail Safety**  
**▪ Freight Movement**

**5:00 p.m.** Recess for the day  
**Evening** Site Tour (To Be Determined)

**Tuesday, October 16**

**8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** *Conference Registration/Information Office Open*

**7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast (All registrants)

**7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Informal Roundtables—Topic TBD

**9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Shipper Requirements

**10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.** Break

**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Rail Financing

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Balancing Expanded Rail Transportation and Community Concerns

**12:00p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch  
Speaker: Joe Boardman, Administrator (Invited)  
Federal Railroad Administration

**1:30p.m. —3:00 p.m.** Public-Private Rail Investment: *Lessons Learned and Lessons to be Learned*

**3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.** Break

**3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Shared Use Corridors: Theory and Practice

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Joint SCORT/Rail Industry Open Discussion

**5:00 p.m.** SCORT meetings recess for the day

**5:00 p.m.** TRB AR040  
Local and Regional Rail Freight Committee Meeting

**6:30 p.m.** Mardi Gras Night in Mississippi

**Wednesday, October 17**

**8:00 a.m. - Noon**                      *Conference Registration/Information Desk Open*

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**              **Breakfast (All registrants)**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**              **Chairman’s Breakfast (SCORT members only)**

**9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**              **Regional Roundtables**

**Region 1: CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, DC, PR**

**Region 2: AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV**

**Region 3: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI**

**Region 4: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD,  
TX, UT, WA, WY**

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**              **SCORT Business Meeting/Lunch**

**12:30 p.m.**                              **Adjourn**