

*Preliminary Program*

**American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials**

***Standing Committee on Rail Transportation  
36<sup>th</sup> National Meeting***

**Adam's Mark Hotel  
Buffalo, New York  
September 14-17, 2003**

***Conference Themes***

1. The state-federal partnership to create efficient and dependable intercity passenger service.
2. The public role in strengthening the performance of the freight rail system.

Program sessions keyed to themes

Sunday, September 14

Noon – 6:00 p.m. *Conference Registration/Information Desk Open*

10:00 a.m. **Transportation Research Board Committee on Local and Regional Freight Transportation (Open)**

Noon **States for Passenger Rail Coalition (By invitation)**

4:00 p.m. **SCORT Executive Committee Meeting (Members only)**

6:00 p.m. **Welcoming Reception (All registrants)**

Monday, September 15

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. *Conference Registration /Information Desk Open*

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast (All registrants)**

8:00 a.m. **Opening Session**

**Speaker: Congressman Jack Quinn  
Chairman, House Railroad Subcommittee**

**Chairman's Report  
Joe Boardman, Commissioner**

## New York Department of Transportation

### Washington Report

Washington-based representatives of rail interests and Congressional staff review the year and look ahead to the coming year.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. <sup>1</sup> Amtrak/Intercity Passenger Rail Policy  
Speakers will provide update and forecast of Congressional and Administration action on intercity passenger rail legislation.

Noon Lunch (All registrants)  
Speaker: Roger Nober, Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board (invited)

1:30 p.m. SCORT TASK FORCE MEETINGS

Rail Passenger Service  
Rail Safety  
Freight Movement and Industry Restructuring  
State Programs and Federal Relations

3:30 p.m. <sup>1</sup>A Dialogue on the Administration's Rail Vision  
Speakers: Allan Rutter  
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration  
  
Emil Frankel  
Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. DOT

4:30 p.m. SCORT Executive Session (Members Only)

5:30 p.m. Recess

6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Dinner/Music

### Tuesday, September 16

7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Conference Registration/Information Desk Open

7:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast – (All registrants)

8:00 a.m. <sup>2</sup> Public Investment in “Mega” Freight Rail Projects  
State officials and representatives of rail companies will describe how it is possible to develop and implement major freight rail investments, such as those included in the FAST Corridor, the Chicago Plan, and the Mid-Atlantic Rail Operations Study.

10:00 a.m. Break

- 10:15 a.m.**     **<sup>2.</sup> Public Investment in “Micro” Freight Rail Projects**  
                          State rail officials will describe successes and failures with small-scale projects involving public investment from state and federal sources.
- Noon**            **Lunch--The View from the North Side**  
                          Canadian rail executive will share experience on issues of importance in the U.S.
- 1:30 p.m.**     **<sup>2.</sup> If We Build It, Will You Come?**  
                          Shippers and freight intermediaries will assess the prospects for use of rail and the case for public investment.
- 3:00 p.m.**     **SCORT TASK FORCE MEETINGS II**
- 4:00 p.m.**     **Recess**
- Evening**        **Buffalo Wing Feast**  
                          **Trip to Niagara Falls**

Wednesday, September 17

- 7:30 a.m. - Noon**    *Conference Registration/Information Desk Open*
- 8:00 a.m.**        **Continental Breakfast – (All registrants)**
- 9:00 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**
- 10:00 a.m.**        **SCORT BUSINESS MEETING (State Members Only)**
- 11:30 a.m.**        **Working Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.**        **Adjourn**