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I frequently travel from TUS for mostly personal reasons. In the past there were frequent delays in our thrice weekly service. It was very frustrating to sit on a siding whilst freight train after freight train passes as one realized that the railroads prioritized cargo over humans.

The ontime performance improved greatly during the LaHood administration and the common five or more hour delays ceased to be common.

As my home station is not an endpoint, I am quite aware of the importance of relative ontime performance especially when connections have to be made at an endpoint such as when I travel to Boston via Chicago or to N. California via LAX.