**RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 6 and December 7, 2022**

**STB HEADQUARTERS**

**WASHINGTON, DC**

**Minutes**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (“RSTAC”), pursuant to notice, held its fourth quarter meeting, in person, on Tuesday, December 6 and Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the STB’s headquarters in Washington DC.

The following members were present:

* RSTAC Chairman: Mr. Mark Wegner, CEO, Twin Cities & Western Railroad Company and Red River Valley & Western Railroad Company
* RSTAC Vice-Chairman: Mr. Ben Abrams, President and CEO, Consolidated Scrap Resources, Inc.
* Ms. Holly Pixler, Senior Director of Transportation and Logistics, Ardent Mills
* Mr. Kevin Murray, Vice President of Supply Chain, Red Gold, Inc.
* Mr. Mike Bilovesky, Vice President, Sales & Marketing, Agriculture and Minerals Business Unit, Kansas City Southern Railway Co.
* Mr. Terrence E. McDermott, Director of Supply Chain, Bunge North America
* Ms. Brandy Christian, President & CEO, Port of New Orleans
* Mr. Eric Jakubowski, Chief Commercial Officer, Anacostia Rail Holdings, Inc.
* Mr. Don Itzkoff, Chief Policy Officer, Patriot Rail LLC
* Mr. Stefan Loeb, Chief Commercial Officer, Watco Companies, L.L.C.
* Mr. Ross Corthell, Vice President of Transportation, Packaging Corp. of America
* Chairman Martin Oberman, Surface Transportation Board
* Vice Chairman Michelle Schultz, Surface Transportation Board
* Member Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board
* Member Karen Hedlund, Surface Transportation Board
* Member Robert Primus, Surface Transportation Board

Alternate representatives from companies represented on the RSTAC:

* Mr. Earnest Clark, Director of Customer Solutions, CSX Transportation (filling in for Mr. Arthur Adams)
* Mr. Brad Moore, Vice President Customer Care & Support, Union Pacific Railroad Co. (filling in for Ms. Kari Kirchhoefer)

Also present:

* Federal Railroad Administration: Senior Economist, Mr. T. Stephen O'Connor

Absent:

* RSTAC Secretary: Mr. Robert McRae, Vice President of Transportation, Univar Solutions
* Ms. Kari Kirchhoefer, Vice President Premium, Union Pacific Railroad Co.
* Mr. Arthur Adams, Vice President Merchandise Sales, CSX Transportation
* Mr. W. Paul Delp, President, Lansdale Warehouse Company

**Tuesday, December 6, 2022**

1. RSTAC Chairman Mark Wegner at the STB Headquarters called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 PM EST, which followed a lunch that commenced at 12 noon.
2. RSTAC Members provided the first round of Field Reports to STB Board Members and staff.
3. At 3 pm EDT, Frank Adcock, AVP Marketing, along with two colleagues, Bill Sheehan, AVP Fleet Distribution and Jerry Vest III, Director Market Planning, of TTX Company, appeared to present to the STB and the RSTAC the current state of affairs with respect to the North American railcar fleet, from TTX Company’s perspective. They specifically addressed concerns regarding the “aging out” of the interchange service life of the existing North American railcar fleet, with an emphasis on boxcars.
4. Field reports continued following the TTX presentation.
5. The first day of meetings was adjourned at approximately 5:30 PM.

**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**

1. The RSTAC members and STB Board members reconvened at 9 am.
2. Field reports continued.
3. A discussion was had regarding the dates of the spring RSTAC meeting.
4. The second day’s meetings were adjourned at approximately 1:30 PM.