

RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
Washington DC

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 19-20, 2009 MEETING OF THE
RAILROAD-SHIPPER TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Railroad Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (the "Council"), pursuant to notice, held a meeting on August 19-20, 2009 in the Board Room of the Virginia Port Authority, 101 W. Main Street, Norfolk, VA. The meeting was called to order at 2pm August 19, and 8am August 20.

The following members were present: Daniel R. Elliott III, Surface Transportation Board; Roger Fray, West Central Cooperative; Scott Greene, Federal Railroad Administration; J.J. Keever, Virginia Port Authority; D. J. Kratzberg, Exxon Mobil; Henry Lampe, Chicago South Shore & South Bend Railway; John Levine, Pinsky Railroad Company; Leslie Moll, ArcelorMittal USA; Francis P. Mulvey, Surface Transportation Board; Charles D. Nottingham, Surface Transportation Board; Dean Piacente, CSX Transportation; Bruce Ridley, Packaging Corporation of America; Terry Voss, Ag. Processing; Rick Webb, Watco Companies; Peter Weiss, Chrysler LLC; Gary White, International Resource Partners and Owen Zidar, Kansas City Southern.

Eric Butler, Union Pacific Railroad and Reilly McCarren, Arkansas and Missouri Railroad were not in attendance.

I. Opening Remarks

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 - New Surface Transportation Board Chairman, Daniel Elliott was introduced by Vice Chairman Nottingham and Commissioner Mulvey
 - Virginia Port Authority representative Jeff Keever was recognized as meeting host
 - Members introduced themselves to Chairman Elliott

II. Council Business

- Reviewed and approved posting of minutes of May 5-6, 2009 meeting on STB website

III. Financial Update

- Reviewed bank account information

IV. Small Railroad/Small Shipper Railroad Issue Response

- Members discussed a variety of concerns shared by small railroad and small shippers. Concerns included regulation, TIH/PIH, rates, high speed rail impact, Anti-Trust, competition and bottlenecks.

V. General Discussion

- Members discussed other topics of interest including high speed rail, on-time delivery, car repair, STB reauthorization. Potential solutions and improvement plans were discussed in an effort to improve service to railroads and shippers.

- White Papers
 - Members divided into groups and discussed action plan for creation of white papers on the following topics. White Papers will be reviewed at next meeting.
 - National Rail Plan
 - PTC Mandate
 - Rail Competition
 - Railroad Tax Credits
 - STB Reauthorization

- Reports from the Field
 - Members discussed and provided comments on business in their specific area. Members commented on impact of economy, service issues, freight-passenger balance, reciprocal switching and reregulation.

VI. Next meetings:

- November 3-4, 2009 in Washington, DC