

FHWA – Railroad Community of Interest (COI)

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COI Participants: FHWA, Federal Railroad Administration,
State Departments of Transportation, Rail Industry

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- Group meets in person two/three times per year
- 200 members
 - Railroad industry participants
 - State DOT (Need Rhode Island and Hawaii !)
 - Federal agency participants: FRA, FHWA HQ, FHWA Division Offices
 - AASHTO representatives

What do we do?



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- Topics discussed are wide ranging, including:
 - Flagging during highway construction
 - Plan reviews by railroad of adjacent highway projects
 - Reimbursement payment from State DOT to railroads
 - State/Railroad agreements
 - 23 U.S.C. Section 130 projects
 - Various Federal regulations

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•Other Hot Topics

- Trespassing and Section 130 eligibility
- Design/Build and RR's – FHWA Case Study
- Maintenance fees
- Pedestrian treatments at crossings – best practices, new designs
- **New NBIS regs and Bridge Inspections—RR owned bridges that carry vehicular traffic**

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- Future Meetings
 - AASHTO CORT – Norfolk Virginia-September 23-26
 - COI – Omaha - UPRR HQ October 23, 24
 - Spring 2025 – ? North Carolina
 - Fall 2025 – ? New Hampshire

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- Panel Discussion
 - Chris Keckesien - Union Pacific
 - Kris Klop - Iowa DOT
 - Scott Willis – CSXT
 - Kelli Phillips – Florida DOT
 - Kelley Carr- Amtrak

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OPEN FORUM

Now's your chance to ask questions or
share concerns with RR's, other States,
FRA, FHWA

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JEOPARDY!

PANEL

MONTHLY UPDATE MEETINGS	PROJECT PORTAL	FLAGGING	DESIGN BUILD	SECTION 130	TRACK WINDOWS
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MONTHLY UPDATE MEETINGS · \$200

**THIS IS ONE OF THE BEST REASONS TO
HAVE MONTHLY UPDATE MEETINGS**

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RR PROJECT PORTALS · \$200

**THIS IS ONE THING I WOULD CHANGE
ABOUT THE RR'S PROJECT PORTAL
(PICK A RR)**

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SECTION 130 PROGRAM - \$200

**THIS IS WHAT I SEE AS THE BIGGEST
CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE
SECTION 130 PROGRAM**

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FLAGGING · \$200

**THIS IS WHAT I CONSIDER THE BIGGEST
CHALLENGE IN GETTING FLAGGERS**

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DESIGN BUILD · \$200

**THIS IS THE BEST ADVICE I HAVE FOR
STATES/CITIES WANTING TO DO A
DESIGN BUILD PROJECT THAT
INVOLVES THE RR**

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TRACK WINDOWS · \$200

**THIS IS WHAT I THINK IS THE MOST
CHALLENGING ISSUE I HAVE WITH
GETTING/GIVING TRACK
WINDOWS/TIME**

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