

There has been a lot of talk about dwell times and first mile performance. These are both broken means of measuring either of these categories, because the rail road manipulates both. They will add cars to a train that are in a yard going to any random destination, just to make them move, and get shipped right back on an opposing train later that week. Creating more work and wasted resources, only to meet goals that have become arbitrary and useless because of the actions of the rail road. They also will have a locomotive assigned to a certain train pull out of the yard and hit the first signal before even beginning to build that train to show it departing on time, when they will actually go back into the originating yard for hours to build the train, and do a rushed air test, before departing.

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