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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman,
Chairman
United States Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

Re: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No.1), Notice of Passenger Rail Advisory Committee
Vacancies

In response to the Federal Register notice of the establishment of the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) and the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) notice on January 4, 2024, for the invitation of nominations to staff the committee, I would like to nominate myself to fill the vacancy as a state that provides funding for intercity passenger rail position on the PRAC. I am willing and able to serve as a member of the PRAC, for the duration as presented in your notice and in a representative capacity.

My contact information and resume are included with this letter.

I started my career with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) as an Engineer Intern thirty-one years ago. I've held various positions within CTDOT throughout my career including the assistant to the Chief Engineer for five years. In April of 2010 I was promoted to the Assistant Rail Administrator for operations within the Office of Rail (OOR). During my tenure within the OOR, I managed passenger & freight rail operations, Maintenance-of-Way, Maintenance-of-Equipment, Rail Property, Rail Station Maintenance and Rail Safety & Security. This management and oversight included the procurement of the M-8 passenger cars, coordination with Massachusetts and Vermont for PRIIA, the launching of the Hartford Line Passenger Rail Service and the construction and implementation of the new CCO Shop. These projects required extensive coordination with the FRA, FTA, Metro-North Railroad, Amtrak, and various short-haul freight operators.

I was then promoted to Rail Administrator in July of 2020 and currently managing all rail operations, Maintenance of Way, Maintenance of Equipment, safety, security, planning, design, and construction for CTDOT rail related projects.

I have participated in various assignments for AASHTO's Committee on Rail Transportation (CORT) including the representation on the Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), the State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (SAIPRC) for PRIIA, and the Transportation Research Board (TRB) – Intercity Passenger Rail Committee. I also participated in the States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC) on behalf of the state supported passenger rail services and funding Amtrak's operations. I am currently supporting the CTDOT team on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Commission.

I was nominated in July 2017 to be the AASHTO representative on RSAC. Prior to this nomination, I represented AASHTO on the RSAC - Rail Integrity Working Group for which he participated in various meetings over a three-year period working on specific improvements to the Track Safety Standards.

Thank you for your consideration to serve on your Passenger Rail Advisory Committee. My contact information:

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Sincerely,



Richard Jankovich

Attachment

Transportation Public Transit (Rail) Administrator

Passenger & Freight Rail Operations / Strategic Rail Policy & Planning / Customer Service Implementation
Rail Infrastructure & Facility Design Reviewer / Rail Security & Terrorism / Transit Orient Development

Experienced Rail Administrator with an extensive 31-year record of achievement in the transportation industry for the Department. Intuitive leader with acute business and rail experience on the busiest railroad formulating, developing, recommending, & implementing rail policies for 3 passenger rail service providers, 9 freight railroads, 3 federal agencies and various passenger rail organizations. Proven ability to analyze railroad services relative to planning, engineering, construction, and operational issues for which I communicate and facilitate deficiencies & potential opportunities that lead to innovative and cost-effective solutions.

Areas of Expertise:

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| • Rail Operations, Policy & Planning Development | Rail Infrastructure & Facility Design / Construction |
| • Rail Safety & Regulatory Compliance | Strategic Partnership with Industry Leaders |
| • Rail Capital & Operational Budget Implementation | Railroad Security & Cybersecurity Intervention |

WORK EXPERIENCE

CT Department of Transportation. New Haven, CT. Public Transportation - Rail Administrator

- Plans, recommends, directs, and manages the activities for the Office of Rail planning, design, construction, Maintenance of Way, Maintenance & procurement of Equipment, Safety & Security and Operational divisions. This includes the formulation of program goals and objectives for the CTDOT subsidized New Haven Line (NHL) operated by Metro-North Railroad (MNR), Shore Line East (SLE) operated by Amtrak, Hartford Line (HL) operated by TASI and the various freight rail operations in the state. This includes extensive coordination and communications with the various bureaus within the Department, other state & federal agencies, municipalities, and various rail organizations nationally.
- Active member of APTA's Commuter Rail, Chief Operating Officers (COOs) committee that meets monthly to review & discuss the various passenger rail services from around the country.
- Active member of the Northeast Corridor Commission (NECC), Operations & Performance committee that reviews various corridor operational and performance related issues.
- Reviews, coordinates, and recommends the programs within our capital & operational funding requests to assure full federal and state participation in maintaining & expanding passenger and freight rail service.
- Advises, coordinates, and makes recommendations to the Bureau Chief on all executive and administrative matters that affects the Office of Rail.
- Extensive coordination with Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) regarding passenger rail operations and capital rail construction projects.
- Managed the drafting and implementation for our HL and SLE System Safety Program Plan (SSPP) in accordance with FRA's 49CFR 270 provisions.
- Managed the development and implementation for the CTrail cybersecurity incident response plan and vulnerability assessment with TSA for compliance to 49CFR 1582 security directive.
- Monitored & implemented all COVID-19 remedial action plans in support of the CTrail passenger & freight services.

- Implementing the “Time for CT”, a Governor’s initiative that achieves the fastest travel times on the NHL from New Haven to New York city utilizing express M8 trains with fewer station stops attracted those passengers.
- Implemented the M8s in the SLE service, replacing the existing diesel equipment that improves travel times from New London to New Haven and improves air quality and the carbon footprint.
- Drafted and implemented the agreement for the New Haven Union Station Partnership (USP), between the State and City of New Haven. The development of this agreement led to a new Lease, Operating and Funding agreement detailing the overall operation and management of Union Station and State Street Station. In addition, the USP will pursue capital projects including Public-Private Partnership (P3) opportunities with surrounding land at the station. This is a balance of long-term public transportation needs and community-economic development through enhanced transit facilities and Transit Oriented Development (TOD).
- Managing the Stamford Station Master Plan study that includes reviewing the busiest train station in CT that will create a \$200 M capital reconstruction program creating a “state of art” facility.
- Coordinating the reconstruction & operational needs of the Walk bridge, a 125-year-old, 4-track moveable structure that will require extensive coordination with MNR, Amtrak and local officials to minimize impacts to all.

July 2020 – Present

CT Department of Transportation. New Haven, CT. Public Trans. - Assistant Rail Administrator

- Planned, recommended, and managed all the activities for the Office of Rail operations divisions that includes the formulation of program goals and objectives for the CTDOT subsidized New Haven Line (NHL) operated by Metro-North Railroad (MNR), Shore Line East (SLE) operated by Amtrak and the various freight rail operations in the state. The busiest passenger railroad in the country.
- Developed, formulated, launched, implemented, and managed the Hartford Line (HL) CTrail commuter rail service, operated by TASI & Amtrak.
- Formulated, recommended, developed, and implemented all COVID-19 remedial action plans in support of the CTrail passenger & freight services.
- Negotiated the access agreement and rail service agreement with Amtrak & TASI for the HL.
- Formulated, developed, recommended, and implemented the PRIIA 209 operating fee & compensation structure with Amtrak for intercity passenger rail service between MassDOT, VTrans and CTDOT.
- Managed, overseen, recommended, and implemented the rail service operations, station management, rolling stock maintenance (procuring new equipment as well as locomotive overhauls), rail property management and security / anti-terrorism surveillance units.
- Managed, reviewed, and monitored the design and procurement of the new coaches to be deployed on the HL, SLE and NHL branches. A high priority for the Office of Rail.
- Managed, formulated, and overseen the development of the NHL speed & capacity planning studies with the AECOM & Department team. Another high priority project for the Office of Rail.
- Managed the Office of Rail, Right-of-Way Property Management & Contract Development assignment with STV & Goman+York Property Advisors & Department team.
- Evaluated & recommended various business policy, practices, and procedures as it related to rail ops.
- Reviewed, evaluated, and coordinated the rail capital and operating programs with MNR, Amtrak and the various freight railroad operators to minimize rail service disruptions.

March 2010 – July 2020.

CT Department of Transportation. Newington, CT. Transportation Supervising Engr. (Administrative). (Technical Assistant to the Chief Engineer)

- Performed technical duties for the Chief Engineer for all offices within the Bureau of Engineering, Construction & Maintenance including the formulation, development, and implementation of policy.
- Reviewed and evaluated state and federal laws as they pertain to operations within the bureau.

- Developed, recommended, and implemented the policy & procedures related to the bureau's functions.
 - Reviewed, evaluated, and prepared legislative documents on behalf of the bureau.
 - Prepared and gave presentations for the Chief Engineer and recommend training program for the bureau.
 - Represented the Chief Engineer on various task forces and panels.
 - Evaluated, planned & coordinated all Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) issues for the Department.
 - Coordinated and evaluated all personnel transactions with Human Resources for the bureau.
 - Responded to issues from the public, legislators, media, state / federal agencies, and municipalities.
- January 2005 – March 2010.**

CT Department of Transportation. Newington, CT. Transportation Supervising Engr. (Hwy Design).

- Supervisor within the Office of Environmental Compliance (OOEC) for compliance with project activities, priorities, schedules, & budgets.
 - Reviewed and evaluated the development of project documents for the site investigations, development of project plans, specifications & estimates (PS&E) and environmental construction surveillance.
 - The projects included railroad infrastructure / facilities, transit facility improvements, railroad & transit operations, and highway reconstruction projects.
 - Extensive coordination, interaction and communication occurred between the OOEC, the Office of Rail, MNR, Amtrak, various offices within the Department, other state & federal agencies, and municipalities.
- August 1997 – January 2005**

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

1. Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) executive committee, I represent AASHTO & our State on the executive committee regarding railroad safety policy from July 2017 until I resign.
2. Transportation Research Board (TRB) – Intercity Passenger Rail Committee AR010, I represent AASHTO & the State since from July of 2016 until 2025.
3. Railroad Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC), I represented AASHTO on the RSAC - Rail Integrity Working Group from October 2015 to September 2018.
4. State-Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail Committee (SAIPRC), I was actively engaged in the PRIIA 209 & PRIIA 212 policy and procedure development from June 2015 to September 2023.
5. States for Passenger Rail Coalition (SPRC), I was as one of the 24 state representatives and transit authorities from June 2011 to September 2023.
6. Northeast Association of State Transportation Officials (NASTO), I represented the state on the executive committee of the Council on Rail Transportation (CORT) from June 2011 to September 2023.

EDUCATION

University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut

Master of Science, Environmental Science and Management, June 2001

University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut

Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, June 1992

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

2018 Employee Recognition – *TEAMWORK* award for the launch of the Hartford Line (HL) Service