

# **Agenda**

Monday, November 27, 2023

3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Registration

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

6:30 – 8:30 a.m. Registration

#### **General Session – Count Basie Ballroom**

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Safety Briefing and Call to Order	Karl Alexy, Associate Administrator
		for Railroad Safety; Chief Safety
		Officer – FRA
8:45 – 9:15 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks	<b>Amit Bose</b> , Administrator – FRA
9:15 – 9:45 a.m.	FRA Regulatory and Railroad Safety Advisory	Karl Alexy – FRA
	Committee Update	
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	Break	
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Address	Honorable Jennifer Homendy,
		Chair – National Transportation
		Safety Board
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	FRA's Safety Culture Assessment on Class I	<b>Dr. Amanda Emo</b> , Senior
	Railroads	Engineering Psychologist – FRA

11:30– 1:00 p.m. Lunch (not provided)

### **Breakout Room 1 - Andy Kirk Room**

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	Developing the Next Generation of Railroaders	Will Gebhardt, Senior Manager,
	– Leaders in Safety Start Day 1	Engineering Training – Canadian
		National Railway (CN)

		<b>Dean Luchik</b> , Senior Manager,
		Transportation Training – CN
		Matt Jozwiak, Sr. Manager
		Mechanical Training – CN
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	FRA Back 2 Basics Program	John Brahaney, Specialist – FRA
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	PATH's Scenario-Based Training	Antionette Walker, Principal
		Program and Training Manager –
		PATH
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Rail Transit Safety Updates	Joe DeLorenzo, Associate
		Administrator for Transit Safety and
		Oversight – Federal Transit
		Administration

### **Breakout Room 2 – Julia Lee Room**

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	FRA Blocked Crossing Initiatives	James Payne, Staff Director – FRA
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Smart Railroad Crossing Project	David Lindsey, Regional System
		Administrator – City of Houston
		Mayor's Office of Public Safety and
		Homeland Security
		<b>Douglas Pasley</b> , Vice President of
		Field Operations – Haystax
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	Top 100 At-Risk Crossings	Rocky Scott, Deputy Staff Director
		– FRA
		Frank Frey, General Engineer – FRA
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Trespassing Deterrence and Mitigation	Michael Hendley, Transportation
	Program	Services Manager – Capital Corridor
		Joint Powers Authority

## **Breakout Room 3 – Bennie Moten Room**

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	Safety Culture and the Criticality of Leadership	<b>Larry Day</b> , Transit Division Manager
	Buy-In	– Transportation Safety Institute
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Dominoes, Cheese, and Trees: Accident	<b>Troy Jackson</b> , Director –
	Investigation and Analysis Methods	Transportation Safety Institute
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	C3RS – Year in Review	Mike Ballard, C3RS Expert Analyst –
		National Aeronautics and Space
		Administration (NASA)
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	Communication Breakdown – C3RS Analysis	Leonard Weaver, C3RS Project
		Manager – NASA

## Breakout Room 4 - Mary Lou Williams Room

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	FRA's Safety Management System Regulations	Darrell Fizer, Transportation
		Specialist – FRA
		<b>Dr. Rachel Grice</b> , Senior
		Engineering Psychologist – FRA

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	RRS Innovations and Standards	Matt Brewer, Staff Director – FRA
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	Fatigue Risk Management Program – Amtrak's	<b>Tim Tyran</b> , Director, System Safety
	Implementation Plan Update	Programs – Amtrak
		Bartley Beasley, Senior Manager,
		Fatigue Risk and Human
		Performance – Amtrak
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	FRA Public Safety Site Overview	Lindsay Peters-Dawson, Program
		Analyst – FRA

# Wednesday November 29, 2023

**Breakout Room 1 – Andy Kirk Room** 

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Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Safety Shortfalls in Rail Car Inspection	<b>Dave Arouca</b> – Brotherhood of
		Railroad Carmen
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Very Long Trains – Study Analysis	<b>Andrew Martin</b> , Program Analyst –
		FRA
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Union Pacific Railroad – Precision Train	Taylor Weisbeck – Senior Director
	Building	Operating Practices and System
		Compliance – Union Pacific Railroad
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Norfolk Southern – Train Make Up	Shannon Mason, General Road
		Foreman – Norfolk Southern (NS)
		Randy Hunt, Senior Director
		Operations Safety – NS

### **Breakout Room 2 – Julia Lee Room**

Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Rail Information Sharing Environment (RISE)	Dr. Neeraj Koul, Senior Data
		Scientist – FRA
		Dr. Starr Kidda, Supervisory
		Engineering Psychologist – FRA
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Supporting Rail Employees Through Critical	<b>Dr. Shala Blue</b> , Engineering
	Incident Stress: Current Practices and	Psychologist – FRA
	Opportunities	Megan France-Peterson,
		Engineering Psychologist – Volpe
		Danielle Hiltunen, Engineering
		Psychologist – Volpe
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Safety and Smiles	Justin Meko, VP, Operational Safety
		– Amtrak
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Caltrain's Path to a Strong Safety Culture and	Mike Meader, Chief Safety Officer –
	Roadway Worker Protection	Caltrain

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Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Training for Maintenance of Way: What is	Lance Hawks, Human Performance
	Required, When It's Required, and Recurrent	Specialist – FRA
	Training	<b>Les Hanlon</b> , Director of Compliance
		and Development – National
		Railroad Safety Services
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	National Registered Apprentice Program and	Michele Malski, Founder and
	Part 243	President – SPRING
		<b>Dave Harrison</b> , Executive Director of
		Workforce Development – Fastport
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Moving Beyond Compliance – Safety Processes	Kellie Andrews, Vice President of
	That Can Move the Needle	Safety, Security, Quality and
		Environment – Keolis
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Safety Technology and Advancements	Steve Ladislaw, Assistant VP, System
		Safety & Technical Training – Amtrak
		<b>Kevin McCarthy</b> , Director of Ops
		Safety – Amtrak

## **Breakout Room 4 – Mary Lou Williams Room**

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Time	Topic	Presenter
8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Voluntary Safety Reporting	<b>Matt Hardison</b> , Senior Principal – MITRE
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Railroads and First Responders: A GIS Link	Jeremy Kramer, Vice President – Louisville and Indiana Railroad
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Update on APTA Standards for Passenger Equipment	<b>Brian Sooter</b> , Director, Standards – American Public Transportation Association
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Data Analytics in Operating Practices	<b>Tamara Sajic</b> , Assistant Director, Analytics – CPKC

11:50– 1:20 p.m. Lunch (not provided)

### **General Session – Count Basie Ballroom**

Time	Topic	Presenter
1:20 – 3:00 p.m.	Train Make-Up Best Practice and Lessons	Class I Railroads Round Table
	Learned	FRA Facilitator
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break	
3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	Ask the FRA	FRA Leadership