



**2013 Annual
Michigan Rail Conference
Program**

**Lansing Community College
West Campus Conference Center**

August 27th, 2013

Welcome

Conference Co-Chairs Nikkie Johnson and Pasi Lautala

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Organizers and Content Committee

Jon Cool, Michigan Railroads Association 

Ron DeCook, DeCook Governmental Policy & Strategies

Tim Fischer, Michigan Environmental Council 

Nikkie Johnson, MDOT 

Pasi Lautala, Michigan Tech Rail Transportation Program  **Rail Transportation Program**
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Dennis Neilson, Michigan State University 

Michigan Rail Conference Program

Morning Session

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM	Breakfast
8:15 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome and Safety Briefing Safety Briefing and Opening Statement, Pasi Lautala, Michigan Technological University Welcome Note by State Senator Tom Casperson, Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
8:30 AM - 10:15 AM	Plenary Sessions Moderator: Pasi Lautala, Michigan Technological University <i>State of Rail in Michigan</i> , Joe Schwarz, Former Michigan Congressman and Governor's Special Advisor on Rail <i>Rail- A Key Element of the Transportation System</i> , Anne Canby, OneRail Coalition <i>FRA Update</i> , Tammy Wagner, Federal Railroad Administration
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Panel Discussion: Freight Rail Transportation and Economic Development Moderator: Scott Pohl, WKAR Public Media from Michigan State University Jim Byrum, MABA Bruce Southerland, MAC, Inc. Dale Yates, CSX John Rickoff, Lake State Railway Roger Velliquete, Great Lakes Packing Libby Ogard, PrimeFocus LLC David Closs, Michigan State University
11:30 AM - 12:45 PM	Box Lunch & Keynote Speaker Welcome Note by State House Representative Wayne Schmidt, Chair, House Transportation Committee Keynote Address: <i>Amtrak Passenger Rail Transportation Update</i> , Tom Carper, Amtrak



Keynote Speaker
Tom Carper
Amtrak

Afternoon Session

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2:15PM - 3:30 PM	<p>Freight Breakout 2 Terminal Development Moderator: Nikkie Johnson, MDOT</p> <p><i>The Detroit Intermodal Terminal (DIFT), Terry Stepanski, MDOT</i></p> <p><i>Improving Rail Freight at the Detroit-Windsor Border, Marge Byington, Continental Rail Gateway</i></p> <p><i>Rail Transloading Facilities: Development, Promotion and Operation, B. Allen Brown, Railmark Holdings</i></p>	<p>Passenger Breakout 2 Rail and Transit Oriented Development Moderator: Ron DeCook, DeCook Governmental Policy and Strategies</p> <p><i>The River District: Implementing a New Vision for Portland, Oregon's North Downtown, Roger Millar, Smart Growth America</i></p> <p><i>Place Based Economic Development: The Case for Transit-Orientated Development, Laura Aldrete, Parsons Brinckerhoff</i></p> <p><i>Transit Oriented Development and Amtrak Service Expansion, Tom Carper, Amtrak</i></p>
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Wrap Up and Next Conference Discussions	

(6.5) Professional Development Hours (PDH) available for participation including Certificate of Completion. Certificates will be provided when conference evaluation forms are turned in at the end of the conference. Acceptance of this certificate of attendance is at the discretion of each individual licensing, credentialing or certifying body. Some certifying bodies require pre-approval of professional development hours. Documentation requirements also vary. Please note that individuals are responsible for maintaining their own professional development hours documentation.

2013 Annual Michigan Rail Conference Collaborators:



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August 26 - 27th, 2014

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Michigan Rail Conference Technical Program | August 26th

7:30 - 8:00 AM Breakfast	
8:00 - 8:15 AM Welcome & Safety Briefing	
8:15 - 8:30 AM Welcomes from Visiting Dignitaries	
8:30 - 10:00 AM Plenary Session – Rail Education & Work Force Development In Michigan	
Pasi Lautala - Assistant Professor and Director, Rail Transportation Program, Michigan Technological University "University Railroad Engineering Programs"	Frank Dunbar - District Provost, Regional Program Planning, Wayne County Community College District "Community College Programs for Rail Transit Technicians"
Nicholas Little - Managing Director, Railway Management Program, Michigan State University "University Railroad Management Programs"	David Peterson - Program Director, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Engineering and Professional Development "TRB Rail Workforce Development Study and UW-M Continuing Education Program"
10:00 - 10:15 AM Break	

10:15 – 11:30 AM | Plenary Panel Discussion – Opportunities for Building Collaborative Partnerships

John Varda -
Managing Partner/CEO,
Ross and Stevens, S.C
*Shipper's Perspective (WI
Central Group)*

Derrick James
Director, Government
Affairs (Midwest),
AMTRAK
Passenger Perspective

Pete Fontana
Industrial Dev. Mgr.,
Norfolk Southern
Railroad
Freight Perspective

Tim Hoeffner
Director, Office of Rail,
MDOT
State DOT Perspective

Libby Ogard
President,
Prime Focus, LLC.
Consultant Perspective

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Networking Lunch

12:30 – 2:00 PM | Breakout Sessions* #1 – Railroads as part of Supply Chains

Peter Anastor
Managing Director, Logistics, Supply Chain and Manufacturing,
MEDC
*How Supply Chain Collaboration can
Reduce Cost, Time and Risk*

Rick Chapla
VP, Business Development,
The Right Place, Inc.
Grand Rapids Intermodal Terminal Development

John Taylor
Chair, Dept. of Marketing and Global Supply Chain Mgmt,
Wayne State University

Roger Huff
Ford Manager, Global Customs,
Material Export Operations and Logistics,
Ford
Railroads as Part of Automotive Supply Chain

Breakout Sessions* #2 – Rail Transit, Commuter Rail, & other Passenger Rail Development

Tim Fischer
Chief Administrative Officer,
M-1 Street Car
MI Progress and Start Plan

James Bruckbauer
Transportation Policy Specialist,
Michigan Land Use Institute
*Getting Back on Track:
Uncovering the Potential for
Trains in Traverse City*

Kristian Foondle
Rail Project Manager,
MDOT
WALLY Feasibility Study

Phil Pasterak
Senior VP/Transit & Rail Manager,
Parsons Brinckenhoff
*Commuter Rail Development
Experiences from Other States*

2:00 – 2:15 PM | Break

2:15 – 3:30 PM | Breakout Sessions* #3 – Transloads & Rural Development

Shasta Duffey
VP Sales and Marketing, Grand Elk RR
Local Railroads Perspective

Pasi Lautala
Assistant Professor and Director, Rail Transportation Program,
Michigan Technological University
The Upper Peninsula of Michigan Freight Rail Study

Nikkie Johnson
Freight Rail Economic Development & Operations
Program Manager, MDOT
Northern Michigan Freight Rail Needs Analysis

Frederick Schlemmer
CFO, SteelPro
Rail Transportation – Transload Operator Perspective

Breakout Sessions* #4 – Passenger Rail, Economic Development & the Brain Drain

Ben Sperry
Asst. Professor, Dept. of Civil
Engineer, Ohio University
*Michigan Amtrak Services:
Passenger Characteristics and
Economic Impacts*

Kevin Brubaker
Deputy Director Environmental
Law & Policy Center, Chicago
*Michigan manufacturing capacity
for High Performance Train Parts*

Richard Murphy
Program Coordinator,
Michigan Municipal League
*Rails Role in Placemaking and
Talent Attraction*

Derrick James
Director, Government Affairs
(Midwest), AMTRAK
*Economic Development from Rail
Operations in Michigan*

3:30 – 3:45 PM | Break

3:45-4:30 PM | Closing Session

Libby Ogard
*An Overview of Rail Funding
Programs and Practices*

Wrap up by Conference Chair
Conference Feedback and
Next Conference Discussion

4:30 – 5:30 PM | Business Break and Networking

5:30 – 7:00 PM | Dinner & Keynote Speaker

Tony Hatch
CEO, ABH Consulting

Railroad Renaissance in the New Energy World



* brief presentations followed by panel discussion*

Field Trip Schedule | August 27th

7:30 AM Depart Macomb Community College
8:00 – 8:30 AM M-1 Streetcar Project
8:45 – 9:15 AM Livernois Rail yard and Intermodal Ops visit
9:35 – 10:05 AM Tour Station
10:05 – 10:15 AM Break
10:30 – 11:00 AM Observe/Discuss Autorack ops.
11:10 – 11:30 AM Allen Road Yard visit/discussion
9:15 – 9:35 AM Travel to new Dearborn Amtrak Station
11:30 – Noon Return to Macomb Community College

Map



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2014 Annual Michigan Rail Conference Organizers:





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3rd Annual Michigan Rail Conference

Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI

August 19 - 20th, 2015

Welcome



A special greeting from conference co-chairs:

We're pleased to welcome you to the Michigan Rail Conference. We're also excited to introduce Grand Rapids as the third host city for the conference, as we believe that recent rail development in the region provides a perfect setting toward continuing dialog on the future of Michigan's rail transportation system.

Based on the positive feedback on last year's conference topics and format, we have sustained our panel-oriented structure for the sessions and we hope that it facilitates an active dialog between the audience and presenters. Some of the topics covered today have already been touched in two earlier conferences, but we're especially excited to include new areas in this year's program, including rolling stock trends and transportation challenges beyond the boundaries of rail transportation.

As always, we are deeply indebted to our speakers for volunteering their time and expertise and to our Conference Planning Committee that included several new members (please review the names on the last page of the program). We would like to thank Grand Valley State University for hosting the event, Experience Grand Rapids for providing their local expertise for the preparations, and our industry stakeholders for providing their facilities for field visits. We'd also like to recognize Dave Nelson and his team from Michigan Tech, who handled all key logistics and coordination for the conference. Finally, we would like to recognize our industry sponsors, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the U.S Department of Transportation through the National University Rail Center (NURail). Without their financial support, we could not have organized the conference while keeping the registration fees at a minimum.

If the best way to success is increased knowledge, we strongly believe that today's discussions on rail transportation systems and related technologies, challenges and advances are a step to right direction. Since we can only address a limited number of topics in a single day, we will "stay on track" toward our ultimate vision; making the Michigan Rail Conference the primary rail event for the State of Michigan. We hope you enjoy the 3rd Annual Michigan Rail Conference and we hope even more that you'll return next year to the 4th Annual Michigan Rail Conference, in Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula!

Welcome to the conference!

- Nikkie Johnson and Pasi Lautala

Michigan Rail Conference Field Visit | August 19th

1:00 – 4:30 PM | See back page for schedule

Michigan Rail Conference Technical Program | August 20th

7:30 – 8:00 AM | Breakfast

8:00 – 8:15 AM | Welcome & Safety Briefing

Pasi Lautala

Assistant Professor & Director, Rail Transportation Program, Michigan Tech Univ.

Nikkie Johnson

Freight Rail Economic Development & Operations Program Manager, MDOT

8:15 – 8:30 AM | Welcome from Visiting Dignitaries

State Senator Peter MacGregor
Senate District 28

State Representative Winnie Brinks
House District 76

8:30 – 10:00 AM | Plenary Session – Gathering Momentum, Challenges and Opportunities Before Us

<p>Polly Kent Michigan DOT Intermodal Policy Division Administrator "Transportation Funding Picture"</p>	<p>David Austin Analyst, Congressional Budget Office, Microeconomic Studies Division "Pricing Freight Transport to Account for External Costs"</p>	<p>Andy Doctoroff Special Projects Advisor, Office of Governor Snyder "Statewide Logistics and Supply Chain Asset Study"</p>
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10:00 – 10:15 AM | Break

10:15 – 11:30 AM | Plenary Panel Discussion – Railroad-Highway Grade Crossings

<p>Curtis Stewart Education Chairman, Michigan Operation Lifesaver "OLS Perspective"</p>	<p>Kris Foondle Local Crossing Project Manager, MDOT Office of Rail "State DOT Perspective"</p>	<p>Stephen Klinger Highway Crossing Signal Engineer, NS Railroad "Class 1 Perspective"</p>	<p>John Chipala Chief Engineer, WATCO Ann Arbor Railroad "Short Line Perspective"</p>	<p>David Nelson Senior Research Engineer, Michigan Tech "Crossing Research in the U.S."</p>
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11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Networking Lunch and Keynote Speaker – Mr. Joe Szabo

Executive Director
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
"Strengthening the Region's Rail Network"



1:00 – 2:30 PM | Breakout Sessions* #1 – Railroad Shipper Panel

<p>Brian Brink Vice President, Brink Farms "Agri-Business Perspective"</p>	<p>TBD CHS/Hamilton Farm "Agricultural Co-operative"</p>	<p>Nikkie Johnson Economic Development & Freight Operations PM "Rail Related Economic Development"</p>
<p>Randy Warner North American Logistics Supervisor at Amway "Local Shipper Perspective"</p>	<p>I. Howard Smith Wayne County Community College District Rail Program Faculty "Auto Industry Perspective"</p>	

1:00 – 2:30 PM | Breakout Sessions #2 – Passenger Rail

<p>Joe McAndrew Policy Director, Transportation for America "US Trends in Passenger Rail"</p>	<p>Michael Benham Special Assistant for Strategic Planning, Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority "North South Commuter Rail"</p>	<p>Kathy Waters American Public Transportation Association "APTA Perspective"</p>	<p>David Simpson Chair, TRB Committee on Intercity Passenger Rail "TRB Rail Perspective"</p>
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2:30 – 2:45 PM | Break

2:45 – 4:15 PM | Breakout Sessions* #3 – Trends in Rolling Stock

<p>Mark Duve Mechanical Engineer of Locomotive Design, NS Railroad "Trends in Power"</p>	<p>Tom Klimek VP Marketing, Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad "Freight Car Manufacturing in Michigan"</p>	<p>Matt Keck Senior Sales Representative, The Andersons "Car Owner Perspective"</p>	<p>Josh Coran Director of Operations, Talgo Inc. "Passenger Rolling Stock"</p>	<p>Larry Salci Management Consultant – Transportation "Passenger Fleet Overview"</p>
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2:45 – 4:15 PM | Breakout Sessions* #4 – Rail Advocacy Groups, Challenges and Opportunities

<p>Larry Krieg Chair, Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers "MARP Perspective"</p>	<p>Jennifer Kalczuk Chair APTA Marketing and Communications Committee "APTA Perspective"</p>	<p>Michael Lamb Friends of WALLY "Friends Perspective"</p>	<p>Larry Lloyd State Director for Michigan, GoRail "Freight Rail Advocacy"</p>	<p>Jim Bruckbauer Policy Specialist, Groundwork Center for Resilient Communities "Traverse City By Train?"</p>
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4:15 – 4:30 PM | Break

4:30 – 5:00 PM | Closing Session

<p>Rick Chapla VP, Strategic Initiatives, The Right Place "Closing Thoughts from Grand Rapids"</p>	<p>Wrap-Up, Feedback and 2016 Conference Discussion by Conference Chair</p>
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5:00 – 6:00 PM | Networking Reception

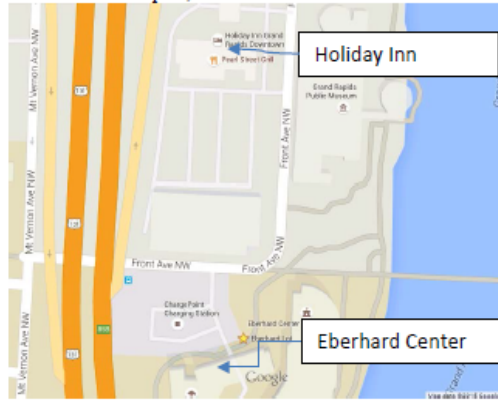
brief presentations followed by panel discussion

Field Trip Schedule | August 19th

- 1:00 PM | Depart - Front of Eberhard Center
 - 1:05 PM | Fulton Street Grade Crossing Project
 - 1:30 PM | Steel Pro, Grand Rapids Steel Distribution Facility
 - 2:10 PM | AMTRAK Station and the Rapid Central Station
 - 3:15 PM | Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing
 - 3:30 PM | Grand Elk Terminal Facilities
 - 4:30 PM | Return to Eberhard Center
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Conference Location:

Eberhard Center
 Grand Valley State University
 301 West Fulton
 Grand Rapids, MI 49504



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4th Annual Michigan Rail Conference
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
August 17—18, 2016

Welcome



A Special Greeting from the Conference Co-Chairs:

We're excited to welcome you to the 4th Annual Michigan Rail Conference and it is our privilege to bring our conference to the beautiful Marquette in the Upper Peninsula (UP) of Michigan. While UP is today probably most notorious of its nature and beauty, rail transportation has and continues to form an important part of transportation network.

This year's conference will continue its action-packed schedule and versatile array of topics that includes a specific UP twist. We also recognize and highlight the connection between rail transportation and other modes, as well as its importance as part of the economic development.

Despite our remote location from metropolitan areas, we have a stunning group of speakers, who volunteer their time and expertise in expanding the understanding of rail transportation in state. We are also greatly in debt to the members of our Conference Planning Committee that its work for organizing this year's conference as soon as 2015 conference was completed and to Dave Nelson and his team from Michigan Tech whose sound coordination turns all the pieces into a complete conference experience. Northern Michigan University (NMU) has been an excellent partner in setting up the event, but perhaps the greatest thank you goes to our sponsors and field visit hosts, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), and the U.S Department of Transportation through the National University Rail Center (NURail). It is this support that allows us to keep the conference costs down, making it available to a great range of stakeholders.

As conference co-chairs, we believe that Michigan Rail Conference provides an important platform to continue the development of rail transportation in Michigan. We are confident that you'll find the day of discussions captivating and we hope that following field visits can demonstrate the importance of rail transportation in the UP. We also hope that you take the information and message from the conference and use it in your daily activities to educate others in the aspects related to rail transportation, and to guide the discussions related to the topic.....and more than anything else, we hope we will also see you in the 5th Annual Michigan Rail Conference.

Welcome to the conference!

Michigan Rail Conference Technical Program | August 17th

7:15 – 7:45 AM	Breakfast & Registration	(Lakes Rooms)
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Welcome & Safety Briefing	(Lakes Rooms)
Pasi Lautala Assistant Professor & Director – Rail Transportation Program, Michigan Tech		Nikkie Johnson Freight Rail Economic Development & Operations Program Manager, MDOT
8:15 – 8:30 AM	Welcome from Visiting Dignitaries	(Lakes Rooms)
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Plenary Session – Future of Rail in Michigan	(Lakes Rooms)
Moderator: Nick Little, Michigan State University		
Tim Hoeffner Director, MDOT Office of Rail "State Perspective"	Keith Borman VP & General Consul, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association "Freight Rail Perspective"	Ray Lang Chief – State Government Relations, Amtrak "Passenger Perspective"
9:45 – 10:00 AM	Break	(Vendor Area, Lakes Rooms)
10:00 – 11:15 AM	Plenary Panel Discussion – Preserving, Maintaining and Enhancing Michigan Rail Assets	(Lakes Rooms)
Moderator: Nikkie Johnson, MDOT		
Libby Ogard President, PrimeFocus LLC "Financing Rail Infrastructure Improvements"	Pasi Lautala Assistant Professor & Director – Rail Transportation Program, Michigan Tech "Michigan Infrastructure Commission/ Supply Chain Commission"	Leslie Blakey President, Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors "FAST Act Impacts"
Kris Foondle Project Manager MDOT Office of Rail "New Crossing Surface Program"		

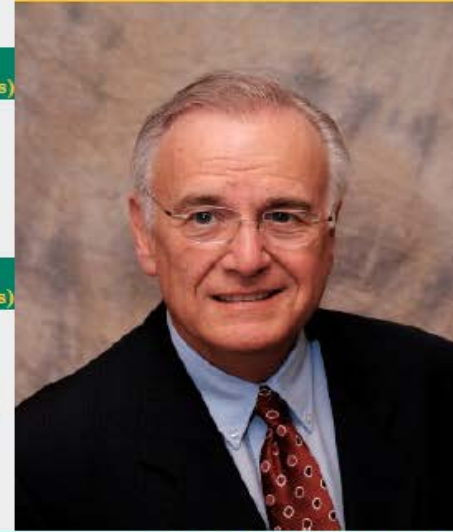
11:15 AM – 12:45 PM Networking Lunch and Keynote Speaker (Lakes Rooms)

Introduction by: Jeff Ratcliffe, Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance

Mr. Tom Baldini

Member – Board of Trustees, Michigan Tech
"Last 30 Years of U.P. (Economic) Development"

Mr. Tom Baldini
Board of Trustees, Michigan Tech



12:45 – 2:00 PM Breakout Session #1A – UP Rail Operators (Lakes Rooms)

Moderator: David Nelson, Michigan Tech

Brian Buchanan

Manager Network Strategies
CN Railroad

Tom Klimek

Vice President – Marketing
Escanaba & Lake Superior (E&S) Railroad

Clint Jones

President
Mineral Range Railroad

12:45 – 2:00 PM Breakout Session #1B – Passenger Operations In an Era of Lean Public Investment (Pioneer Rooms)

Moderator: Kajal Ravani, Trans4M

Chad Cushman

VP – Business
Indian Trails, Inc.
"Amtrak Thruway in the UP: Private Operators Providing Public Service"

Chris Bagwell

Executive VP and General Manager
Great Lakes Central Railroad
"GLCR: Restoring Passenger Service in Northern Lower Michigan"

Larry Krieg

Chairman, Mich Assoc of Rail Passengers
"Michigan Passenger Rail Overview"

Frank Loetterle, PhD, AICP

Project Manager—Passenger Rail Office,
Minnesota DOT
"Northern Lights Express"

2:00 – 2:15 PM Break (Vendor Area, Lakes Rooms)

2:15 – 3:30 PM Breakout Sessions #2A – UP Shippers (Lakes Rooms)

Moderator: Libby Ogard, Prime Focus, LLC

Jake Hayrynen

Forest Products Manager
JM Longyear

Joe Petrocik

Transportation Coordinator
Eagle Mine, Lundin Mining

Scott Robbins

Director of SFI and Forest Policy
Michigan Forest Products Council

2:15 – 3:30 PM Breakout Sessions* #2B – Economic Development (Pioneer Rooms)

Moderator: Shasta Duffey, Watco Companies

Gabe Meyer

Attorney/Advisor
Surface Transportation Board
"New Developments in Rail/Trail/Rail"

Mike Logan

Vice President – Mechanical Engineering
Escanaba & Lake Superior Railroad
"Rolling Stock Rehab/Modification"

Wendy Gehlhoff

Director
Florence County Economic Development
"Rail Development in Rural MI/WI (Northwoods Rail Transit Commission)"

Jodi Heath

Shortline Development Manager, Norfolk Southern
"Class I Railroad Perspective"

3:30 – 3:45 PM Break (Vendor Area, Lakes Rooms)

3:45 – 5:00 PM Breakout Sessions* #3A – UP Tech Companies Supporting the Rail Industry (Lakes Rooms)

Moderator: Aaron Dean, Michigan Tech

Justin LaCrosse

Project Engineer, GS Engineering

Steve Mattson

President, GLSV Inc.

Phil LaTendresse

Engineering Manager, Pettibone Traverse Lift, LLC

Glen Barna

President, IR Telemetry Inc.

3:45 – 5:00 PM Breakout Sessions* #3B – Shortline Operations (Pioneer Rooms)

Moderator: Alex Lakenen, Michigan Tech

Keith Borman

VP & General Counsel, American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association
"ASLRRA Perspective"

Richard Kedzior

Railroad Programs Specialist, Wisconsin DOT
"State of Wisconsin Experience"

John Rickoff

CEO, Lake State Railway
"Michigan Railroads Association (MRA)"

Shasta Duffey

V.P. Marketing & Sales, Watco Companies
"Shortline Holding Company"

5:00 – 5:30 PM Closing Session (Lakes Rooms)

Wrap-Up by Conference Chair, Pasi Lautala
Conference Feedback and Next Conference Discussion

5:30 – 6:30 PM Social Period & Student Posters

6:30 – 8:00 PM Dinner and Keynote Speaker (Lakes Rooms)

Introduction by: Libby Ogard, Prime Focus, LLC

Mr. Frank Patton

Managing Partner, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.

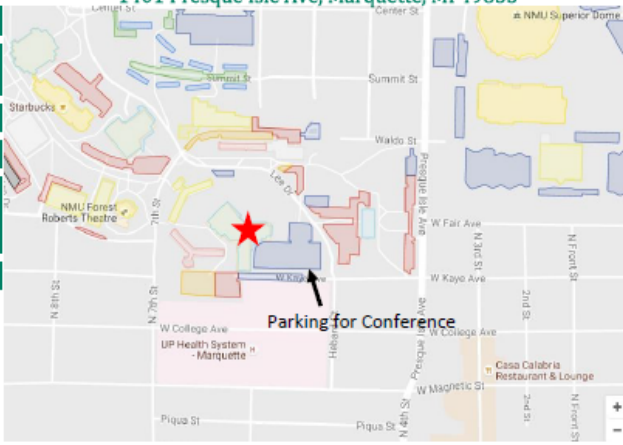
Mr. Frank Patton
Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.



Field Visit| August 18th (preregistration Required)

Conference Location: University Center, NMU
1401 Presque Isle Ave, Marquette, MI 49855

TIME	DETAILS
7:15 am - 7:30 am	Departure from Marquette (depending on location)
8:10 am - 9:30 am	Humboldt Mill and Mineral Range
10:00 am - 11:20 am	KI Sawyer & Potlatch
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Escanaba Visits (E&LS Car Shop, CN Yard/Rotary Dumper, Delta Manufacturing)
4:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Return to Marquette



**Times are estimated, visits done in assigned subgroups

Driving Directions to the University Center, NMU

- Once in Marquette, follow the signs for "Downtown Marquette"
- Once on W. Washington St, turn North onto N. 4th Street (opposite Little Caesar's)
- N. 4th Street becomes Presque Isle Ave.
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