

Ag Transportation Summit: Transportation Capacity – Overcoming the Challenges

August 4-5, 2015, Rosemont, IL

Hosted by: National Grain and Feed Association, Soy Transportation Coalition, and U.S. Department of Agriculture

Program

Tuesday, August 4: 8 am – 6 pm

8:00 am – 8:30 am: Welcome & Announcements

8:30 – 9:15 am: Keynote Address

Presenter: Senior USDA official

9:15 – 10:45 am: **Addressing the Capacity Challenge of Increased Demand for Rail Freight**

Panelists:

- **John Miller**, Group Vice President, Agricultural Products, BNSF Railway (**confirmed**)
- **Katherine Bosworth**, Vice President, National Customer Service Center, Union Pacific Railroad (**confirmed**)
- **Tim McNulty**: Director, Ag Marketing, CSX Transportation (**confirmed**)
- **Pat Simonic**, Director of Marketing, Grain Products, Norfolk Southern Railway (**invited**)
- **Mike Mohan**: Assistant Vice President, Grain, Canadian National Railway (**confirmed**)
- **John Brooks**, Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Bulk Commodities, Canadian Pacific Railway (**confirmed**)

10:45 – 11 am: Break

11 am – Noon: Speaker **Rep. Sam Graves**, R-Mo., Chairman, Highways and Transit Subcommittee, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Washington, DC (**invited**)

Noon – 1 pm: Lunch

1 – 2:30 pm: Panel on Port Infrastructure and Labor

Panelists:

- Walter Kemmsies, Chief Economist, Mofatt & Nichol (**confirmed**)
- U.S. Meat Export Federation (**invited**)
- Jon Gold, National Retail Federation (**invited**)

2:30 – 3:15 pm: Update on Issues before the Surface Transportation Board

Presenter: The Honorable **Deb Miller**, Acting Chairman, Surface Transportation Board **(confirmed)**

3:15 – 3:30 pm: Break

3:30 – 4:15 pm: Featured Speaker (Richard Ornitz (McKenna, Long and Aldrich) (pros and cons of different alternative financing arrangements for transportation projects), or Paul Trombino, Director, Iowa Department of Transportation)

4:15 – 5 pm: Update on the Panama Canal Expansion

Presenter: Panama Canal Authority official

5 pm – 6 pm: Reception

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, August 5: 8 am – Noon

8 – 8:45 am: Keynote Industry Address

Featured Industry Speaker: **(invited)**

8:45 – 10 am: Panel on Surface Transportation

Panelists:

- **Jon Samson**: Executive Director, Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference, American Trucking Associations **(confirmed)**
- National Association of Counties official

10 – 10:15 am: Break

10:15 – 11:15 am: Panel on Inland Waterways

Moderator: **Rick Calhoun**: President, Cargo Carriers; Chairman, NGFA Waterborne Commerce Committee **(confirmed)**

Panelists:

- Barge company official (Ingram) **(invited)**
- Illinois Corn Growers Association Representative **(confirmed)**

11:15 am – Noon: Closing Speaker (Richard Ornitz, or Paul Trombino)

Noon: Summit Concludes

Noon-3:30 p.m.: NGFA Rail Shipper/Receiver Committee meeting

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