



## Association of Transportation Law Professionals 2026 Transportation Forum XXII

Washington, D.C. – STB Hearing Room  
January 28, 2026

**Opening Remarks: 9:25 AM - 9:30 AM**

**First Impressions of the UP/NS Merger Application: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

*Description:* Panelists will provide their first impressions on the UP/NS merger application, including the strength of the applicants' arguments as well as potential opposition.

*Moderator:* Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine

*Panelists:*

- Roger Nober, Director of the GW Regulatory Studies Center and Professor of Practice of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University
- Anthony Hatch, Senior Transportation Analyst, ABH Consulting.

**Economic Outlook for the Transportation Sector: 10:30 AM– 11:00 AM**

*Description:* This panel will review recent economic and financial performance across sectors of the transportation industry and present investor perceptions and expectations for future performance.

*Moderator:* Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine

*Panelists:* Thomas Wadewitz, Senior Equity Research Analyst, UBS

**Break: 11:00 AM – 11:10 AM**

**Meet the Surface Transportation Board Members: 11:10 AM – Noon**

*Description:* During this panel, the Board Members will talk about the challenges facing the Board, its direction, and answer questions from the audience

*Moderator:* Onika Williams, Steptoe

*Panelists:*

- *Chairman Patrick Fuchs*
- *Member Karen Hedlund*
- *Member Michelle Schultz*



**Lunch by Individual Arrangement: Noon – 1:00 PM**

**Meet the STB Directors: 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM**

*Description:* The Board Members are supported by five offices that provide legal advice, draft decisions, and represent the agency in court; undertake environmental review; perform economic analysis; facilitate public interaction with the Members; and manage the agency's physical and technological needs. This panel will introduce the heads of these offices, and they will provide an overview of how their offices function and any new developments in their respective fields.

*Moderator:* Theodore Hunt, Dentons

*Panelists:*

- *Anika Cooper, Chief Counsel, Office of Chief Counsel*
- *Danielle Gosselin, Director, Office of Environmental Analysis*
- *Frank O'Connor, Acting Director, Office of Economics*
- *Janie Sheng, Director, Office of Public Affairs, Government Affairs, and Compliance*
- *Rachel Campbell, Director, Office of the Managing Director*

**Current Issues in Trucking Regulation and Litigation: 1:45 PM – 2:15 PM**

*Description:* Rich Pianka from the American Trucking Associations will identify and discuss current regulatory and litigation matters affecting the trucking industry.

*Moderator:* Kristine Little

*Speaker:* Richard Pianka, General Counsel, American Trucking Associations

**BREAK: 2:15 PM – 2:25 PM**

**Legislative Update 2:25 PM - 3:00 PM**

*Description:* House staff will provide updates on recent transportation legislation and legislative priorities.

*Moderator:* Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine

*Speaker:* Mark Ratto, Staff Director, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure

**Transportation Forum Adjournment: 3:00 PM**

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