



Association of Transportation Law Professionals

2026 Transportation Forum XXII

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

Opening Remarks: 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

Meet the STB Directors: 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

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*

BREAK: 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM



Meet the Surface Transportation Board Members: 11:00 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 – 1:15 PM

Economic Outlook for the Transportation Sector: 1:15 PM– 1:45 PM

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

Moderator: Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine

Panelists: Thomas Wadewitz, UBS

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

First Impressions of the UP/NS Merger Application: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Description: Panelist will provide their first impressions on the UP/NS merger application, including the strength of 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

BREAK: 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM

Transportation regulatory outlook under the Trump Administration (DOT, FRA, FMCSA, PHMSA, FMC) 3:45 PM - 4:40 PM

Description: Leaders from transportation regulatory agencies will provide an update on their regulatory priorities.

Moderator: Kristine Little, Holland & Knight

Panelists:

- TBD

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Whitlow's at the Wharf (formerly the Brighton)*



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