

AGENDA - Wednesday, April 8

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome |
| 8:45 a.m. | View From the Gateway – U.S. West Coast Panel Gene Seroka, Port of Los Angeles Jeff Bellerud, Northwest Seaport Alliance |
| 9:30 a.m. | Featured Speaker: Patrick Fuchs, Surface Transportation Board Introduced by Illinois Soybean Association |
| 10 a.m. | Road Transportation Panel: The Underfunded Highway Trust Fund, Increasing Road Weights and Other Priorities Brett Bennett, Calhoun Truck Lines Todd Main, Illinois Soybean Association Max Fisher, National Grain and Feed Association Introduced by South Dakota Soybean Research & Promotion Council |
| 10:40 a.m. | Featured Speaker: Anthony Fisher, U.S. Maritime Administration Introduced by Wisconsin Soybean Marketing Board |
| 11:15 a.m. | Instability of Port ERDs: An Analysis Vijay Harrell, TradeLanes |
| 11:45 a.m. | Digital Freight, Data Sharing and Legal Risk in the Value-Added Supply Chain Panel Carlos Pozuelo, Barnes & Thornburg Ashley Craig, Venable LLP |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch - MJ Restaurant North (2nd Floor) |
| 1:15 p.m. | The Cost of Business on the St. Lawrence Seaway: A Great Lakes Transportation Cost Comparative from the Vessel View Sten Konst, Spliethoff Introduced by Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation |
| 1:45 p.m. | Inland Waterways Funding & Grants Libby Ogard, Prime Focus LLC Travis Black, U.S. Maritime Administration Introduced by Minnesota Soybean Research & Promotion Council |
| 2:15 p.m. | Networking Break |
| 2:30 p.m. | Intermodal Transportation: Investments and Opportunity, Barriers and State of the Railroads Larry Lloyd, CPKC |
| 3:15 p.m. | Transloading Panel: Rethinking Export Resiliency Dwight Robinson, LA Grain Ted Prince, Tri-Cities Intermodal Danielle Adams, Pasha Logistics |
| 4 p.m. | Shortline Panel: Issues, Threats and Opportunities for Class II and Class III Mark Wegner, Twin Cities Western Railroad Andy Bradfield, Iowa Interstate Railroad |
| 4:30 p.m. | Day 1 Summary and Closing Remarks Gary Williams, U.S. IP Alliance Jennifer Schneider, Competitive Shipping Action Team chair |
| 5:30 p.m. | Reception - King Arthur Court (3rd Floor) |

AGENDA - Thursday, April 9

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| 9 a.m. | Welcome |
| 9:15 a.m. | The Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Priorities, Needs and Opportunities Mike McCoshen, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation |
| 9:30 a.m. | Operating the St. Lawrence Seaway to Benefit All Peter Hirthe, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation Ken Carey, St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation |
| 10 a.m. | Featured Speaker: Max Vekich, Federal Maritime Commission |
| 10:30 a.m. | BNSF Intermodal Transportation Investments and Opportunities, Barriers, State of the Railroads Lindsay Claycamp, BNSF |
| 11 a.m. | Great Lakes Ports, Investments and Growth Panel Jody Peacock, Ports of Indiana Brian Oszakiewski, American Great Lakes Ports Association Erik Varela, Illinois International Port District |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1 p.m. | Preparing for 2027: Peak Season and Other Trends Ahead from the "Other Side of the Haul – Imports" Jonathan Gold, National Retailers Federation |
| 1:30 p.m. | The UP & NS Merger: The Transcontinental Railway Reed Janousek, Union Pacific |
| 2 p.m. | Closing Comments |

