

**WEBINAR**

# RAIL INDUSTRY GROWTH FOR INCREASED LONG-TERM PROFITABILITY

University of Delaware and  
California State University, Fresno  
Thursday, October 8, 2020



The webinar considers needed changes in policies, business decisions and type of freight hauled for railroads to thrive in a changing environment. Policies and business decisions are explored that can lead to growth by adapting to changing markets. Higher value freight is more profitable but will require increased track capacity to compete with trucks for express

freight service. How may this be financed if public-private partnerships are envisioned? This webinar is designed for railway economists and financial analysts, railway infrastructure, rolling stock and technology specialists, shippers, suppliers, and those in the legislative and executive branches of state and federal government who deal with freight and passenger railway issues.

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## AGENDA (all times are Eastern Standard)

10:30–10:40 a.m.	Introduction
10:40–11:30 a.m.	How is Passenger Rail Affected in a Precision Scheduled Railroading Environment?— <i>John Green, P.E., Ph.D., Professor, California State University, Fresno</i>
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Precision Scheduled Railroading and Positive Train Control: How they relate to one another— <i>Steven Ditmeyer, Principal, Transportation Technology and Economics</i>
12:30–1 p.m.	Webinar break
1–2 p.m.	Roads in the Fork: Railroads 2020 and Beyond— <i>Anthony Hatch, ABH Consulting</i>
2–3 p.m.	Pathways to Passenger Rail Growth— <i>Dennis Newman, Executive Vice President, Amtrak</i>
3–4 p.m.	Risk Assessment for Rail Freight— <i>James Blaze, Consultant, Railroad Economist</i>
4–4:30 p.m.	Meeting Engineering Challenges of Mixed Passenger and Freight Traffic— <i>Steven Chrismer, P.E., Ph.D., Principal Engineer, Amtrak—Retired</i>
4:30–5 p.m.	Group Discussion—Answering questions from audience

