

**FRED
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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

As a matter of nomination for the Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC), I, Crystal Blasius, Director of Safety Investigations for Amtrak, hereby nominate **Mr. Fred Mattison** to represent either Amtrak or serve as an at-large representative.

Mr. Mattison's experience:

- Currently serving as:
 - **Amtrak-**
 - System Road Foreman of Engines
 - Road Foreman Instructor
 - System 217.9 Operational Oversight Manager
 - 240 / 242 Certification Officer
 - Tenant Operations Oversight Manager
 - Senior Manager for Regulatory Compliance
 - Chief Accident Investigator
 - Subject Matter Expert Event and Video recorders
 - Dept lead for ALC-42 and Acela 21
 - Qualified Locomotive Engineer and Conductor with active BLE rights
 - **Strasburg Railroad** – Excursion passenger steam railroad

- Qualified Locomotive Engineer and Conductor-
 - Designated Supervisor of Locomotive Engineers-
 - Rules Instructor
- **NORAC**
 - Chairman of Rules Committee
- Formerly Served as:
 - **NJ Transit**
 - Senior Director PTC
 - System T&E Compliance Officer
 - System Rail Equipment Manager
 - Senior Road Foreman of Engines
 - Locomotive Engineer
 - **Conrail**
 - Locomotive Engineer

The depth and breadth of knowledge, skill, insight, and effort **Mr. Mattison** puts into every facet and nuance of his responsibilities has been nothing short of phenomenal across his 25 years of experience. From the latest and greatest locomotive Amtrak has to offer to a steam engine built over 100 years ago, he's not only able to operate both the ALC-42, Strasburg's 475 and everything in between, he also willingly trains others on how to do the same. With his wide scope and understanding of the nuances of passenger service not only on the Northeast Corridor but across all of Amtrak (he actively maintains qualifications across the entire system), his unique perspective and deep connections across Amtrak and the industry, **Mr. Mattison** is a natural fit either as a representative for Amtrak or the At-Large Position with the PRAC especially with his level of dedication to the craft and industry as a whole.

I have personally spoken with **Mr. Mattison** and he has agreed that he is willing to serve as a member of PRAC in the representative capacity for which he is chosen.

I believe **Mr. Mattison** an excellent fit for the PRAC based on his background, wide range of experience, and deep desire to improve the entire industry not just here at Amtrak.

Sincerely,

Crystal Blasius

Director of Safety Investigations

Operation Lifesaver Authorized Volunteer

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