

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No EP 774 (Sub-No. 1), Notice of establishment of a Federal advisory committee on passenger rail service.

Nomination of Ty Dragoo of Kansas to the PRAC

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I write to express my willingness to serve as a member of the newly formed PRAC. As you know, the PRAC will consist of 18 voting members who comprise a balanced representation of individuals knowledgeable regarding passenger rail transportation, freight rail transportation, commuter rail operations, and public transportation policy.

I seek nomination to one of the three at-large positions. I have listed the responses, in order below, per the five requirements for nomination.

“(1) the name, position, and business contact information of the candidate to include email address and phone number; (2) the interest the candidate will represent; (3) a summary of the candidate’s experience and qualifications for the position; (4) a representation that the candidate is willing to serve as a member of the PRAC; and, (5) a statement that the candidate agrees to serve in a representative capacity.”

- (1) Ty E Dragoo, Director, Kansas Legislative Board SMART, email ty@smartks.org, phone 785-817-9607
- (2) Representing citizens of Kansas and the Midwest for passenger rail connectivity & Labor.
- (3) A 20-year career in the railroad industry, hired on as a switchman for Union Pacific Railroad in 2005. Currently serves as the legislative representative of Local 1503 in Marysville, Kansas. Currently serves as the Kansas legislative director for SMART and the National Chairman of State Directors in SMART. I have been instrumental in many legislative processes in the Kansas rail industry, such as rail stakeholder inclusion on the Statewide Transportation Plan and direct involvement in legislation entering Kansas into the Midwest Interstate Passenger

Rail Commission (MIPRC) And qualifying the Heartland Flyer Extension for recognition in the Corridor ID program.

- (4) I am fully committed and willing to serve as a member of the PRAC at the pleasure of the board.
- (5) I agree to serve in a representative capacity to the PRAC.

Mr. Chairman, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve, regardless of whether I am selected. I look forward to the excellent work from the committee, which will enhance passenger rail service for our nation.

If I can further assist, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ty Dragoo", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Ty Dragoo

CC: The Honorable Karen J. Hedlund, Vice Chair

The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs

The Honorable Michelle A. Schultz

The Honorable Robert E. Primus