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Freight Rail Day held in Green Bay

The Wisconsin Railroad Association welcomed nearly 100 industry stakeholders for its 10th annual Freight Rail Day in Green Bay on Wednesday, October 19th.

The annual event, held this year at historic Lambeau Field, serves as a great opportunity for industry stakeholders to network with peers, learn about emerging issues, and share industry developments.

Following opening remarks by Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, Wisconsin Railroad Commissioner Yash Wadhwa provided an update on the work he's done at OCR since being appointed to the post by Governor Walker in January of this year.

Other speakers included Lisa Stern, with the state Department of Transportation, who provided an update on efforts to increase access to public lands boarding private railroad property, followed by Freight Transportation Analyst Tony Hatch, who presented on the various modes of freight transport and discussed the economic outlook for the rail industry.

State Senator Van Wanggaard, Chair of the Senate Public Safety Committee, also addressed attendees, highlighting the importance of the freight rail industry in the state, while speaking to a number of public policy issues, including the importance of rail safety.

"Freight Rail Day serves as a great opportunity for stakeholders to gather each year to discuss recent developments in an industry that plays a key role in our state's economy. I was pleased to provide a legislative perspective on a wide range of issues, including the importance of safety for pedestrians and drivers around railroad tracks," said state Sen. Van Wanggaard.

WRA would like to thank event attendees, sponsors, and speakers, including Green Bay Mayor Jim Schmitt, Commissioner Yash Wadhwa, Lisa Stern, Tony Hatch, and state Senator Van Wanggaard for making the day a success.

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