

Advanced Energy Innovation in the Freight Rail Industry

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About BNSF Railway

Berkshire Hathaway company

- ~37,000 employees
- ~ 7,500 locomotives
- Operates an average of 1,200 trains/day

We Move the Economy:

- **1.2M** carloads of agricultural commodities
- **5.04M** intermodal shipments
- 2.5M new cars and trucks
- **3.1M** carloads of industrial products

Our Network:

- 32,500 route miles in 28 states and 3 Canadian provinces
- Serves 40+ ports
- 27 intermodal facilities







Context

Understanding panelists' perspectives on the barriers and opportunities in decarbonization of the national freight system, specifying unique challenges and opportunities for their sector of expertise, and identifying how the federal government could support and partner to overcome these barriers and take advantage of the opportunities they see.



Decarbonization of the national freight system

Transportation accounts for 28% of US GHGs¹

Rail equates to less than 2% of Transportation GHG emissions (i.e. less than 0.6% of US GHGs)¹

Freight rail is the most fuel-efficient way to move freight over land, moving one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on a gallon of fuel

All Class Is have committed to emissions reduction goals

1. US E.P.A. "Fast Facts - U.S. Transportation Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions: 1990 –2022." https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-05/420f24022.pdf

2022 U.S. GHG Emissions by Sector











BNSF Railway "30x30" Emissions Reduction Goal

BNSF Emissions Reduction by Year







Unique challenges...for their sector

- 6 Class I Railroads
- Nearly 140,000-mile network
- Private capital to maintain, upgrade and expand
- 23k+ locomotives and over 1.6M freight cars¹
- ~200MWh of on-board energy per locomotive
- Geographic, environmental, and operational diversity
- Multiple federal regulators
- Fully interoperable

1. Bureau of Transportation Statistics. "Class I Rail Freight Fuel Consumption and Travel." https://www.bts.gov/content/class-i-rail-freight-fuel-consumption-and-travel





U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration





U.S. Department of Transportation **Pipeline and Hazardous Materials** Safety Administration



Unique...opportunities for their sector

> Accounts for 40% of long-distance ton-miles

- Cleanest form of land transportation
- Connector between multiple modes of transportation
- Modal shift drives immediate emissions reductions
- Technological innovation drives safety and efficiency
- Collaboration through innovation





Federal Government Support and Partnership



Pathway to Progress

• Regulations have driven lower emissions over the past 30 years

Innovation has the potential for continued reductions

Investment in "clean combustion" technology provides near-term opportunity

Example: Potential Pathways for Lower

Carbon Combustion*

