



King County

RAIL SECTION TIMES

DOT METRO—LINK LIGHT RAIL NEWS



Director of Rail Operations Update

We are half way through 2018 and it has been a busy year for our Rail Section. The ongoing transition of King County Metro from division to department (d2D) and Rail from section to division (s2d) has been a major project involving all levels of our organization. To date, a reorganization of King County Metro’s leadership has been drafted and is pending King County Executive and King County Council approval. In the months ahead, we will seek out additional opportunities for positive organizational change for Rail work groups and positions with a goal of implementing changes by January 2019. We want this process to be transparent to all and will ensure there are

avenues to keep you informed and for you to have a say. We will be reaching out to each group for input in the near future. This is an exciting time for us at Rail to grow, to think creatively, and to do things we haven’t done before. I encourage all of you to join in the transformation.

In addition to the section to division project, we are also near to completing our Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Sound Transit. The IGA is currently in review by both King County Metro General Manager Rob Gannon and Sound Transit CEO Peter Rogoff. The next step will be a review by the legal teams of King County and Sound Transit. The King County Council and Sound Transit Board of Directors will grant final approval of the IGA in Fall 2018. We will announce the details of the IGA, such as length of the agreement, as soon as the current review step is complete.

In other news, the American Public Transportation Association named King County Metro the best large transit system in North America. This award highlights Metro’s achievements in ridership, safety, access, customer service, financial management, commitment to equity, and sustainability. The association

previously named Metro for this award in 1983 and 1992. Our Rail Section plays an important role in Metro operations and we should all be proud of this accomplishment. There will be a celebration hosted by King County Executive Dow Constantine in early September to thank Metro employees, partners, and passengers. Executive Dow Constantine and Metro General Manager Rob Gannon will receive the Outstanding Public Transportation System of the Year award on September 25, 2018.

I would also like to take a moment to congratulate our rail rodeo team, consisting of King County and Sound Transit employees, on their performance at the international American Public Transportation Association (APTA) Rail Rodeo. Their 5th place finish demonstrates the skill and professionalism of our employees and their commitment to excellence and safe practices in all they do.

Looking to the future, there are a few significant events that will occur in the next few months. The new Siemens trains may join our fleet as early as Fall 2018. They will then require testing prior to going into revenue service in



2019. In March 2019, buses will leave the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel (DSTT) improving the timeliness and efficiency of Rail operations. Rail supervisors will take control of the DSTT after the buses depart and other changes, related to maintenance and facilities work, are still in discussion between King County and Sound Transit. Additionally, the Link Control Center (LCC) will move to the OMF once the buses are out of the tunnel. The relocation of the LCC will likely occur in the Fall 2019 pending the OMF remodel planned for January through July of 2019.

Overall, 2018 continues to be a busy year for Rail. I hope that we maintain our high level of performance and always look for opportunities to improve.

— Michael Avery

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2018 APTA Rodeo and BBQ

The 2018 International Rail Rodeo was held in Denver, CO from June 7-10, 2018. Every year the International Rail Rodeo is held in a different city and tests the skills of both operators and maintainers as they compete for top honors.

This year the Rail Operator team was represented by Bryan Mathews from LINK Light Rail and Jonathan Pulido from Tacoma Link. The Rail Maintainer Team was represented by Electro-Mechanics Adam LaZerte and Jesse Frank from LINK Light Rail and Ryan Reynold from Tacoma Link.

For the Mechanics and Operators combined, LINK ranked 5th out of 18 teams competing. Separately, the Operators ranked 5th out of 18 teams and the Electro-Mechanics ranked 7th out of 18 teams.

The Electro-Mechanics were judged on 11 events and the LINK team won 1st place in the

Electric Coupler event. The Operators accomplished 100% in two events – Operating Course and Customer Service. Operator Bryan Mathews came in second place with less than 33 seconds behind the #1 winner on the Operating Course, which counted for 50% of the total competition scores.

BBQs were hosted to celebrate and honor the Rodeo Team's accomplishments. Each BBQ had plenty of food and fun for everyone.

Please congratulate Adam LaZerte, Jesse Frank and Bryan Mathews for participating in the events and representing Rail at the 2018 International Rail Rodeo!

If you would like to participate on either the Operator or Maintainer Teams next June please keep an eye out for the date for the upcoming Local Rail Rodeo in October. The 2019 International Rail Rodeo will be held in Toronto, Canada so get your passport ready!



Staff eat together at the day and night BBQs held outside the MOW building to celebrate the 2018 Rail Rodeo



Jesse Frank (left) and Adam LaZerte (right) holding their 2018 APTA awards.



Bryan Mathews celebrating his 2018 APTA Rodeo performance.

2018 Bring Your Kids to Work Day

This year's Bring Your Kids to Rail Day was held on May 18, 2018. If you missed it I encourage you to attempt to attend the next event. The day was filled with great activities, such as:

- Pictures in the Operator Seat of a Light Rail Vehicle
- A creative safety presentation educating the guests about walking around Light Rail Vehicles
- A tour of the Operation and Maintenance Facility

There were also fun and creative activities provided prior to the event, including a personalized crosswords (with each kids name!), snacks, paper trains to assemble, and LRV coloring sheets. Each child was then given their own vest (borrowed for the day) and ID badge.

We toured areas of Operations such as: Dispatch, the backup Link Control Center, the SCADA and Signal Lab, and Server Room. These locations were led by Louis DiFazio who gave the younger kids things to see and some of the older ones ideas



Kevin Gumke (left) taking pictures of the kids in the Operator Seat

for future careers.

The next item on the agenda was a tour of the "OMF" Vehicle Maintenance work areas that included the Train Lift, Maintenance Pit, and a Link Light Rail Vehicle ride around the Yard where the kids got to sit inside an LRV while it went through the LRV wash. This was a highlight for some of the younger kids, seeing the soap and brushes engaging the LRV was amusing to them.

The Parents and Children went on a tour of the alignment from SODO to the newer Capitol Hill Station, enjoying some of the art work along the way, such as the tools at SODO on the bench and the hand paintings on the wall of Capitol Hill Station.

Lunch was enjoyed at the park

near Capitol Hill Station and some playing in and around the water features at the park. Luckily no one fell in the water.

The tour concluded in the Maintenance of Way shop. The group got to see fun and exciting things like trucks being high railed and an operating boom on a bucket truck. There were also site visits of a Traction Power Substation and Signal House.

It was a fun filled day for all who participated and we look forward to next years Bring your Kids to work day! Keep an eye out for promotions and information next spring if you are interested in bringing your kids to next year's event.



Group picture of all the kids attending the event. Picture taken in the OMF backup LCC.

Employee Promotions

Join us in congratulating the following employees who have had promotions since the last newsletter!

EMPLOYEE	PREVIOUS POSITION	NEW POSITION	CURRENT DEPARTMENT
Marvin (Marv) Doering	Rail Laborer	Track Maintainer	Way, Power and Signals
Jefferson Eusell	Rail Supervisor in Training (RSIT)	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations
Mackenzie Gibbons	Rail Supervisor in Training (RSIT)	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations
Paul Moutray	Electro-Mechanic Trainee	Electro-Mechanic	Vehicle Maintenance
Sean Porter	Fiscal Specialist II	Maintenance Planner Scheduler	Way, Power and Signals
Nitten Sanger	Rail Supervisor in Training (RSIT)	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations
Sam Wesolowski	Electro-Mechanic	Signal & Comm. Technician	Way, Power and Signals
Yuriy Yavorskyy	Rail Supervisor in Training (RSIT)	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations

Sean Porter's New Role



Sean Porter

With Sean's promotion he will be responsible for administering, planning, and implementing a comprehensive, accurate, and up to date maintenance program for Link's wayside assets while serving as a technical resource for the WP&S teams. Duties include developing, planning, and scheduling preventative maintenance per manufacturer recommendations; preparing, analyzing, maintaining, and publishing reports/audits for planning and scheduling activities. Sean has always filled in the gaps and is a true TEAM player!

Graduating Rail Supervisors



Yuriy Yavorskyy (left) and Mackenzie Gibbons (right)



Jefferson Eusell



Nitten Sanger

Nitten Sanger, Jefferson Eusell, Yuriy Yavorskyy and Mackenzie Gibbons all completed their Rail Supervisor in Training (RSIT) programs this summer. They passed their final tests for their coursework and finished their on-the-job training in late spring. All four of them also completed their one year probation at the end of July. Please congratulate them on their successful completion of the RSIT program and becoming Rail Operations Supervisors!

WELCOME TO KC LINK LIGHT RAIL'S NEW EMPLOYEES

Vehicle Maintenance



Tekola Dinsa
Electro-Mechanic



Chris Iiyama
Electro-Mechanic



Jesus Torres Lopez
Electro-Mechanic



Mark West
Electro-Mechanic



Masresha Alamirew
Electro-Mechanic



Ryan Chand
Electro-Mechanic



Matt O'burghlin
Electro-Mechanic



Ryan Lynch
Electro-Mechanic



Monte Claro
Rail Service Worker



Temoteo Penor
Rail Service Worker

Rail Operations



Allen Card
Light Rail Operator



James Gunter
Light Rail Operator



Nasir Khudiberdiev
Light Rail Operator



Kolby McNaught
Light Rail Operator



Bury Nhim
Light Rail Operator

Way, Power and Signals



Anthony Duchesne
Rail Electrical Worker



Rusty Powell
Rail Electrical Worker



Marc Logue
Track Maintainer



Jeremy Thomas
Track Maintainer

Facilities



Michael Puhmann
Facilities Electrician



Brockton Woodson
Grounds Specialist

CONGRATULATE THESE EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

Employees with 15, 20, 25, 30 or 50 Years of Service!

NAME	TITLE	UNIT	YEARS OF SERVICE
David Christensen	Rail Operator	Rail Operations	15
Benjamin Leano	Station Custodian	Facility Maintenance	15
Thomas McAuliffe	SCADA Systems Specialist	Way, Power and Signals	15
Keith Willett	Signals & Comm Tech - Lead	Way, Power and Signals	15
Peter Mason	Signals & Comm Tech	Way, Power and Signals	30
Brian Ormond	Rail Operator	Rail Operations	30
Kevin Winter	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations	30
Joshua Shields	Rail Supervisor	Rail Operations	35
John Helm	Rail Operator	Rail Operations	50

Employees with 10 years of Service!

NAME	TITLE	UNIT
Abbas Al-Lami	Rail Operator	Rail Operations
Jose Ballesteros	Vehicle Maintenance Chief	Vehicle Maintenance
Steven Bose	Superintendent	Way, Power and Signals
David Burdick	MSC Worker	Material Service Center
Brett Forbrich	Signals & Comm Tech	Way, Power and Signals
Adam Franco	Track & ROW Maintainer	Way, Power and Signals
Joseph Lagonoy	Facilities Electrician-Lead	Facility Maintenance
Michael Larson	Track & ROW Chief	Way, Power and Signals

NAME	TITLE	UNIT
Ben Leeden	MSC Chief	Material Service Center
Max Lemke	Operations Chief (LCC)	Rail Operations
Carl Offenheiser	SCADA Systems Specialist	Way, Power and Signals
Kenny Olson	Rail Operator	Rail Operations
Sean Porter	Maint. Planner Scheduler	Way, Power and Signals
Gregg Reilly	Grounds Specialist - Lead	Facility Maintenance
Raul Rico	Rail Electrical Worker	Way, Power and Signals

Employees with 5 years of Service!

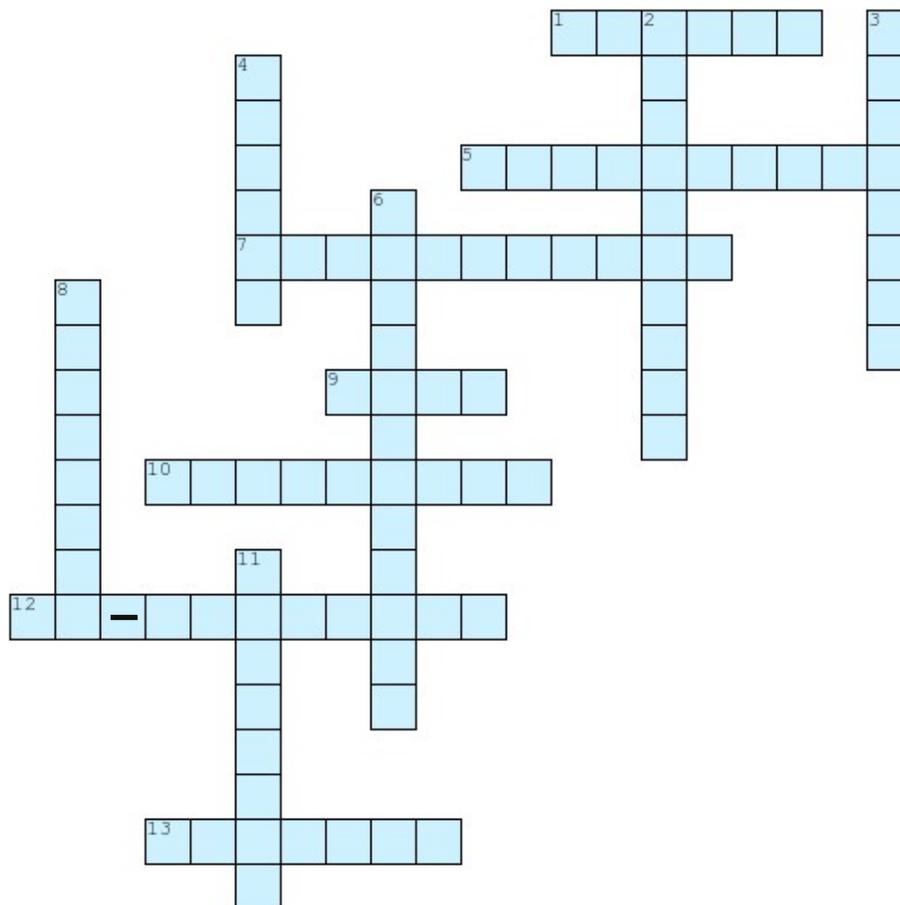
NAME	TITLE	UNIT
Denis Agasid	Facilities Electrician-Lead	Facility Maintenance
Marlon Ferido	Electro-Mechanic	Vehicle Maintenance
Florentino Flores	Track & ROW Maintainer	Way, Power and Signals
Kirk Friermuth	Rail Electrical Worker	Way, Power and Signals
Sean Graham	SCADA Systems Spec. (SDA)	Way, Power and Signals
Joanie Guillen	Track & ROW Maintainer	Way, Power and Signals
Michael Hite	MSC Worker	Material Service Center

NAME	TITLE	UNIT
Marlene Kemp	Rail Operator	Rail Operations
Adam LaZerte	Signals & Comm Tech (SDA)	Vehicle Maintenance
Jeffrey Morgan	Electro-Mechanic	Vehicle Maintenance
Frankie Ross	Rail Operator	Rail Operations
Gregg Teagle	MSC Worker	Material Service Center
Lonny Texeira	Rail Operator	Rail Operations
Jeffrey Wachtel	Operations Chief (LCC)	Rail Operations

Note: Years of Service is based on employee adjusted service dates. The calculation begins with the date a person enters a full-time career service position and excludes pauses in county employment.

Rail Times Crossword

Complete the crossword using words from the
2018 Rulebook for Link Light Rail



Submit your correct answers to Kellianne.Cutright@soundtransit.org
by close of business on 9/30 to enter a raffle for a prize.

Across

1. A means of overriding a specific function.
5. A facility also known as a traction power substation (TPSS), used to convert ac voltage to dc voltage for distribution to OCS.
7. An appropriate response when a message is received and understood.
9. The crossing point of two rails.
10. Two track switches connected to form a continuous passage between two parallel tracks.
12. To remove electrical power.
13. The time separation between two scheduled trains traveling in the same direction on the same track.

Down

2. The roof mounted device of an LRV for collecting DC electricity from the OCS.
3. Track(s) designated for passenger service extending through stations and terminals upon which trains are operated.
4. A method or device that conveys information governing movement of rail vehicles.
6. Arrangement of signals, switches and control apparatus interconnected to provide a route/prevent conflicting train movement.
8. The process of separating rail vehicles that are coupled.
11. The location at each end of the rail system where turnback operations are normally made.

Answers to be posted in the next issue of the Rail Section Times.

RAIL NEWS

New Rail Section Website

The Rail Section has published a new website to improve communications. Rail Operations and the s2d project are the first to add pages to the website. However, Vehicle Maintenance, Facilities Maintenance, and WPS will be adding pages with content for their specific groups in the near future.

The website currently has a homepage that contains current rail news, announcements, and upcoming events in King County. The Rail Operations section has employee forms, publications, and contact information. The s2d transition page provides information and updates on reorganization efforts, such as

upcoming town hall meetings and project reports.

Another feature of the website is that it allows rail operators to enroll in the new Rail Operations Messaging System (ROMS). The system will transmit both text and email messages to rail operators regarding specific topics, such as open work and operator alerts.

While most of the information on the website is currently posted by rail operations, all rail employees are encouraged to visit the site and explore its contents. More information will be sent out as additional groups create pages.



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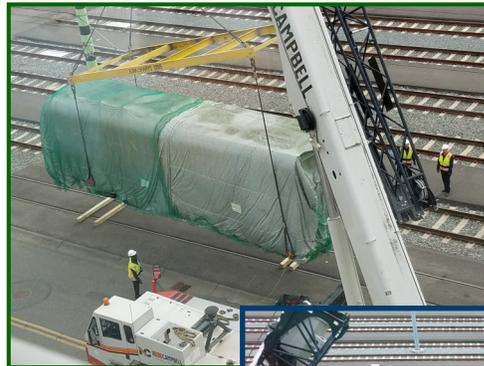
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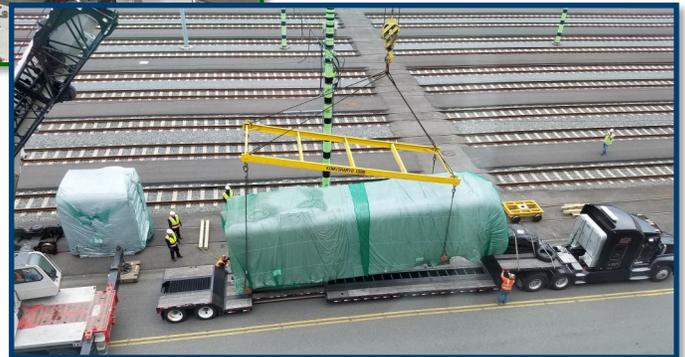
Movement of LRV 136

On February 24, 2017 LRV 136 was involved in a major collision at Holgate. An SUV travelling in excess of 50 mph struck the train while in service. The magnitude of the impact, which derailed the train, caused structural damage to the LRV which was beyond the scope of our facility's capabilities to repair.

The decision was made to send the car to Kinkisharyo to have the necessary repairs performed and have the train requalified for use. KI came to the LINK Operations & Maintenance Facility to disassemble the train into its 3 original sections to individually load onto trailers in order to transport to Kinkisharyo's Maintenance and Repair Facility that services the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line in Hoboken, New Jersey.



Above: KI personnel inspect wrapped LRV for shipment



Above: KI personnel load LRV section onto a truck trailer for transport to New Jersey

“An SUV travelling in excess of 50 mph struck the train while in service.”

Power Training Blitz

For the last three years the Traction Power group has tried to get much of their mandatory training done during a two week “Training Blitz”. This year it was held during the first two weeks of May. All three shifts moved to dayshift, providing an opportunity for all of the Rail Electrical Workers to learn together and get to know each other better.

The training is a mix with sessions provided by members of the crew, members of other WP&S crews, the Rail Training section, KC Metro Safety, other King County groups as well as outside training contractors. This year it included the annual Hi-rail Recertification, Bucket Rescue Hands On (rescuing a crew member with the bucket in an elevated position), Drug and Alcohol Awareness, Equity and Social Justice Primer, Forklift training, EIC and Rulebook Training/Refresher, Portable Radios, OSHA Training for OCS Work and a refresher/update of the U-Link Traction Power Substation

Refresher. Past years’ training included knot tying, scissor lift training, First Aid/CPR, AssetWorks, Communications, and Job Hazard

Analysis. The two week Training Camp was closed with a day of cleaning trucks, the Traction Power shop, and with a potluck lunch.



Left to right, Raul Rico, Diosdado Oira (June Bug), Maria Anderson, Kirk Friermuth, Matt Gaines, Tony Duchesne, Kirk Jones, Vitaliy Burnashev, Michael Parker, Vadim Sayenko, Pete Dalrymple, Rusty Powell, Tyrone Walker, Titus Hinga, Duc Tran, Steve Lipp, Michelle Paul, and Terry Simmons. (Not in the picture are Eddie Holmes and the photographer, Pam Smith-Graham)

Vehicle Maintenance Leads

The Vehicle Maintenance group has recently implemented Lead positions for both Rail Electro-Mechanic and Rail Service Worker classifications.

The Lead Rail Electro-Mechanic adds a third level to the classification. These working leads perform journey level electrical, electronic and mechanical work on light rail vehicles, as well as plan and manage the daily workflow in the Vehicle Maintenance Shop. Some of their normal tasks include performing shift pass down, overseeing maintenance and repairs on LRV’s and the creation and management of fleet

work orders. The leads are integral to providing feedback to management on necessary improvements. They also focus on removing obstacles from the crews so VM Electro-Mechanics can complete their work in an efficient manner.

The Lead Rail Service Worker adds a second level to their classification. The Lead Rail Service Worker on day shift is tasked with the day-to-day coordination of repairs and service for Non-Revenue Vehicles. This includes making basic repairs to NRV’s onsite, such as replacing batteries, wipers, light bulbs and tires, as well as scheduling and

arranging higher level repairs and services. This position is essential as LINK Light Rail continues to grow and take on a larger fleet of NRV’s. The role of the Lead Rail Service Worker on grave shift runs the board, which essentially means they conduct inventory of rail vehicle storage yards and extract and input data to correct automated train location software, preventative maintenance forecasting tools and meter readings. This is also a pivotal role at night when much of the scheduled maintenance, cleaning and repairs of LRV’s is taking place outside of service hours.

Lead Electro-Mechanics



Left to right: Jesse Frank (Day Lead), Veronica Busby (Swing Lead), and Tony Couet (Grave Lead)

Lead Rail Service Workers



Left to right: Dave Maulding (Day Lead) and John Villagomez (Grave Lead)

New Facilities Certifications

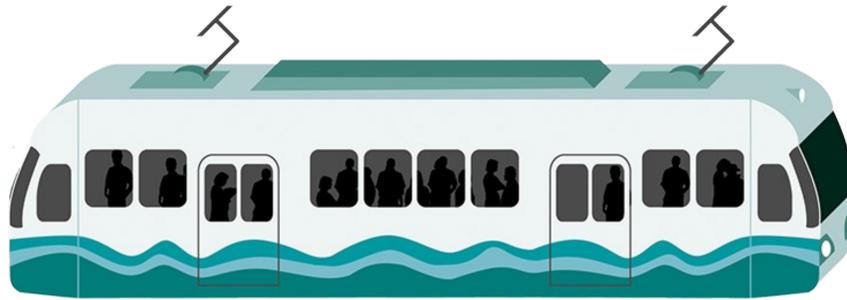
The City of Seattle and other surrounding jurisdictions have recently adopted new Washington State requirement for all staff inspecting, maintaining and servicing fire alarm control panels. Facilities

personnel performing these tasks must now obtain the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies (NICET II).

The Facilities staff have worked hard training and adopting this new

requirement. Currently two out of our nine Facilities Electricians have obtained their NICET II (Nik Vrsek, Brandon McMillan). Our remaining 7 Electricians aren't far behind and will be certified soon!

PLEASE CONGRATULATE
Nik Vrsek & Brandon McMillan
 ON THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Rail Section Times Editorial Staff sends a big shout out to all who participated in putting together this issue of the Rail Section Times. Thank you for your willingness to send in your personal submissions. All of this help is greatly appreciated.

The Editorial staff invite everyone in the Rail Section to submit any stories, or suggestions for future articles.

If you'd Like to participate, please send your submission to:
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 with "Rail Section Times" in the subject line.

Thanks,

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