### *"7 Disciplines of Engineering at Union Pacific Railroad"*



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Students welcome and encouraged to attend!

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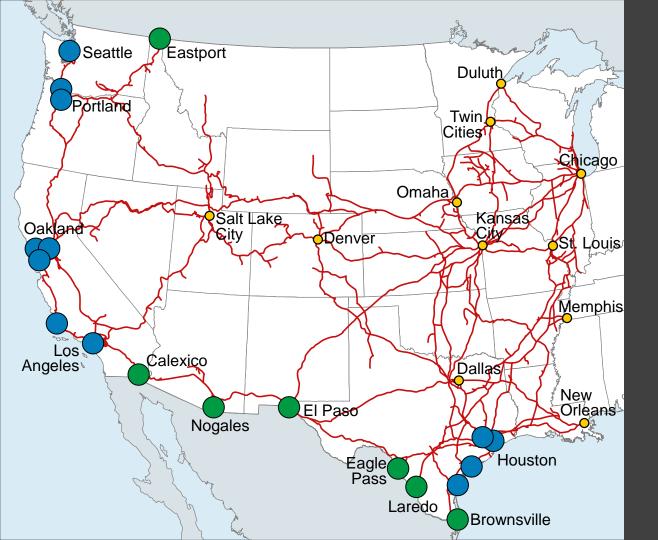
# The Ties That Bind a Nation: Union Pacific





# 2016 Fast Facts

**\$19.9 B** Revenue 8.5 mil Carloads of Freight 10,000 Customers 32,100 Route Miles in 23 States 42,900 Employees \$4.1 B Annual Payroll 8,000 Locomotives





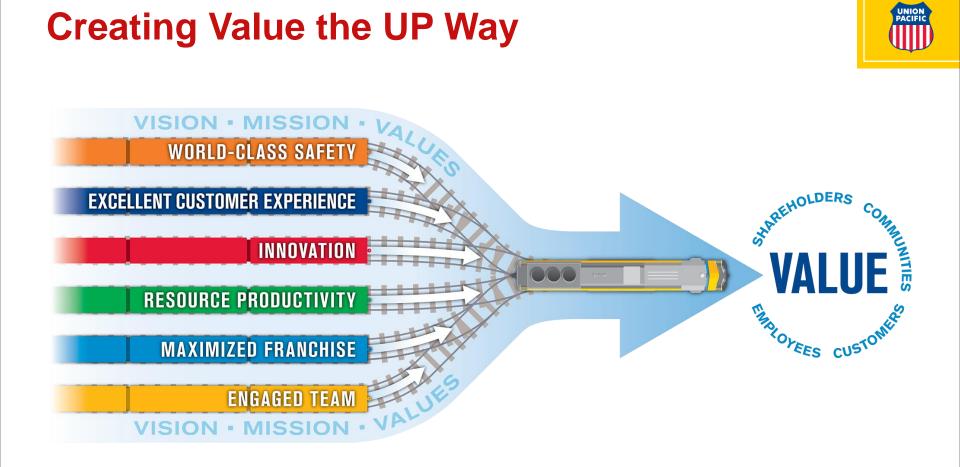
# Strength of a Unique Franchise

Port AccessBorder Crossings

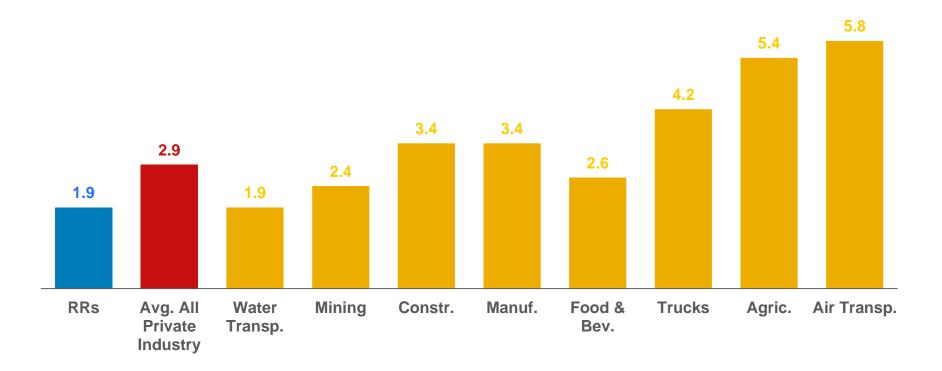
# **Union Pacific Hauls ...**







#### **Rails Are One of America's Safest Industries** Injuries and illnesses per 100 Full-time Employees, 2015





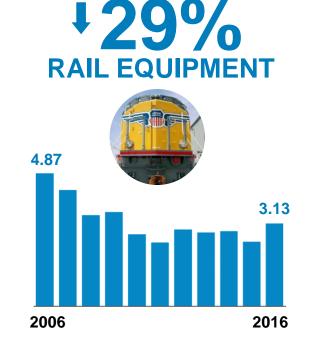






**EMPLOYEE** 1.95 2006 2016

Reportable Injuries Per 200,000 Employee Hours



Reportable Rail Equipment Incidents Per Million Train Miles

16% **CROSSING** 2.88 2.42

2006

2016

Crossing Accidents Per Million Train Miles

### Armour Yellow Outside Green Inside

- One train takes several hundred trucks off congested highways
- Rail is almost four times more fuel efficient than trucks
- UP can haul one ton of freight 452 miles on one gallon of diesel fuel







\*In millions. Includes cash capital, leases and other non-cash capital.





# OUR MISSION

The men and women of Union Pacific are dedicated to serve.

# OUR VALUES

Passion for performance High ethical standards Work as a team



#### 7 DISCIPLINES OF ENGINEERING UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

#### Eric Gehringer – Assistant Vice President



### **Engineering** Material Management/Design

- Tie treatments
- Composite ties
- Concrete ties
- Concrete OTM (pads & insulators)
- Elastic fasteners
- Tie spacing
- In-track condition monitoring
- Asset life cycle modeling









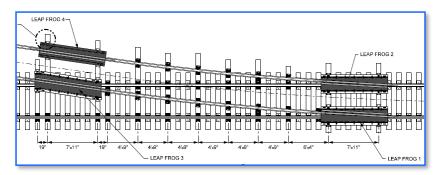
### Engineering **Transportation – Consistent System Performance Capital Cycle** Inspection & Defect Removal New Track **Track Quality** Track Degradation **Renewal Event UP Standard** Intervention Zone **Minimal Safety Standard Slow Order**

#### Traffic Load MGT, Time, Environment



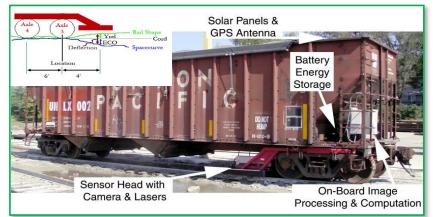
### **Engineering** Transportation

#### **Minimize Footprint**





#### **Risk Identification**





### Engineering Structures

- Condition monitoring sensors
- Critical event monitoring sensors
- Drone technology
- Fire detection
- Fire prevention
- Laminated wood products
- Predictive life cycle asset modeling



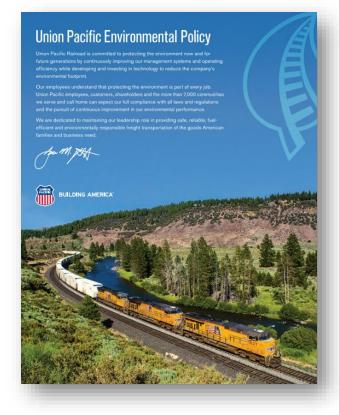






### Engineering Environmental

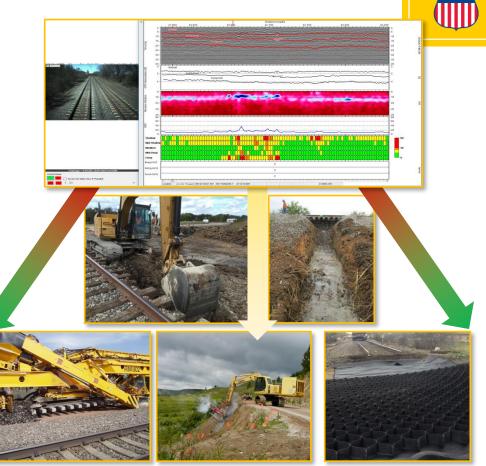




- Define environmental aspects, requirements, & required training
- Prevent, prepare for & respond to incidents that can harm human health & the environment
- Monitor environmental performance
- Evaluate compliance & risk

### Engineering Geotechnical

- Application of GPR data sources
- Expansive clays
- Effectiveness of shoulder cleaning
- Underlayments (geo-web, HMA)
- Effectiveness of shear key strategies
- Effectiveness of soil nails



### Engineering Construction Management

- Adding track capacity
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Main tracks
  - Sidings
  - Siding extensions
- Promoting commercial development
  - Intermodal yards
  - Automotive yards
  - Industrial parks
  - Industrial lead tracks
  - Switch installation

- Yards
  - Classification
  - Storage in Transit (SIT)
  - Local customer support
- Facilities
  - Yard offices
  - Crew change locations
  - Border security
  - Fueling
  - Gatehouse admin buildings
  - Waste water treatment
  - Automatic Gate Systems



### ILLINOIS HIGH SPEED RAIL Multimodal Improvement Project



### IL High Speed Rail Project Scope

- Passenger and Freight joint–use corridor
- Primarily single track with 13+ sidings
- Upgrades for passenger speeds of up to 110mph
- Reduced travel time
- Improvements for reliable service



#### IL High Speed Rail Infrastructure Investment

- 262 miles of track rehabilitation
- 57 miles 2<sup>nd</sup> Main Line construction
- 15 new or improved sidings
- 234 improved grade crossings
- 38 major structures
- Advanced signaling system (PTC)







Civil Engineering







Final Product



# SANTA TERESA

#### Run Through, Intermodal Yard & Fueling Facility Project



### Santa Teresa Project Scope

- 45 trains per day capacity
- 30 mph speed through fueling facility
- Track design to utilize wood, steel and concrete ties
- 2 tracks must be in service at all times during construction









### **Santa Teresa** Cross Functional Facility w/ Extensive Foot Print







# TOWER 55 – FT. WORTH, TX

**Multimodal Improvement** 

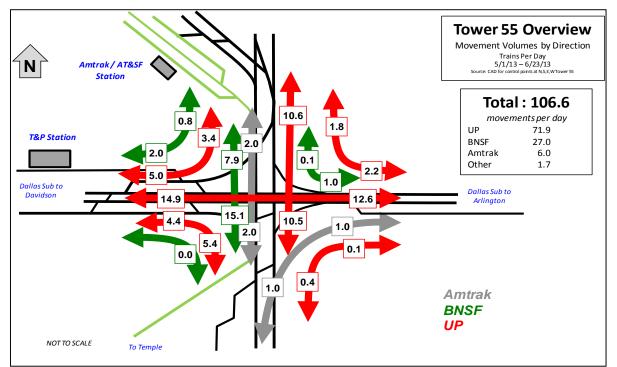
**System Velocity** 



# Tower 55 – Ft. Worth, TX

#### **Flow Pattern Drives Project Demand**





Project Challenges:

- Confined work area
- Overhead and pier obstructions
- Coordination with stakeholders
- Subgrade condition
- Working under traffic
- Neighborhood relationships

# Tower 55 – Ft. Worth, TX Project Scope

- 3<sup>rd</sup> north/south mainline
- Four slots north of tower
- Reduced curvature
- Switch Improvements
- Widened bridges
- Signal Improvements
- Increased mainline speed











17 Months of Construction Drove 25% Increase in Train Speed

### **Construction Management** Responsibilities

- Manage all aspects of construction including
  - Grading
- Building
  - Track work Electrical systems
  - Bridges
  - Culverts Utilities
- Drainage systems
  Utilities
  - Pavement
- Professional management of various contractors including invoice payment
- Insure compliance with federal, state and local laws
- Insure compliance with environmental permitting requirements









### **Construction Management** Responsibilities (cont.)

- Provide onsite engineering expertise to both internal and external customers
- Manage the work in progress inventory for all track material by ensuring arrival and installation
- Assure construction is delivered at the lowest cost and results in the highest quality product
- Minimize local customer service disruptions and through-freight train delays.





