



November 7, 2025

The Honorable Patrick J. Fuchs  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

**Subject: Support for Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Merger, Docket Number: FD 36873**

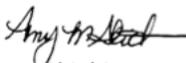
Dear Chairman Fuchs:

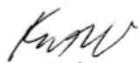
As a community stakeholder in the Greater Houston-Galveston Bay Area, reliable rail service is essential for our local economy, businesses and residents. The proposed Union Pacific–Norfolk Southern merger offers an opportunity to strengthen these connections and deliver long-term benefits.

The merger promises faster, more dependable service, reduced congestion and expanded market reach for our businesses. It also means continued investment in rail infrastructure – enhancing safety, creating jobs and ensuring our community remains competitive in a growing economy.

On behalf of BayTran, I respectfully ask the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger so we can take advantage of the efficiencies, investments and opportunities it will bring - connecting our communities regionally, nationally and across the globe.

Sincerely,

  
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President & CEO  
Bay Area Houston  
Transportation Partnership

  
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Chairman  
Bay Area Houston  
Transportation Partnership

cc: Member Schultz  
Member Hedlund