

# Facts About the Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Combination



Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern are combining to move America forward. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) will review a complete and compelling case about the benefits of this transaction for all stakeholders.

Here are the facts:

**OPPOSITION:** The combination will limit options and hurt the economy.

## **FACT:** The combination will fuel economic growth.

- New single-line routes will expand rail options, particularly in watershed markets – areas within 500 miles of the Mississippi River that currently lack strong rail connections.
- Seamless access to 10 international interchanges and approximately 100 ports will strengthen international trade routes and expand access to U.S.-made goods.
- Every \$1 invested in rail drives \$2.50 in economic activity.<sup>1</sup>

**OPPOSITION:** The combined company threatens rail jobs.

## **FACT:** Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern are committed to protecting union jobs.

- Those who have a union job when the merger is approved will continue to have one. SMART-TD members working in train and yardperson service will have guaranteed job protection for the length of their careers, subject to standard employment requirements.
- By transforming the U.S. supply chain, the combination will unleash the industrial strength of American manufacturing, create new sources of economic growth and expand workforce opportunities.
- Every rail job supports 3.9 additional U.S. jobs.<sup>1</sup>

**OPPOSITION:** Customers won't benefit from this combination.

## **FACT:** Customers are expressing excitement about the numerous benefits the transaction will deliver.

- For our customers, we expect this transaction to result in:
  - **Faster service:** Transit times will be shortened by several days through the elimination of car touches and interchanges.
  - **Lower-cost options:** Transcontinental rail service will reduce costs for customers, businesses and manufacturers by enabling more freight to shift to lower-cost rail.
  - **Streamlined customer experience:** Customers will receive single-line rate quotes and track freight through a unified system.
  - **Industry-leading technology:** Customer-focused technologies – including AI capabilities and real-time data integration – will be extended coast to coast.
    - Union Pacific seamlessly cutover its transportation management system to *NetControl* – making it the only railroad to modernize all core operating systems.

**OPPOSITION:** A larger railroad will compromise safety.

## **FACT:** Safety is a core value and this combination will further our zero incidents goal.

- **Safer rails, safer roads:** Shifting freight from trucks to trains reduces highway congestion and improves road safety. Rail is the safest, most efficient and sustainable way to move freight over land.<sup>5</sup>
  - One intermodal train removes up to 550 trucks from the highways.
  - One train uses one gallon of fuel to move a ton of freight 500 miles, creating a more sustainable, lower-cost supply chain.<sup>1</sup>
- **Improving safety for workers:** The combined railroad will apply best practices from both programs to sustain lasting progress.
  - Union Pacific's reportable personal injury rate and reportable derailment rate both improved in 2024, down by 23% and 20%, respectively, compared with 2023.<sup>2</sup> Results in 2025 continue to show excellent improvement, with first quarter employee reportable rates matching the best-ever quarterly performance.<sup>4</sup>
  - Through technology, safety trainings and Speak Up practices, Norfolk Southern improved its FRA mainline accident rate by 40% in 2024, and reduced its overall reportable injury rate.<sup>3</sup>

**OPPOSITION:** Service and safety levels will decline with fewer competitors.

## **FACT:** Proven technologies will be expanded to improve both service and safety.

- **Building safer trains:** *Physics Train Builder* predicts in-train forces to construct safer, more operationally efficient trains.
- **Protecting our people:** *Mobile NX*, a semi-autonomous switching technology, reduces yard exposure for our workers, keeping them safe and streamlining operations.
- **Preventing problems:** *Digital Train Inspection Portals and Automated Track Geometry Measurement Systems* help inspectors by detecting potential issues before the human eye – enabling employees to facilitate timely maintenance, enhancing safety and strengthening service reliability.

**OPPOSITION:** The combination will limit freight choices and raise rates.

## **FACT:** America's 1st transcontinental railroad is overwhelmingly in the public interest and will enhance competition.

- All customers will benefit from a coast-to-coast rail network, gaining faster service and expanded access to new and existing markets. Fewer than 10 customer locations will experience a change in multi-rail connectivity.
- We expect businesses and consumers nationwide to see a reduction in costs as rail becomes a faster, more efficient, more reliable and more accessible way to ship goods.
- This combination will help win back U.S. freight volume and jobs by competing more effectively with Canadian transcontinental railroads.



1. Source: Association of American Railroads – Policy & Economics Report, "Rail Transportation and the U.S. Economy: Fueling Growth, Trade and Opportunity," February 28, 2025.
2. "2024 Sustainability Metrics & Frameworks Report," Union Pacific Railroad, last modified May 2025, accessed Aug. 22, 2025, <https://www.up.com/content/dam/upcom/strategy-sustainability/documents/Sustainability%20Metrics%202024%20Final.pdf>.
3. "Norfolk Southern Celebrates 2024 Safety Achievements," Norfolk Southern Corporation, last modified Jan. 25, 2025, accessed Aug. 22, 2025, <https://norfolksouthern.mediaroom.com/Norfolk-Southern-Celebrates-2024-Safety-Achievements>.
4. "Union Pacific Reports First Quarter 2025 Results," Union Pacific Press Release, last updated April 24, 2025, last accessed Aug. 25, 2025, <https://www.up.com/press-releases/financial/1q25-earnings-release-nr-250425>.
5. "Freight Rail's Holistic Approach to Safety," American Association of Railroads, last accessed Aug. 25, 2025, <https://www.aar.org/freight-rail-safety/>.



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