

Path to Approval: The Surface Transportation Board



Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern are moving through the **Surface Transportation Board's (STB) review process** to create America's first transcontinental railroad. This combination will strengthen America's supply chain, unleash the power of U.S. manufacturing, and open new opportunities for growth, jobs and communities. It's a win for customers, workers and the economy.

What is the STB?

The STB is an independent federal agency created in 1996 to oversee the business side of freight rail. It alone has the authority to approve major U.S. rail transactions, drawing on its deep knowledge of the domestic rail system and its broad impact on the country. When reviewing company combinations, it looks at rail rates and services as well as new line construction or closures – ultimately deciding whether the combination serves the public interest.

Why the Transaction Benefits Everyone

The combined transcontinental railroad brings important advantages:

✔ More Competition

Stronger coast-to-coast service gives shippers a better option than trucks, at lower cost and with greater efficiency.

✔ Lowering Costs

Faster, more reliable rail service reduces supply chain costs for businesses and consumers.

✔ Competing Globally

A stronger U.S. network will better compete with Canadian railroads, reclaim freight volume and support American jobs.

✔ Innovation

A unified network encourages technology breakthroughs, keeping U.S. freight rail safe and globally competitive.

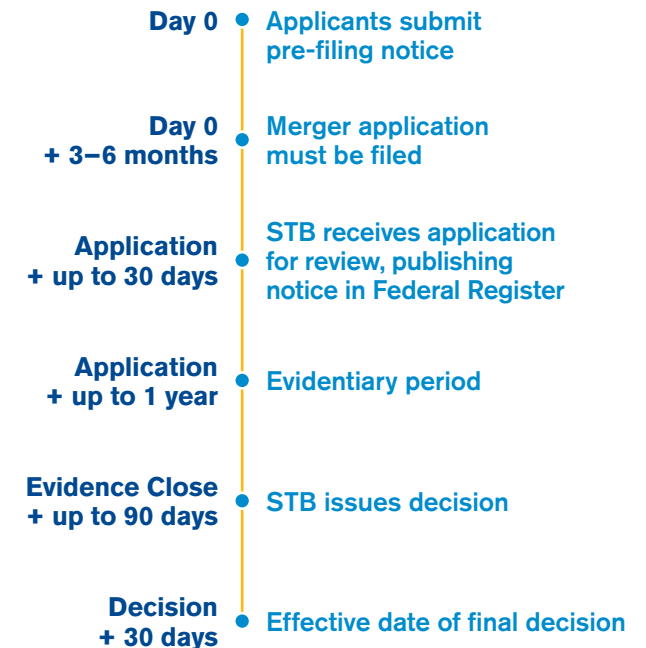
Roles of Other Agencies

The Federal Railroad Administration works with applicants on a Safety Integration Plan to ensure safe operations. The Departments of Justice and Transportation, along with the Federal Trade Commission, can provide input to the STB.

STB Major Railroad Merger Timeline Sample

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At a Glance: Application Review Process



With little overlap in our networks and the broad benefits this combination will unlock, our application will demonstrate to the STB that the **Union Pacific Transcontinental Railroad strengthens service, lowers costs, reduces transit times and boosts competition across the U.S. transportation system.**

Next Steps

Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern will file a formal application with the STB, explaining how the combined network will deliver safer, faster, more reliable service and stronger competition for shippers – benefiting all stakeholders. The full STB regulatory review process spans multiple phases over 19-22 months.¹ The goal is to complete the transaction by early 2027.²



1. "Frequently Asked Questions: Major Railroad Mergers," Surface Transportation Board, accessed Aug. 25, 2025, <https://www.stb.gov/wp-content/uploads/Major-Merger-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>.
2. STB Major Railroad Mergers Timeline," Surface Transportation Board, accessed Aug. 25, 2025, <https://www.stb.gov/resources/major-railroad-mergers/timeline/>



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This list of important factors is not intended to be exhaustive. These and other important factors, including those discussed under "Risk Factors" in Norfolk Southern's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, as filed with the SEC on February 9, 2026 (available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/0000702165/000162828026006268/nsc-20251231.htm>) and Norfolk Southern's subsequent filings with the SEC, Union Pacific's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, as filed with the SEC on February 6, 2026 (available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/100885/000010088526000037/unp-20251231.htm>) and Union Pacific's subsequent filings with the SEC, may cause actual results, performance, or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. References to Union Pacific's and Norfolk Southern's website are provided for convenience and, therefore, information on or available through the website is not, and should not be deemed to be, incorporated by reference herein. The forward-looking statements herein are made only as of the date they were first issued, and unless otherwise required by applicable securities laws, Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise, except as may be required by applicable law or regulation.