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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 29, 2026

TO: President Cynthia Lee Almond
Commissioner Jeremy H. Oden
Commissioner Chris V. Beeker, III

FROM: Amanda D. Shehane, Director ~~ADD~~
Transportation Division

SUBJECT: Agenda for October 6, 2026, Commission Meeting

This memorandum reflects the Transportation Division's report detailing the major tasks, inspections, and activities completed by its staff in August 2026.

RAILWAY SAFETY

The track inspection results below reflect the work of our Railway Safety (RWS) staff in the field.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Track Inspections	Track Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Track Miles Inspected	Track Turnouts Inspected
3	15	9	0	200	58

The table below reflects track safety observations in which no non-compliant conditions were identified and recommended for violation. Nineteen roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
8	8	6	0

The data in the table below was collected from Motive Power & Equipment (MP&E) inspections performed on locomotives, freight cars, tank cars, and other railroad equipment.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular Eqpt. Inspections	Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Number of Units Inspected
3	17	103	0	142

The table below shows the Operating Practices (OP) inspections performed on railroad operations.

Rail Carriers Visited	Regular OP Inspections	Defects Identified	Violations Recommended	Eqpt. Securement Observed
6	7	3	1	18

The table below shows observations completed by the MP&E and OP Inspectors in which no non-compliant conditions were identified.

Air Brake Tests	Blue Flag Protection	End of Train Devices
0	5	0

The National Response Center (NRC) reported two incidents in August.

1. A log truck strike with no injuries in Pennington on **CPKC**.
2. A 1-gallon ethanol release in Mobile on **NS**.

Four complaints/incidents were also reported via telephone or email in August.

1. A blocked crossing complaint on August 19.
2. A 2-car yard derailment in Birmingham on **BNSF**.
3. A blocked crossing complaint on August 22.
4. A report of false activation of crossing warning devices in Ozark on **CSX**.

MP&E inspector attended FRA fundamentals training in Pueblo, CO, which is required for the FRA certification process.

RWS Administrator attended the State Grade Crossing Action Plan PAC meeting with ALDOT and other stakeholders concerning the creation and implementation of an action plan to improve grade crossing safety in Alabama.

MOTOR CARRIER SERVICES

The Motor Carrier Services (MCS) staff accomplished the following regarding state authority to operate as a motor carrier in Alabama with proof of insurance coverage:

Vehicle Registration Nos.	Intrastate Applications		NOL Processed/ Closed Intra Applications	Under Legal Division Review	New Authority Approved	Motor Carrier Authority Inquiries		
	Processed	Returned				Phone	E-mails	Others
9	10	1	5	9	7	76	121	17

MCS staff members handled the tasks shown below regarding insurance coverage, prepared correspondence that challenged incorrect filings, and addressed related inquiries:

Insurance Filings Received	Revocation Orders	Reinstatement Orders	Miscellaneous Actions	Letters Sent	Insurance Inquiries	
					Phone	E-mails
289	23	17	3	24	53	76

The MCS Section addressed the following Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) responsibilities:

UCR Applications		UCR Mailouts for 2026	UCR Audit Correspondence	UCR Inquiries	
Received	Returned			Phone	E-mail
0	1	159	39	18	18

As of August 31st, 8,552 Alabama carriers (91%) were registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 868 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for July online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 186 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

Our office received one For Non-Profit (FNP) quarterly report for the first quarter of 2026 and eight for the second quarter of 2026 during the month.

A total of eight 2025 annual reports were received from household goods and passenger carriers, leaving nine carriers that will need to appear for a show-cause hearing for not submitting their 2025 annual report.

In July, one passenger tariff was received and accepted for **All Ways Accessible LLC (C4206)**. There were two desk audits completed. Passenger carrier **A – 24/7 Taxi (C4176)** had a clean audit. Household Goods carrier, **Thomas French dba Moving It (C3864)**, it was recommended that the carrier issue a refund to the shipper for overcharging on the move per their tariff rates, follow its tariff on file with the Commission or submit changes for approval, and update its name on all documents to match its authority issued by the Commission.

Staff participated in four passenger carrier hearings held during August for:

- **COLD Community Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, LLC**
- **Community Care Transit LLC**
- **Pearls of Wisdom Medical Transport Services LLC**
- **Granbury Executive Transport, LLC dba Granbury Executive Transport**