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MEMORANDUM

DATE: **October 27, 2026**

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

FROM: **Amanda D. Shehane, Director ADS**
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SUBJECT: **Agenda for November 3, 2026, Commission Meeting**

This memorandum summarizes the Transportation Division's report on the major tasks, inspections, and activities completed by staff in September 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
6	21	76	0	265	252

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

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
6	14	8	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
4	34	220	0	662

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
1	2	0	0	0

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	7	2

The National Response Center (NRC) reported five incidents in September.

1. A 4-car derailment with no injuries in Tuscaloosa on **NS**.
2. A 13-car derailment with no injuries in Tuscaloosa on **ABS**.
3. A 5-car derailment with no injuries in Adamsville on **BNSF**.
4. A grade crossing vehicle strike with no injuries in Pennington on **CPKC**.
5. A grade crossing strike involving Amtrak with 2 fatalities in Mobile on **CSX**.

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

1. A trespasser strike with fatal injuries in Irvington on **CSX**.
2. A grade crossing warning device false activation in Coaling.
3. A grade crossing safety complaint in Prichard.
4. A blocked crossing complaint in Sheffield.

RWS Administrator attended the Association of State Rail Safety Managers (ASRSM) and FRA annual meeting in New York City. ASRSM also held its business meeting with elections where Chris Hester was re-elected as the Executive Committee representative for the Southeast Region and Vice President of ASRSM.

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
10	6	2	1	3	6	62	103	14

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
282	11	12	2	32	43	216

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**
2	0	217	24	42	17

As of September 30th, 8,760 Alabama carriers (92%) were registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 779 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for August online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 191 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states. Also, the 2025 UCR registration year closed at the end of September with 95% of Alabama carriers registered.

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

Staff participated in the show cause hearing held for nine carriers that failed to submit their 2025 annual reports as required for all household goods and passenger carriers. Two annual reports were received and dismissed during the hearing.

In September, one passenger tariff for **Granbury Executive Transport, LLC dba Granbury Executive Transport (C4213)** and one passenger supplement for **Lake Martin Lift, LLC (C4198)** were received and accepted. A household goods supplement for **Thomas French dba Moving It (C3864)** and a household goods supplement for **Triple A Furniture, Inc. dba AAA Moving & Storage (C3948**) were received and accepted.

Three desk audits were completed on the following passenger carriers:

- **Above and Beyond Health Services LLC (C4158)** – the carrier followed its geographical scope and rates on file with the Commission.
- **Area Referral & Information Services dba ARISE (C3864)** – The carrier is not currently transporting passengers that fall under its APSC authority.
- **Angel Wing's Transport, L.L.C. (C4163)** – The carrier followed its geographical scope and rates on file with the Commission.

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

- **Rides All Kinds LLC dba Rides All Kinds**
- **Caring Hands Medical Transportation & Courier, LLC dba Caring Hands NEMT**
- **Derrick Golden dba Heavy D Transport**
- **Haynes Ambulance of Troy, LLC dba Haynes Ambulance of Troy**

During September, staff completed the annual records review audit for **Lyft, Inc.** Also, staff participated in a transportation network company (TNC) hearing for **AUX Rideshare, Inc.**