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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 29, 2026

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

**FROM:** Amanda D. Shehane, Director  
Transportation Division

**SUBJECT:** Agenda for the July 7, 2026, Commission Meeting

This memorandum reflects the Transportation Division’s report detailing the major tasks, inspections, and activities completed by its staff in May 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
10	25	47	0	204	179

The table below reflects track safety observations in which one non-compliant condition was identified and recommended for violation. Thirty-nine roadway workers, bridge workers, and practices were observed.

Railroad Bridge Observations	Roadway Worker Protection	Roadway Maintenance Machines	Bridge Worker Safety
4	11	14	1

The data in the table below were 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	10	325	0	739

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
4	13	2	1	35

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	1

The National Response Center (NRC) reported six incidents in May.

1. A crossing vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Tuscaloosa on NS.
2. A crossing vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Anniston on NS.
3. A trespasser strike with fatal injury in Birmingham on NS.
4. A crossing vehicle strike with fatal injuries in Gurley on NS.
5. A crossing vehicle strike with unknown injuries in Birmingham on NS.
6. A pedestrian strike at a crossing with fatal injury in Irvington on CSX.

There was also one complaint reported via telephone in May.

1. The mayor of Wilton called to complain about repeated blocked crossings in Wilton on NS.

Staff spoke with the mayor of Wilton on the day of her complaint and discussed regulatory authority concerning blocked crossings and directed her to the FRA blocked crossing website. Staff also reached out to the rail carrier to discuss the issue and were informed that traffic was stopped on the day of the complaint because of delays from the trespasser strike in Birmingham on the connecting line. Staff requested that the rail carrier evaluate their switching operations and make attempts not to block crossings for extended periods of time during peak travel hours, as people travel to and from work.

RWS Administrator Mr. Chris Hester attended the Association of State Rail Safety Managers (ASRSM) Executive Committee Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, in May. Mr. Hester is a member of the ASRSM executive committee and represents the southeastern states in that role. During the meeting, items such as FRA/state partnership agreements, federal funding for training, regulatory enforcement, and interagency communication and resources were discussed.

**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
20	13	1	2	11	13	57	107	18

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
320	25	20	2	30	56	94

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	3	61	22	29	4

As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, 8,119 Alabama carriers (88%) were registered for the 2026 UCR, leaving 1,084 unregistered. Our office received funds from the UCR Depository for April online payments processed through the National Registration System (NRS) from 322 carriers domiciled in Alabama and non-participating states.

Our office received five For Non-Profit (FNP) quarterly reports for the first quarter of 2026 during the month.

A total of thirty-six 2025 annual reports were received from household goods and passenger carriers. Sixty-nine delinquent letters were mailed to carriers that failed to meet the April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

In May, two tariffs were rejected for formatting and rate issues: a passenger tariff for **People’s Ride Transit Services LLC (C4197)** and a household goods tariff for **1st Choice Trucking LLC (pending)**. Four tariffs were received and accepted: a passenger tariff for **People’s Ride Transit Services LLC (C4197)**, a passenger tariff for **Keys Party & Luxury Transportation LLC (C4199)**, a passenger tariff for **Sweetie’s Homecare Inc (C3202)**, and a schedule of rates for **Keys Party & Luxury Transportation LLC (P667)**.

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

- **Apex Transportation, LLC**
- **All Ways Accessible LLC**
- **Hands on Transport, LLC**
- **Sweetie’s Homecare Inc**

MCS staff, along with legal staff, held a call with **SendaRide, Inc. dba SendaRide** to discuss their business model as a Transportation Network Company (TNC). SendaRide has had its TNC permit with the Commission since October 2024, but has just recently started operating in Alabama.

During May, staff started the annual records review audit for **Raiser, LLC (Uber)**.