



## Introduction

**Scott Babcock** is the TRB Staff Liaison for our committee. He is Senior Program Officer – Rail and Freight at the Transportation Research Board and works at the Keck Center in Washington, DC. He joined the TRB in February of 2013.



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## Professional Background

**Scott's** previous experience includes two years as a project director with a specialized rail consulting firm in Washington, DC, five years as Vice President of Operations and Maintenance for a six shortline holding company in central Pennsylvania, and various engineering and project management positions with track contractors and shortline railroads throughout the northeastern US.

## TRB Involvement

**Scott** is the primary TRB staff officer for the committees of the Rail Group and shares staff responsibilities for committees of the Freight Group with Scott Brotemarkle. In addition to our committee, Scott also provides staff support to the Freight Economics and Regulation Committee, the Freight Planning and Logistics Committee, the Hazardous Materials Transportation Committee, the Truck Size and Weight Committee, and the Trucking Industry Research Committee. He is one of the staffers in the Technical Activities Division (Division A) of TRB, the group that supports the standing committees by assigning research papers to committees for review, overseeing the paper review process, assisting in Annual Meeting session planning, scheduling Annual Meeting sessions and committee meetings, attending and providing TRB updates at committee meetings, managing committee rotations, and planning and managing various specialty conferences throughout the year. Technical Division staffers also perform annual visits to State Departments of Transportation, the entities that provide approximately half of TRB's core annual funding.

**Scott** joined TRB staff after spending more than ten years as Senior Signal Engineer for the Signal Division of Progress Rail Services (a division of Caterpillar Corporation). Prior to its purchase by Progress Rail, he was employed by the division's former owner, GE Transportation Systems (GETS) Global Signaling. Scott's responsibilities with these firms included rail/highway grade crossing warning system design, manufacturing, installation, and maintenance. He was also involved with various wayside signal projects and technological research efforts.

## Personal Note

**Scott** lives in northern Virginia with his wife and three children, and rides a commuter train to and from work every day.

"I've always been fascinated with infrastructure. When I open the faucet, I wonder how that water gets there, and where does it go when it goes down the drain? When I turn on the light switch, I think about how and where that electricity is generated and how it gets from the generation plant to my light bulb? How was that highway bridge built, how is it maintained, when and how will it need to be replaced? I've even been known to go out and explore where a pipeline goes. My professional experience has mostly been in the rail industry, but I'm interested in everything regarding infrastructure, particularly involving transportation."