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A Special Joint Sandhouse Gang Meeting and
Transportation Center Seminar featuring

David Burns
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The Future of the Chinese Railways

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009
3:00– 5:00 pm

Refreshments available at 2:45 pm

Location:
Transportation Center, Northwestern U.
Chambers Hall – lower level
600 Foster, Evanston, IL

Abstract

The Chinese Ministry of Railways has recently announced a $300 billion investment plan for 2009 and a similar amount for 2010, for infrastructure and rolling stock. At the same time the Ministry of Transport, a total separate organization, has a massive interstate highway and airport construction program. Are the railway investments financially and economically viable?

Bio

David Burns gained his railroad experience working for the Illinois Central Railroad and for the last 30 years has been a railroad industrial engineering consultant. As such he has undertaken consulting assignments on 42 national railway systems around the World for organizations such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and the railways themselves. Since his first visit to the Chinese railways 20 years ago he has had made numerous subsequent visits to review the operations and investment being made by the Chinese Railways. He is also a member of the NWU Sandhouse Gang.