Joint NUTC Sandhouse Gang & Chicago Transportation Research Forum (TRF) Meeting

Tuesday – Jan. 14, 2014  12:00 noon
Brown Bag Luncheon at Metra Headquarters

“A Conversation with Don Orseno”

Speaker:  DONALD A. ORSENO, Interim Executive Director, Metra

Don will discuss the strategic direction of Metra in 2014 and the challenges that Metra is facing in terms of its capital needs including the implementation of PTC and obtaining adequate capital funding. Don will discuss his goals and objectives and what has recently been accomplished at Metra including station beautification, rebuilding of diesel-hauled cars, integration of new Highliners into the Metra Electric fleet and the process for the development of Metra’s strategic plan that is being undertaken by the Metra staff.

Location:  Metra Board Room, Metra Headquarters  
547 W. Jackson Blvd. – 13th fl., Chicago, IL 60661

Pre-Registration Required – ID required to gain access to Metra Headquarters

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Speaker Bio:  Metra’s Interim Chief Executive Officer, Don Orseno, has worked for the railroad industry for 40 years. Formerly Deputy Executive Director/COO, he provided executive direction and guidance to the Chief Officers of Engineering, Transportation and Mechanical as well as Safety, Operations Training and Certification and Regulatory Compliance. He also provided executive oversight and direction to Purchase of Service Agreement contract carriers (BNSF and Union Pacific) to ensure consistency with Metra’s standards and practices. As Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Orseno now provides direction and oversight to all areas of Metra's Administrative and Operating program.

Mr. Orseno began his career as a trainman for the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company and then was promoted to a locomotive engineer. After the Rock Island Railroad ceased operations in March 1980, he was hired by the Chicago Northwestern Transportation Company as a locomotive engineer. In 1984, he began working for Metra and has held progressively responsible management positions such as Trainmaster, Sr. Trainmaster, Director of Mechanical, Director of Suburban Operations (Superintendent), Director Safety & Rules, Chief Customer Service Officer, Chief Transportation Officer and Deputy Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer prior to his current position.

Mr. Orseno has served as Vice President and President of the American Association of Railroad Superintendents (AARS) for the United States and Canada. He is an active member of the Chicago Railroad Superintendents Association, having served ten (10) years as their President.