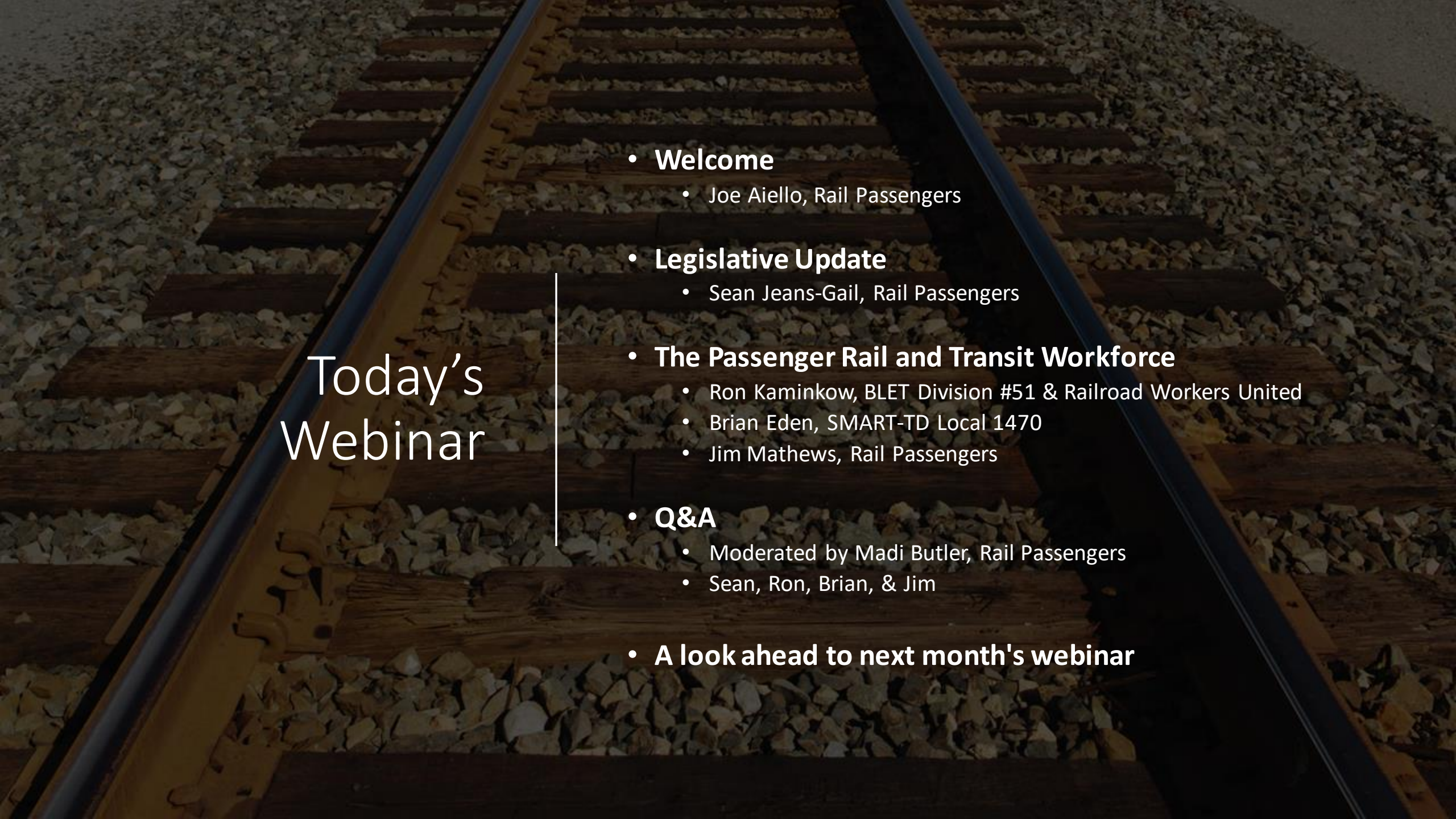




Faces of Essential Service: the Passenger Rail and Transit Workforce



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Today's Webinar

- **Welcome**
 - Joe Aiello, Rail Passengers
- **Legislative Update**
 - Sean Jeans-Gail, Rail Passengers
- **The Passenger Rail and Transit Workforce**
 - Ron Kaminkow, BLET Division #51 & Railroad Workers United
 - Brian Eden, SMART-TD Local 1470
 - Jim Mathews, Rail Passengers
- **Q&A**
 - Moderated by Madi Butler, Rail Passengers
 - Sean, Ron, Brian, & Jim
- **A look ahead to next month's webinar**



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Legislative Update:

Tracking the Coronavirus Relief Package

Sean Jeans-Gail, Vice President of Gov't Affairs and Policy

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Relief Package Close, But Obstacles Remain

- A deal has been struck to separate points of controversy—including state and local aid and liability protections for businesses operating during the pandemic—off from the main bill.
- Transportation included in main \$748 billion coronavirus relief package, that will be attached to the continuing resolution omnibus for FY2020.
- The size and shape of UI and stimulus payments is still under debate.
- Congress has until Friday to avoid a government shutdown.



Bipartisan Support for Transportation Relief

Bipartisan Transportation Relief Proposal: \$45 billion through March 31

- Amtrak: \$1 billion [Requested: \$2.4 billion]
- Transit: \$15 billion [Requested: at least \$32 billion]
- Airlines: \$17 billion – [Requested: \$25 billion]
- Airports: \$4 billion – [Requested: \$13 billion]
- Private buses: \$8 billion – [Requested: \$10 billion]



Bipartisan Support for Transportation Relief

Amtrak: \$1 billion

- \$580 million for Northeast Corridor Grants
 - \$91.6 million set aside for NEC commuter railroads
- \$420 million for National Network Grants
 - \$145.3 million in lieu of Sec. 209 payments

Transit: \$15 billion

- \$13.2 billion in urbanized area formula grants
 - No urbanized area may receive more than \$4 billion
- \$1 billion in formula grants for rural areas
- \$628 million for agencies needing additional help in managing COVID-19



Bipartisan Support for Transportation Relief

- Funding to support public transit systems across the country that will be used to prevent furloughs, meet operating needs, and keep systems running through March 31, 2021.
- Funding to allow Amtrak to continue to provide existing service and prevent additional furloughs through March 31, 2021.
- Rail Passengers Association is still fighting for restoration of daily service in this package.



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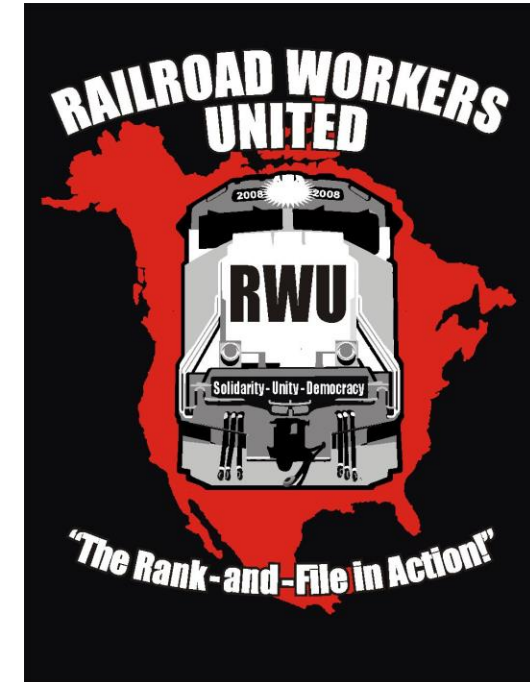




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Q&A

Moderated by Madi Butler, Communications Manager
Rail Passengers Association

Panel Featuring:

Ron Kaminkow

Brian Eden

Sean Jeans-Gail

Jim Mathews, President & CEO
Rail Passengers Association





Answering your questions

Q: How can passengers and rail advocacy groups support rail workers and their unions? And in turn, how can rail workers and their unions support passengers and advocacy groups?



Answering your questions

Q: What is the relationship like between groups representing Amtrak labor and freight companies labor? That is, are freight rail labor groups supportive of improved passenger rail service?



Answering your questions

Q: What has been the biggest challenge for your workers in the ongoing pandemic?



Answering your questions

Q: I understand that Amtrak is not hiring anyone new as of now due to lack of funds and furloughs among current employees, but will they hire new people as soon as a deal is reached, and Amtrak is properly funded?



Answering your questions

Q: Are you receiving sufficient guidelines from your employer? Are your fellow employees taking the virus seriously?



Thank You!

Next month's webinar:

State Supported Routes

featuring presentations from

- TrainRiders/Northeast
- Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
- Northern Flyer Alliance

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Wednesday, January 27th

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