

May was a very busy month for the Rail Programs Division and PB Americas as we continued an extensive outreach program to make sure the Oklahoma Freight and Passenger Rail Plan reached out to as broad an audience as possible. We addressed the agriculture community, the energy community, the trucking industry, several private companies that utilize freight rail, the ports, industrial parks, and many individuals who have been active in promoting passenger rail in our state. We also met and exchanged information with nearly every railroad operating in Oklahoma. We began freight flow analysis as well as the beginnings of the passenger rail side of the plan—considering the number of FRA projects underway at ODOT (see slide shows on home page) and the activities of our regional partners at KDOT and TXDOT, it is a very busy period ever for passenger rail in Oklahoma.

We are now wrapping up the input and data gathering, and we are moving into the analysis and production phase.