Agenda (May 13-15, 2024)

(Workshop begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. each day. On the third day, the workshop ends at noon)

Overview and introduction

Design controls

Track location

Track engineering

- Track structure
- Loads
- Track behavior
- Stress analysis
 - Rail
 - Crossties/fasteners
 - Ballast
 - Subgrade

Basic geometric design

- Cross Section
- · Horizontal alignment
 - Curves
 - Spirals
 - Superelevation

- Vertical alignment
 - Grades
 - Vertical curves

Advanced geometric design

- Turnouts and track crossings

- Track junctions
- Yard and terminal layout

- Capacity and operational considerations

Rail-highway grade crossings

Railway structures

Drainage

Review and wrap-up





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Overview

This 2 and 1/2 day class addresses the design of railroad track, including horizontal and vertical alignment, cross section, turnouts and crossings, component selection, earthwork, drainage, and clearances. The design approaches highlight applicable AREMA recommendations and general industry practices. The attendee will learn how traffic characteristics and operational requirements affect design. The coverage distinguishes between high-speed, conventional, rapid transit, and light-rail systems. The course includes examples that showcase and help the student understand typical design procedures.

Date & Location

May 13-15, 2024 (Knoxville, TN) ORNL Hardin Valley Campus (Formerly known as NTRC) 2nd floor meeting room 2360 Cherahala Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37932 Tel: 865-946-1500 for directions.

Who Should Attend

Personnel who have responsibility for Construction, Track Design or Maintenance from shortline, regional, and Class I railroads; railroad contractors and consultants; state and local government officials associated with railroad operation, finance and regulation. This course does include engineering content and basic math skills are needed.

PDHs Available

15 Professional Development Hours (PDHs) are available for those completing the course. All attendees who successfully finish the course receive a certificate of completion.

Fee

The course registration of \$775 includes course materials. Registration fees must be received at least two weeks prior to the workshop to guarantee your place in the class.

Attendees are responsible for meals and lodg-ing.

Cancellation Policy

If you cannot attend, two weeks notification before the workshop is required. You may enroll a substitute at any time before the course starts. There will be no refunds for no-shows.

Limited Enrollment

This workshop is limited to 30 participants.

Instructor David B. Clarke, Ph.D., P.E.

Dr. Clarke, Research Professor and former Director of the University of Tennessee's Center for Transportation, brings nearly 40 years of experience encompassing a variety of railroad design, inspection, research and education activities. As a licensed civil engineer, Dr. Clarke prepares specifications and designs for railroad track construction and maintenance. He has taught railway related courses including this one, to college students and professionals since 1990. He is active in Railroad related design activities and knows the Industry standards for Design. He has taught internationally. He is active in railroad related committees of AREMA, ASCE and TRB. Register online or mail registration to: Rail Training Center for Transportation Research The University of Tennessee 309 Conference Center Knoxville, TN 37996-4133 Tel: (865) 974-5255 Railroad Track Design May 13-15, 2024 (Knoxville, TN)

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