

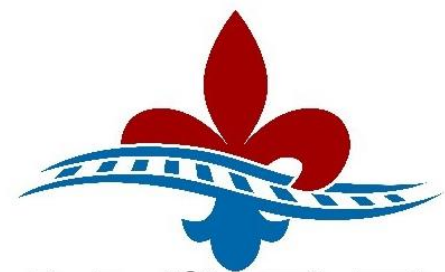


2018

Year in Review

**New Orleans Public Belt
Railroad (NOPB)**

International Ties; North American Reach
www.railnola.com



NOPB
NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC BELT™

NOPB transitioned from the City of New Orleans to Port of New Orleans at the beginning of 2018 and is pleased to report strong performance throughout the first year of partnership.



Forward Momentum in 2018:

- **165,857 total railcars** handled.
- New weekly intermodal service to Dallas/Fort Worth.
- **49.5% increase** in interline business.
- **14.5% increase** in intermodal business.
- **6 direct connections** to Class I railroads.



Infrastructure Improvements in 2018:

- **10** radio controlled switches installed.
- **5** new AEI (railcar tag) readers installed.
- **Ground air hoses installed** at key community crossings (including the Fly and Children's Hospital) to reduce blockages.
- Federal grant application submitted to mitigate congestion in the Bywater neighborhood.
- Camera system installation across the Gateway with Class I partners completed.
- Development of capital plan for maintenance needs.



Community Outreach:

- Urban Rail Initiative launched.
- Dedicated External Affairs specialist hired.
- **Over 25** community open houses and meetings hosted.
- Complaint hotline calls down **73%** from 2017.
- Children's rail safety program launched.
- "Good Neighbor" internal crew training conducted.



Sustainability:

- Awarded the **Clean Fleet Leader award** for the sixth consecutive year. NOPB replaced the equivalent of 538,994 gallons of gasoline through energy savings technologies in our fleet.
- Applied and awarded EPA funding for the retrofit of an engine to **Tier 4+** (low emissions) standards.



Safety:

- In 2018 internal team had over **3,900 hours** of training.
- Finished 2018 with a **1.8 frequency index**, far below the 2017 national shortline average of 2.4 with only 2 reportable injuries for the year.
- Development of a rail gateway severe weather plan with Class I partners, complete with interactive GIS floodgate status map.



Updated Brand:

- New logo
- Launch of new website, **railnola.com**, complete with: GIS map of the system, historic timeline, rate calculator, and community engagement section.

Key Terms:

Intermodal- A flexible way of transporting freight over water, highway and rail without being removed from the original transportation equipment, namely a container or trailer.

Interline- Traffic that moves between two or more carriers.

Class I- Larger railroads with a multi-state network (BNSF, CN, CSX, KCS, NS, UP)

Frequency Index- Number of occupational accidents arisen during a period of 12 months by one million hours worked

Urban Rail Initiative- NOPB's community outreach and operations program, launched in 2018. Find out more:

railnola.com/community