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Escanaba-Chicago Rail Connection
Pilot and Scale-Up Project

1. Operating between Escanaba (vicinity) and Chicago, likely Chicago Junction Railway, Elk Grove Village O'Hare, as Escanaba-Chicago Rail Connection ("ECRC")?

2. Modeled on Florida East Coast Railway Intermodal (*Trains*, June 2018, pp. 40-47) with potential intermediate service at Pembine, Green Bay, WI, and/or other intermediate points?

3. Operations may include carload, TOFC, COFC and transload services?

4. Shipper participation and feasibility planning based on aggregated Actionable Shipper Data developed through Michigan Technological University / Lake States Shipper Association Data Co-op Project 2018-2019?

5. Pilot and scale-up, in cooperation with the Northwoods Rail Transit Commission ("NRTC"), potentially supported, in-part, by public grants for rail and rail-related infrastructure based on direct public benefit return-on-investment ("PBROI"), e.g., A Wisconsin Forests and Freight Rail Preservation Program?

6. Scale-up may include potential compatibility with. and application of, Precision Scheduled Railroading ("PSR") principles and standards?

7. Pilot and scale-up, rolling stock acquisition potentially based PBROI investment, public-private coordination and/or ownership through NRTC and/or Lake States Shippers Association, a classic co-op shippers association?

8. Develop and promote the concept or theme of rail as bridge between urban and rural?

9. Engage the Great Lakes Forests Region development professionals through NRTC and potential NRTC project initiatives and collaborating organizations?

10. Explore sources and uses of "seed money" public and private funding for feasibility planning and development of an Escanaba-Chicago Rail Connection and funding for Phase Two expansion of the MI Tech / LSSA Data Co-op Project?

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