

**From:** Smythers, Michael R  
**Sent:** Thu, 6 Mar 2025 19:36:19 +0000  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST)  
**Cc:** Morrison, Monica (OST)  
**Subject:** Re: BNSF CEO Request

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Okay no worries just figured it was worth checking

Mike Smythers  
VP-Government Affairs  
BNSF Railway

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On Mar 6, 2025, at 2:32 PM, Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov> wrote:

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Normally I would love that offer but I've got the Secretary booked solid until 4:30, I'm so sorry!

**From:** Smythers, Michael R <Michael.Smythers@BNSF.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 2:30 PM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov>  
**Cc:** Morrison, Monica (OST) <monica.morrison@dot.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: BNSF CEO Request

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Hi Sydney and Monica, a few of Katie's earlier meetings were moved up and she is free for the rest of the day. If it worked for the Secretary's schedule for us to come earlier, we certainly could. Otherwise, we will plan to be there at 4:30. Thank you.

Mike Smythers

VP-Government Affairs  
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On Mar 6, 2025, at 11:26 AM, Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <[sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov](mailto:sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov)> wrote:

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Monica will be your POC upon arrival. Thank you!

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**From:** Smythers, Michael R <[Michael.Smythers@BNSF.com](mailto:Michael.Smythers@BNSF.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 8:04 AM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <[sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov](mailto:sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: BNSF CEO Request

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Sydney, good morning. Are you the point of contact when we show up to the building today, do I need to have a phone number for you to give security? Thanks!

Mike Smythers  
VP-Government Affairs  
BNSF Railway

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On Feb 28, 2025, at 1:22 PM, Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <[sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov](mailto:sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov)> wrote:

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Apologies for all of the questions – but one other thing on my end: will you all have security with you?

Thanks!

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**From:** Andy Keiser <[andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com](mailto:andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 1:07 PM  
**To:** Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <[sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov](mailto:sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov)>  
**Cc:** Smythers, Michael R <[Michael.Smythers@BNSF.com](mailto:Michael.Smythers@BNSF.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF CEO Request

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Hi Sydney,

That absolutely should work on our end. I am copying BNSF head of government affairs Mike Smythers on this email to confirm and provide those names for you.

Katie is looking forward to the discussion with the Secretary. Thank you so very much!

All the best,

Andy

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**From:** Fitzpatrick, Sydney (OST) <[sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov](mailto:sydney.fitzpatrick@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 28, 2025 1:00 PM  
**To:** Andy Keiser <[andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com](mailto:andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF CEO Request

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Hi Andy,

Hope you're doing well!

Is Katie free at 4:30pm on March 6<sup>th</sup> to meet with the Secretary?

Let me know if this works on your end. We're at 1200 New Jersey Ave SE. Also, could you please let me know who will be joining her in the meeting (names and titles)?

Thank you!  
Sydney

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**From:** Andy Keiser <[andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com](mailto:andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Meachum, Pete (OST) <[charles.meachum@dot.gov](mailto:charles.meachum@dot.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF CEO Request

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Hey Pete,

Just wanted to let you know the current open windows for BNSF CEO Katie Farmer to meet with Secretary Duffy on March 6, if he is available.

Katie is wide open from 3:30-5:30 p.m. on March 6 but could move things around earlier in the day if needed to accommodate the Secretary's schedule. The earliest she could meet is 11:30 as she comes in from Fort Worth that morning.

Thanks for running the traps!

Best,

Andy

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**From:** Meachum, Pete (OST) <[charles.meachum@dot.gov](mailto:charles.meachum@dot.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 10:20 AM  
**To:** Andy Keiser <[andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com](mailto:andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: BNSF CEO Request

We're just teeing these up and will be scheduling in the coming days. Please extend our apologies on the delay.

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**From:** Andy Keiser <[andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com](mailto:andy.keiser@navigatorsglobal.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 10:00:07 AM  
**To:** Meachum, Pete (OST) <[charles.meachum@dot.gov](mailto:charles.meachum@dot.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF CEO Request

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Hey Pete,

Just wanted to follow up here realizing you have had an extraordinary first month on the job. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Best,

Andy

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**From:** Andy Keiser  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 5:32 PM  
**To:** [Charles.Meachum@dot.gov](mailto:Charles.Meachum@dot.gov)  
**Subject:** BNSF CEO Request

Pete,

Good evening. Congratulations to your team on the strong bipartisan vote for Secretary Duffy. It is well deserved.

Our client BNSF CEO Katie Farmer would like to call and congratulate Secretary Duffy as soon as is convenient to him. What is the best way to make that connection?

Additionally, Katie would like to make a formal meeting request with Secretary Duffy when she is in DC on March 6 or March 17/18. Please let us know if Secretary Duffy has availability during those days. Thank you so much for the kind consideration.

All the best,

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