

Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council

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Summary of Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Meeting

TRANSPORTATION OF CHEMICALS BY RAIL

Slides posted at www.pasadenacac.org

Tyler Parker, Union Pacific (UP) Hazardous Materials Manager, gave a brief history of UP and discussed their emergency response process and capabilities. UP, as of 2017, serves 10,000 customers in 23 states and has about 32,000 miles of track. They have 6,300 miles of track in Texas which accounts for 27% of the UP system. Parker said it is estimated that for every UP job, 9 other jobs are created.

UP places a high value on outreach and believes that “the best time to make friends is before you need them.” UP is the largest hauler of hazardous materials and for 2017 handled 99.9% of shipments without incident. Parker’s division works to prevent hazardous material releases, actively prepares for response activity and responds as necessary to incidents and works to recover/restore the RR to normal operations. For emergencies dealing with the RR such as crossing accidents, derailments, spills, track obstructions, etc., contact UP Response Management Communications Center at 1-888-877-7267 (888-UPRR-COP).