Georgia Ports Authority Backs Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern Merger, Joining More Than 2,000 Supporters

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Fast-growing U.S. port authority cites benefits for competition, market access, safety and reach

OMAHA, Neb. & ATLANTA--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 24, 2026-- The Georgia Ports Authority is supporting the proposed Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern merger, citing the opportunity to strengthen freight connectivity, expand access to inland markets and enhance Georgia's position as a gateway for global trade. The endorsement adds one of the nation's fastest-growing port authorities to the broad and growing coalition supporting the transaction.

The Georgia Ports Authority is the latest major trade and transportation stakeholder to back the proposed combination, joining more than 2,000 businesses, labor organizations, public officials, trade associations and policy experts from across the country. Supporters include Hub Group, Schneider National, Knight-Swift Transportation, Nissan North America, Minnesota Soybean Processors and SMART-TD, all of whom have expressed confidence that the transaction will enhance competition, expand market access, strengthen safety and protect union jobs while creating a more connected freight network for the U.S. economy.

Georgia's ports are among the nation's most important freight gateways, connecting manufacturers, exporters and consumers with markets around the world. The Port of Savannah is home to the largest single-terminal container facility in North America, while the Port of Brunswick is the nation's No. 1 gateway for autos and heavy machinery. Together with Georgia's growing network of inland terminals, these facilities form an integrated freight system in which rail plays a critical role.

The proposed Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern combination will build on that foundation by creating the nation's first seamless transcontinental railroad, connecting Georgia's ports to more markets across the country through a single-line rail network.

"Our gateway port business model relies on competitive rail service to inland markets. We support the merger and look forward to expanded service offerings in the combined company," said **Kevin Price**, president of Georgia Ports Authority.

Georgia Ports Authority operations support more than 651,000 full- and part-time jobs statewide and generate $174 billion in sales. As Georgia Ports continues investing in capacity, efficiency and inland connectivity, the Union Pacific-Norfolk Southern combination will provide an expanded rail platform capable of supporting that growth and connecting more businesses to domestic and international markets.

One example is the new Gainesville Inland Port in Northeast Georgia. With Norfolk Southern as its exclusive rail provider, the terminal connects manufacturers and distributors directly with the Port of Savannah, bringing international supply chains closer to inland customers while providing another option for moving freight efficiently.

The proposed merger will build on investments like Gainesville by expanding the reach of the rail network supporting Georgia's port system. A more connected network will give customers access to more origins and destinations, extend Georgia Ports' reach farther into inland markets and create new opportunities for manufacturers, distributors, importers and exporters.

The support reflects a longstanding partnership between ports and railroads in driving American commerce. Since 1945, Georgia's ports have helped attract international trade and investment to the state, while freight rail has provided the efficient inland connections necessary to turn port activity into broader economic opportunity.

As supply chains continue to evolve and cargo flows shift, Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern believe a unified rail network will provide gateways such as Savannah and Brunswick with single-line service to more destinations, additional competitive options for customers, and stronger connections to growing manufacturing and consumer markets across the country.

For more information, visit AmericasGreatConnection.com.

About Union Pacific

Union Pacific (NYSE: UNP) delivers the goods families and businesses use every day with safe, reliable, and efficient service. Operating in 23 western states, the company connects its customers and communities to the global economy. Trains are the most environmentally responsible way to move freight, helping Union Pacific protect future generations. More information about Union Pacific is available at www.up.com.

About Norfolk Southern

Since 1827, Norfolk Southern Corporation (NYSE: NSC) and its predecessor companies have safely moved the goods and materials that drive the U.S. economy. Today, it operates a 22-state freight transportation network. Committed to furthering sustainability, Norfolk Southern helps its customers avoid approximately 15 million tons of yearly carbon emissions by shipping via rail. Its dedicated team members deliver approximately 7 million carloads annually, from agriculture to consumer goods. Norfolk Southern also has the most extensive intermodal network in the eastern U.S. It serves a majority of the country's population and manufacturing base, with connections to every major container port on the Atlantic coast as well as major ports across the Gulf Coast and Great Lakes. Learn more by visiting www.NorfolkSouthern.com

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