

SHUTDOWN TIMELINE

7 DAYS

Railroad carriers begin preparing for a strike.



4 DAYS

Railroad carriers halt all hazardous material shipments in accordance with railroads' statutory and regulatory hazmat custodial responsibilities.



72-48 HOURS

Implement steps to mitigate congestion and capacity issues at handoff locations since as many as 20% of rail cars are outside of rail yards moving from one

location to another. Amtrak begins stopping long-distance intercity passenger trains.

48 HOURS

Hold loaded and empty unit trains at customer locations and position them for an easier resumption of service.



24 HOURS

Cancel and/or consolidate trains to prevent personnel, locomotives and rail cars from being left in vulnerable or obstructive locations. Notify commuter trains that use freight lines of potential suspension of service.

12 HOURS



Latest allowable dispatching of freight and Amtrak trains so they can be safely positioned before shutdown.

0 HOURS



Intermodal yards shutdown, causing backups in on-dock rail and seaports.