

*Key Personnel – Charles “Sonny” Cooper*



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*Full Service Transportation Consulting*

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## Experience

*Railroad Industries Incorporated, Track and Bridges Associate*  
Reno, NV

2004-Present

Mr. Cooper serves as RII's leading bridge consultant with extensive knowledge of rail track, bridge and construction rules and regulations, components, rehabilitation and costs. His projects have included inspection of bridges and culverts on rail lines ranging from small short lines to regional railroads, cost estimating for repairs or upgrades, operational maintenance costing, development of reports for feasibility and emergency funding, and coordinating repair construction. Projects of note include a track and bridge inspection and rehabilitation costing of a branch line in Indiana, rail bridge rehabilitation costing for a Class II railroad in Maine and the development of annual maintenance costs for a shortline railroad in California.

*Cooper Rail Services, President*  
Evansville, IN

1982-Present

Mr. Cooper started this company over 29 years ago and has built it into the successful rail track work and bridge design and construction firm it is today. They have built over 34 bridges during the last 14 years for various railroads, and erected 6 state highway bridges. Work includes track and bridge repair, bridge design and rehabilitation, maintenance and cost estimating, emergency repairs and mitigation. Work includes both private and public contracts, including detailed government bidding processes. Mr. Cooper has been responsible for all project management details, from reporting and directing diverse construction teams, to planning, procurement of bulk materials and logistics.

*L&S Coal Mine, Owner and General Superintendent*

1978-1980

Mr. Cooper directed all operations at this mine, including the 40 person crew. Operations included mine productivity and transport, which involved unit coal trains delivered empty, filled at the mine loading units, and setting out the unit train for pick up. Mr. Cooper was responsible for all safety, track and equipment within the facility and performed any inspection or upgrade costing analysis that was needed from the coal mine to the railroad.

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*Red-E-Mix Concrete*, General Manager

1968-1978

Mr. Copper was responsible for all supervision, operations, purchasing and logistics for this concrete producer, including inbound rail cement movements and other materials. He managed 10 years of a safe operation as well as reduced costs with innovative purchasing decisions.

*General’s Construction*, Construction Foreman

1965-1968

Mr. Cooper was in charge of ensuring the productivity and safety of workers on the jobsite. His responsibilities included assigning daily job site priorities and personnel, ensuring appropriate tools and equipment were available and in working order, overseeing that safety procedures and precautions were followed and that deadlines for assignments were met. He was also in charge of training new personnel, leading weekly meetings and reporting.

*US Army – National Guard – Medic*

1966-1972

### **Certifications and Education**

Member of the State Contractors Association

State Contractor’s License

Workshops in Civil Engineering, Structures, Trackwork, FRA Guidelines and Technical Specifications