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Luisa Fernandez-Willey is a senior economist for the Association of American Railroads (AAR). She is responsible for conducting quantitative and qualitative research and analysis on economic and policy issues affecting freight railroads, their customers, and their competitors in response to the needs of various AAR departments, committees, and its constituent railroads. Additionally, she is responsible for assisting with the data collection, processing, editing, and production of several AAR publications and databases. Most recently, she managed the analysis for the Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis of Class I Railroads and conducted webinars where she discussed economic data and railroad traffic trends.

Luisa's professional experience prior to joining the AAR includes financial management consulting, economic research supporting government and private sector clients, and academia. She has also published scholarly research in a peer-reviewed international academic journal.

Luisa holds a M.A. in Economics from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a M.Sc. in Business and Economic Forecasting from Kingston University-London. Luisa is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and completed Michigan State University's Railway Certification Management Program. She is a past president of the Washington D.C. Chapter of Association of Latino Professionals for America (ALPFA).

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