

Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR) Privacy Policy

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad (FOBNR) respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your Personal Information and being transparent about how we collect, use, and share your Personal Information. This Policy describes how we handle Personal Information (as described below) and the choices available to you regarding collection, use, access and how to update and correct your Personal Information.

Personal Information we collect

We collect data, including Personal Information that you provide to our organization. "Personal Information" includes information that can be used to identify you as a natural person, directly or indirectly, in combination with other information available to us such as an identification membership number, contact information, or one or more factors specific to your identity as a natural person and may include your:

- Personal name or business/organization name
- Residential address
- Telephone numbers
- e-mail address (etc.)

If you fail to provide certain Personal Information when requested, we may not be able to perform the contract we have entered with you (such as providing the membership services to you described in your membership), or we may be prevented from complying with our legal obligations.

How we use your Personal Information

On a worldwide basis, we only collect, use and store your Personal Information for the purposes of operating our organization, providing membership services, communications related to our organization, and for providing you with information, products and membership services that you request from us. FOBNR collects Personal Information for a variety of purposes, including the following:

- Performance of supporting your membership subscription;
- Providing you with our membership services, goods, or information upon your request;
- Respond to an inquiry from you; and
- Providing you with correspondence, newsletters, and information.

Where required or permitted by applicable law, we also use or disclose your Personal Information to limited third parties when we believe, in good faith, that such use or disclosure is reasonably necessary to (i) comply with the legal obligation bearing on FOBNR, (ii) enforce or apply the terms of any agreement to which we are a party, or (iii) protect the rights, property or safety of FOBNR members or others.

How we share your Personal Information

We may share your personal Information with our affiliate entities and other third-party business partners, providers, vendors or contractors acting on our behalf and under our instructions, whether located inside and outside of the European Union (“EU”) or the Economic Area (“EEA”), for the purposes of operating our organization, delivering, improving, and customizing our membership services, sending communications related to our organization, and when needed, with your consent.

Therefore, we may share Personal Information in the following ways:

- Within FOBNR and any of our affiliate entities located inside or outside of the EU/EEA, for purposes of data processing or storage;
- With FOBNR’s business partners, vendors, authorized third-party agents or contractors to provide our membership services to facilitate transactions. Examples include, but are not limited to: processing and distribution of newsletters and publications, hosting websites and providing support.
- In connection with, or during negotiations of, any merger, sale of organizational assets, consolidation or restructuring, financing, or acquisition of all or a portion of our organization by another organization;
- As the case may be, for further protection of your privacy, FOBNR may share your Personal Information in aggregated and/or de-identified form that cannot be used to identify you.

Where mandated or permitted by applicable law, regulation or legal process, we will disclose your Personal Information to law enforcement officials, government authorities or other third parties, located inside and outside of the EU/EEA, where such disclosure is in accordance with due process of law and binding upon FOBNR to the extent necessary to comply with legal process or meet national security requirements, protect the rights, property, or safety of FOBNR, its organizational partners, you, or others.

Transfer, processing and storage of Personal Information

We may transfer your Personal Information to any FOBNR affiliate entity worldwide or to third-party business partners, providers, vendors, or contractors, that are located inside or outside of the EU/EEA, for purposes described in the section “How we share your Personal Information” above, including for the purpose of data processing or storage on behalf and under the control of FOBNR.

FOBNR may implement cross-borders transfers in compliance with applicable privacy and data protection regulations, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of personal data (“GDPR”). Where mandated by applicable law, to ensure that your Personal Information does receive an adequate level of protection, FOBNR may implement the appropriate measures to ensure that your Personal Information is treated across FOBNR entities and by the aforementioned third parties in a way that is consistent with and which respects the applicable privacy and data protection laws.

Links to third-parties’ websites

The membership services may contain links to third-party websites that are operated by companies outside of our control. Your activities on those third-party websites will be solely governed by the privacy policies and procedures of those third parties. FOBNR takes no responsibility whatsoever for the content or information practices of such third parties and encourages you to review the privacy policies of these third parties before disclosing any information on their websites.

Security and confidentiality of your Personal Information

The security and confidentiality of your Personal Information is important to us. We implement appropriate physical, administrative, and technical measures and safeguards designed to protect your Personal Information from loss, theft, misuse, alteration, unlawful or unauthorized access, use, or disclosure.

FOBNR also relies on reasonable measures to safeguard Personal Information in our possession. The FOBNR will restrict access to Personal Information to only those members and third-party service providers on a “need to know” basis and under required strict confidentiality agreements when required.

The Internet and any communication thereon cannot be guaranteed to be secure at all times, and we cannot ensure or warrant the security of any Personal Information you provide us through this technology.

Retention of Personal information

We will retain your Personal Information for only as long as needed to fulfill the purposes for which it is collected. We will retain and use your Personal Information as necessary to comply with our business requirements, legal obligations, resolve disputes, protect our assets and enforce agreements to which FOBNR is a party.

Your Rights

Individuals located in certain countries, including the European Economic Area, have certain statutory rights in relation to their personal data. Subject to any exemptions provided by law, you may have the right to request access to this Information, as well as to seek to update, delete or correct this Information. You can usually do this by contacting the FOBNR directly

Children’s Privacy

FOBNR encourages parents and guardians to take an active role in their children's FOBNR membership. FOBNR may intentionally collect an applicant's name, address and age to determine applicable youth membership status. If you are a parent or legal guardian of a minor and believe that the minor has disclosed other personal information to us, please contact us using the contact details provided.

Choice and Opt-Out

We may send you membership communications relating to membership services we provide you via email (e.g. to inform you about changes to the product or service you requested from us, revisions of our terms and conditions or this Policy). As such communications are necessary for the purposes of providing you with our membership services or complying with legal obligations, you will not be able to opt-out from receiving them.

Updates to this Policy

We reserve the right to update this Privacy Policy from time to time in order to reflect any changes to our membership services or to comply with changes in our legal and/or regulatory obligations. Where such changes to our Privacy Policy are substantial, we will notify members with an updated revision date. We will also notify you by other means prior to the changes taking effect, such as by sending you an email notification. By continuing to use our membership services thirty days after such revisions are in effect, you will be deemed to accept and agree to the revisions and to abide by them.

Questions and Contacts

The Friends of the Burlington Northern Railroad welcomes questions or inquiries regarding our FOBNR Privacy policy. Questions can be sent electronically to: contact@fobr.org, or by sending a letter to:

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