



Kari L. Gonzales

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As the President at MxV Rail — formerly Transportation Technology Center, Inc. (TTCI) — Kari Gonzales leads the world’s premier rail research organization based in Pueblo, CO. Prior to assuming this role in 2021, Gonzales served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for TTCI where she was responsible for company-wide strategic planning and business functions associated with day-to-day operations.

Gonzales, a Pueblo-native, has been a part of MxV Rail’s organization since 2000 when she started as a student intern and was later hired full-time as a research engineer upon completing her degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines in December of 2002. She also holds a Master of Business Administration from Regis University, Denver (2015).

During her time as a research engineer, Gonzales excelled in conducting research and managing a diverse set of projects in support of the industry’s Strategic Research Initiative (SRI) program and MxV Rail’s commercial customers. She contributed a body of work that resulted in authoring/co-authoring of over 25 technical publications.

In early 2012, Gonzales was selected as the inaugural candidate for MxV Rail’s Railroad Exchange Program and spent a year as a visiting professional with BNSF Railway in Fort Worth, TX on the railroad’s Condition Based Maintenance team. This experience enhanced her understanding of railroad operations and extended her expertise in wayside inspection systems. Upon her return to MxV Rail, she managed the industry’s senior technical committee, the Equipment Engineering Committee, and revamped MxV Rail’s Internal Research and Development (IR&D) program. In 2014, Gonzales was selected as one of *Progressive Railroading’s* “Rising Stars.”

In addition to her commitment to MxV Rail, Gonzales volunteers her time in several industry and community organizations. She is currently the Education Chair for the League of Railway Women and serves on several community boards.