

MIPRC Commissioners' Final Agenda

Beth McCluskey, Illinois, MIPRC Chair, Presiding

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 12 to 1 p.m. **Lunch** (*Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room*)
- 1 p.m. **Convene MIPRC 2019 Annual Meeting** (*Phoenix Park Ballroom*)
- 1 to 1:30 p.m. **Welcome from the Chair, Introductions**
- 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. **MIPRC Year in Review**
- 1:45 to 3 p.m. **Status of Passenger Rail Improvements in the Region and Plans for the Future**
DOT representatives from MIPRC states will discuss the status of passenger rail projects and planning in their states.
- 3 to 3:15 p.m. **Update on the Next Generation Equipment Committee**
John Oimoen, Deputy Director, Rail Division, IDOT
- 3:15 to 3:30 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. **Legislative and Partner Passenger Rail-Related Activity in Our States**
MIPRC commissioners and partners will update the group on legislative and other passenger rail-related activities in their states.
- 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. **The Federal Railroad Administration's Vision and Priorities**
Quintin C. Kendall, Deputy Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration
- 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Reception Hosted by MIPRC Partner Teamsters' Rail Conference:**
Teamsters' Headquarters (*25 Louisiana Ave NW, Washington, DC*)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8 to 9 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (*Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room*)
- 9 a.m. **Reconvene MIPRC 2019 Annual Meeting** (*Phoenix Park Ballroom*)
- 9 to 9:45 a.m. **Amtrak's Vision and Priorities**
Roger Harris, Executive Vice President, Chief Marketing and Revenue Officer, Amtrak
- 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. **Overview of/Update on the FRA-led Midwest Regional Rail Planning Study**
Peter Schwartz, Project Manager, Federal Railroad Administration
- 10:45 to 11 am **Break**
- 11 to noon **Lessons Learned from Successful Passenger Rail Grant Applications**
Will Dyer, Division Chief, National Rail Planning, Office of Policy and Planning, Federal Railroad Administration
- 12 to 1 p.m. **Lunch** (*Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room*)
- 1 to 2 p.m. **Marketing the Midwest's Passenger Rail Service** (*Phoenix Park Ballroom*)
Hear from the publisher of New York by Rail how New York has marketed locations and vacations accessible by rail, and consider if/how the Midwest may want to pursue something similar.
Tom Martinelli, Publisher/Chief Content Officer, Amtrak New York By Rail
- 2 to 2:30 p.m. **Review of MIPRC Input on Surface Transportation Reauthorization**

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 (CONT.)

- 2:30 to 3 p.m. **Amtrak-Host Railroads Relations**
What are some common issues host freight railroads have in their negotiations and ongoing relationship with Amtrak and the states? Hear a perspective from Amtrak, including some success stories and ways these issues may be able to be resolved.
Chris Zappi, Director, Host Railroads, Amtrak
- 3 to 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. **Continued Discussion of MIPRC Input on Surface Transportation Reauthorization**
(4:15 p.m.: **Allies' Adjournment**)
- 4:15 to 4:30 p.m. **Commission Business: Election of Officers for FY 2020**
(Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer)
- 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. **Review of Tomorrow's Congressional Visits, Talking Points**
- 6:30 to 9 p.m. **Special Evening Event for MIPRC Commissioners and Partners:**
Zaytinya Mediterranean Restaurant (701 9th St NW, Washington, DC)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room)
- 8 to 8:30 a.m. **Amtrak Capitol Hill Briefing** (Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room)
Mariah C. Morales, Manager, Government Affairs, Amtrak
- 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Meetings with Members of Congress** (various locations, all day)
- 7 to 9 p.m. **Commissioners' Dinner:**
Agua 301 Restaurant (301 Water St SE, Washington, DC)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast** (Phoenix Park Hotel, Powers Court Room)
- 8:30 a.m. **Reconvene MIPRC 2019 Annual Meeting** (Phoenix Park Ballroom – rest of day)
- 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. **Report-Back on Yesterday's Congressional Visits, Take-Aways**
- 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. **Spotlight on MIPRC Partner and Passenger Rail Progress Connected to Our Region:**
Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative
Thea Walsh, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Development, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Ohio Association of Regional Councils
- 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. **MIPRC's 2020 Priorities**
- 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Commission Business**, including finalization of MIPRC priorities for fiscal year, FY 2020 Budget, and Next Meeting of the Commission
- 12 p.m. **Adjourn** (box lunches to go)
- Afternoon/Evening **Travel Home**