Revised Agenda

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast

9:00 to 10:15 a.m.  Welcome, Introductions, and Roundtable Discussion on State Rail-Related Progress this Year
Come prepared to discuss what happened in your state this year on the rail front (legislation, studies, other reports, track improvements, etc.). Staff will also give a brief presentation, focusing on the MIPRC in-state meetings held to date.

10:15 to 10:45 a.m.  Report-Back on German Marshall Fund European Transportation Trip
The MIPRC was invited to have two representatives travel to France and Germany in May to study European innovations in transportation alternatives. Hear what they learned from MIPRC vice chair!
Presenter: Rep. Linda Slocum, MIPRC Vice Chair (Minnesota)

10:45 to 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 to 11:30 a.m.  Review, Update on Congressional Legislation
To prepare for tomorrow’s meetings and to inform our discussion on the key issues to communicate to Members of Congress, we’ll receive an overview of current federal legislation, as well as an update on what is being discussed about the future of passenger rail (including recommendations from the National Surface Transportation Policy & Revenue Study Commission).
Presenter: Mr. David Ewing, Consultant

11:30 a.m. to noon  Federal Priorities Discussion
Begin to develop rail policy points for our discussions with Members of Congress.

Noon to 1:00 p.m.  Lunch Buffet, Continued Discussion of Congressional Priorities

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  MIPRC Fiscal Year Review, Priorities for the Coming Year
Receive an overview of MIPRC activities this fiscal year, then discuss what should be the commission’s priorities for FY 2009.

3:00 to 4:00 p.m.  Commission Business, including:
  - Approval of FY ’09 Budget
  - Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer)
  - Next Meeting of the Commission

4:00 to 4:30 p.m.  Finalization of Talking Points for Meetings, Review of Appointments with Members of Congress
Finalize the list of the rail policy points and review each state’s appointments.

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.  Unfinished Business, Adjournment

6:30 p.m.  Dinner: Oyamel Cocina Mexicana (separate registration required)
8:00 to 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast Sponsored by Amtrak

9:30 to ? (times vary, depending on schedules)  Appointments with Members of Congress
MIPRC commissioners and allies will split into groups, according to state, to meet with Members of Congress and discuss the MIPRC rail policy points.