

## *Agenda*

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*Mr. Tim Hoeffner, Michigan, MIPRC Chair, Presiding*

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

*(meet by 2 p.m. in the Metropolitan Lounge at Chicago Union Station)* **Amtrak Southwest Chief service from Chicago to Kansas City (3 to 10:11 p.m.)**  
Onboard refreshments and presentations/discussions about Amtrak's long-distance service.  
Upon arrival **Transfer to/check-in at Hotel Phillips** (106 W. 12<sup>th</sup> St., Kansas City, MO)

### THURSDAY, JUNE 12 *Union Station, Arthur Stillwell Room (30 W. Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri)*

8 to 8:45 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast**

8:45 to 9 a.m. **Welcome from the Chair, Introductions**

9 to 9:15 a.m. **Welcome from the Host State**  
*Ms. Michelle Teel, Multimodal Director, Missouri DOT*

9:15 to 10:15 a.m. **The Status of Passenger Rail Improvements in the Region and Plans for the Future**  
DOT representatives will discuss the status of passenger rail projects and planning in their states.

10:15 to 10:45 a.m. **Legislative and Other Passenger Rail-Related Activity in Our States**  
MIPRC commissioners and others will update the group on legislative and other passenger rail-related activities in their states.

10:45 to 11 a.m. **MIPRC Year in Review**

11 to 11:45 a.m. **Recommendations from the MIPRC Committee on University Partnerships**  
*Sen. David Pearce, Missouri, Chair*

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **Recommendations from the MIPRC Committee on the Importance of Rail Suppliers to the Midwest's Economy**  
*Rep. Randy Truitt, Indiana and Mr. Bob Guy, Illinois, Co-Chairs*

12:30 to 1 p.m. **Lunch**

1 to 1:30 p.m. **Federal Outlook**  
*Presenter: Mr. David Ewing, MIPRC Federal Relations Consultant*

1:30 to 2 p.m. **Report on the Next Generation Equipment Committee**  
*Presenter: Mr. Eric Curtit, Missouri DOT*

2 to 3 p.m. **How to CONNECT the Midwest**  
Building on the "CONNECT the Midwest 1.0" webinar held May 12, we'll look at the FRA's planning process and what the future may hold for passenger rail development in the region.  
*Presenter: Mr. Kyle Gradinger, Transportation Industry Analyst, Federal Railroad Administration*

3 to 4 p.m. **The future of Regional Passenger Rail Education, Planning, Oversight and Advocacy at the State Level in the Midwest**

4 to 5 p.m. **Commission Business**, including FY 2015 Budget, Election of Officers for FY 2015 (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer) and Next Meeting of the Commission

5 p.m. **Adjourn**

**Note:** *There is an optional tour on the history of Kansas City's Union Station from 5:30 to 6:15 pm.*

7 to 9 p.m. **MIPRC Commissioners and Partners Dinner Reception** (Jarvis Hunt room, Union Station)