



# Fall Meeting Columbus, Ohio October 15 & 16, 2009

The Westin Columbus ❖ 310 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio  
Thursday, October 15, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ❖ Friday, October 16, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## *Final Agenda*

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**Missouri Rep. Charlie Schlottach, MIPRC Chair, Presiding**

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15**

- 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. **Welcome, Introductions, and Roundtable Discussion**  
Receive a welcome from our Ohio hosts, and engage in roundtable introductions and sharing of passenger rail progress in your state (and region!).
- 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. **Overview of Applications/Awards for Funding Related to Federal Stimulus**
- 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **MIPRC's Relationship with MWRRI, Governors' Steering Group**  
A discussion of MIPRC's relationship to the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and the steering committee set up by the governors.
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Federal Legislation**  
Learn what is contained in pending surface transportation reauthorization legislation, and the outlook for reauthorization and federal passenger rail appropriations. Then, discuss what action at the federal level the commission should take.  
**Presenter:** Mr. David Ewing, *Transportation Consultant*
- 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. **MIPRC FY 2009 Overview**  
Hear what the commission has been doing during the past year, including MIPRC's Federal Relations Committee work and the MIPRC Partners Program initiated by the Alternate Revenue committee.
- 3:00 to 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. **Preliminary Discussion of FY 2010 Budget, and Commission Direction**  
Engage in a discussion of next year's goals and what they mean for the FY 2010 budget.
- 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. **Additional Business, adjourn business meeting until tomorrow**
- 6:20 p.m. **For MIPRC Commissioners/Designees and MIPRC Partners: Reception at The Depot**  
Meet in the lobby of the Westin to take a trolley to The Depot, a 1880's train depot that has been renovated into a state-of-the-art venue blending the best of old and new.

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16**

- 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast, Introductions**
- 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. **Continuation of Discussion/Approval of FY 2010 Budget/Commission Direction**
- 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Election of Officers, Next Meeting of Commission, Other Business**
- 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. **Report-Back on Trade Commission of Spain-sponsored MIPRC Trip**  
Find out what the 10 MIPRC commissioners and staff learned who traveled to Spain to study the history of Spanish passenger rail development, routes and equipment and their applications for developing passenger rail in the U.S.  
**Presenters:** MIPRC commissioners and staff; with special guest Ms. Susana Mate, *Assistant Director, Industrial Products and Technology Department, Trade Commission of Spain (Chicago Office)*
- 12:15 to 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. **Ohio's Passenger Rail Plans - A Dialogue with ODOT Director Jolene Molitoris**  
**Special Guest:** Ms. Jolene Molitoris, *Director, Ohio Department of Transportation*
- 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. **What's Ahead for Amtrak?**  
**Presenter:** Mr. Ray Lang, *Director, Government Affairs, Amtrak Intercity*
- 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Wrap-up, Adjourn**