



# Fall Meeting Omaha, Nebraska December 3 & 4, 2008

Qwest Center, Room 216 ❖ 455 N 10th Street, Omaha, Nebraska  
Wednesday, December 3, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ❖ Thursday, December 4, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

## *Final Agenda*

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

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. **Welcome, Introductions, and Roundtable Discussion**  
Come prepared to discuss what happened in your state this year on the rail front (legislation, studies, other reports, track improvements, etc.).
- 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. **Federal Legislation, New and Pending**  
On October 16, President Bush signed the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act into law. Find out what this act provides for the future of passenger rail development, and receive an overview of additional federal legislation introduced this year.  
**Presenter:** Laura Kliewer, *MIPRC Director*
- 2:00 to 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. **MIPRC Committee Recommendations, Goals for the Commission**  
The MIPRC created two new committees during its spring meeting – the Federal Relations and the Alternate Revenue committees. Committee representatives will bring forth recommendations for full commission consideration. Based on these recommendations and the earlier discussion on the outlook at the federal level, MIPRC commissioners will discuss how to position the MIPRC for the future.  
**Presenters:** Rep. Elaine Nekritz, *MIPRC Commissioner* & Sen. Daryl Beall, *MIPRC Financial Officer*
- 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. **Commission Business**, including FY 2010 dues level approval, next meeting of the Commission
- 4:30 p.m. **Additional Business** (including evening dinner plans)
- 5:00 p.m. **Adjourn until tomorrow**

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast, Introductions**
- 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. **Panel I: The Future of Intercity Passenger Rail**  
Panelists will discuss the role of passenger rail in building America's multimodal transportation future, including the rise of passenger rail development and ridership in the U.S., the benefits of passenger rail, new federal legislation that will boost its development, and what the reauthorization of federal surface transportation legislation may hold.  
**Presenters:** Mr. John Drake, *Professional Staff, U.S. House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines and Hazardous Materials*; Mr. Derrick James, *Senior Government Affairs Officer, Amtrak*; & Mr. George Weber, *Acting Chief, Bureau of Railroads, Illinois Department of Transportation*
- 10:00 to 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Panel II: Views from Rail Owners**  
Most of the 22,000 miles of rail that U.S. passenger rail service currently runs on is owned by freight railroads. Representatives of the major freight railroads that own these corridors will join us to share their respective company views on mixing passenger and freight rail operations, how the existing Amtrak operations and agreements affect them, and what opportunities and issues may lay ahead.  
**Presenters:** Ms. Jennifer Macdonald, *Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs, Association of American Railroads*; Mr. Kevin Soucie, *Senior Manager, Government Affairs, CN*; Mr. Tom Drake, *Regional Vice President Midwest, State Government and Community Affairs, CSX Corporation*; Mr. D.J. Mitchell, *Assistant Vice President, Passenger Operations, BNSF Railway*; Mr. C. Scott Muir, *Assistant Vice President, Government Relations, Norfolk Southern Corporation*; & Mr. Joe Bateman, *Vice President, Public Affairs Northern Region, Union Pacific Railroad*
- 12 noon **Adjourn**