

MIPRC Commissioners & Partners Agenda

Mr. Tim Hoeffner, Michigan, MIPRC Chair, Presiding

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Travel on Amtrak's *Texas Eagle* from Chicago to St. Louis. Train departs at 1:45 pm, and is scheduled to arrive at 7:30 p.m. Agenda on-board includes presentations from Amtrak and on improvements to the Chicago-St. Louis route. Check in upon arrival at St. Louis City Center Hotel (400 S. 14th St., St. Louis, MO). No formal events/meetings are planned for that evening upon arrival.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast (*Colonnade Salon E in St. Louis City Center Hotel*)**
- By 8:45 a.m. **Meet in hotel lobby to walk over to the Amtrak station to take *Missouri River Runner* to Kirkwood (9:15 a.m. departure)**
- 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Presentations and Lunch in Kirkwood**
Presentations to include tour of Kirkwood station, information on the state-supported *Missouri River Runner* service, and presentation/discussion of Missouri's passenger rail advisory committee (MORPAC). Lunch is included.
Bill Burckhalter, Station Manager, Kirkwood Station and Eric Curtit, Administrator of Railroads, Missouri Department of Transportation
- 1 p.m. **Meet at Kirkwood station to take *Missouri River Runner* to St. Louis (1:13 p.m. departure)**
- 2:15 p.m. **Reconvene at St. Louis City Center Hotel (*Colonnade Salon D*)**
Welcome from the Chair, Introductions
Tim Hoeffner, Michigan, MIPRC Chair
- 2:45 to 4 p.m. **The 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.
- 4 to 5 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.
- 6:30 to 10 p.m. **MIPRC Commissioners, Partners and Sponsors St. Louis Cardinals' Baseball Game**

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

St. Louis City Center Hotel (400 S. 14th St., St. Louis, MO)

- 7 to 8:30 a.m. **Buffet Breakfast (Colonnade Salon E)**
- 8:30 to 9 a.m. **MIPRC Year in Review (Colonnade Salon D)**
Laura Kliewer, MIPRC Director
- 9 to 10 a.m. **Report on the MIPRC Universities and Colleges Passenger Rail Survey, and Follow-up Efforts/Plans**
Sen. David Pearce, Missouri, Chair, MIPRC Committee on University Partnerships and Jim Brzezinski, Senior Regional Director-Amtrak, State Corridors – Central Region
- 10 to 10:30 a.m. **Federal Update**
Jon Davis, MIPRC Policy Analyst
- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Update on the Midwest’s FRA-Led Multistate Rail Planning Project**
Tim Hoeffner, Michigan, MIPRC Chair
- 11:30 a.m.
to 12:15 p.m. **The Next Generation Equipment Committee, and Status of Midwest Next Generation Procurement**
Eric Curtit, Administrator of Railroads, Missouri DOT, and chair of the Next Generation Corridor Equipment Pool Committee; Tim Hoeffner, MIPRC, Michigan, MIPRC Chair; and Dave Ward, Vice President, Locomotives North America, Siemens Industry Inc.
- 12:15 to 1 p.m. **Lunch (Colonnade Salon E)**
- 1 to 3 p.m. **Commission Business (Colonnade Salon D)**, including finalization of MIPRC priorities for fiscal year, final approval of FY 2017 Budget, Election of Officers for FY 2017 (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer) and Next Meeting of the Commission
- 3 p.m. **Adjourn**

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