

Final Agenda

Illinois Rep. Elaine Nekritz, MIPRC Chair, Presiding

SUNDAY, JUNE 10

*(meet in Lounge G at
Union Station by 3:40 p.m.)*

Upon arrival

Amtrak 364 Blue Water service from Chicago to Kalamazoo (4:10 to 7:30 p.m.)

Onboard dinner reception and presentations about Michigan's improvements to the route.

Check-in at Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites, Kalamazoo (100 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo)

MONDAY, JUNE 11

7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Note: Breakfast is in **Great Lakes 2-3**; the business meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. in **Meadows**

Continental Breakfast

8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions

9:00 to 10:30 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 awarded to Midwestern states through the federal High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) programs, and explain what their state rail plans hold for the future. An explanation of and update on Section 209 and Section 305 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) will also be included.

10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Legislative and Private-Sector Passenger Rail-Related Activity in Our States

MIPRC commissioners will update the group on legislative and private sector-led passenger rail-related activities in their states.

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Congressional Outlook

MIPRC's federal consultant David Ewing will explain pending and expected federal passenger rail-related legislation, and review MIPRC's federal policy positions.

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

Spotlight on MIPRC Partners: The University Connection to Passenger Rail

Hear why institutes of higher education think passenger rail service is important, from three of MIPRC's university partners.

Panelists: Mr. Rex Duncan, *Director, Community Outreach, Southern Illinois University*; Ms. Marissa McCord, *Associate Director for Development and Governmental Relations, Illinois State University*; Mr. Terry McLennand, *Associate Director, Office of Governmental Relations, University of Illinois*

1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

National Plans for the Future: FRA, Amtrak and National Advocacy Positions

Amtrak, the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Association of Railroad Passengers will describe their national plans for the future, and what they mean for the Midwest.

Panelists: Mr. Charles Monte Verde, *Government Affairs, Amtrak*; Mr. Paul Nissenbaum, *Associate Administrator for Railroad Policy and Development, FRA*; Mr. Ross Capon, *President & CEO, NARP*

2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Year in Review, Questions for the Future

Receive an overview of MIPRC's work during FY 2012, then discuss the potential role of the commission for the future.

4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

Commission Business, including:

- ❖ FY 2013 Budget
 - Overview & New Ideas
 - Budget approval
- ❖ Election of Officers for FY 2013 (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer)
- ❖ Next Meeting of the Commission

4:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Other Business

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Commissioners/MIPRC Partners Dinner at Mangia Mangia (200 S. Kalamazoo Mall)



Annual Meeting
Kalamazoo, Michigan
June 10-12, 2012

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TUESDAY, JUNE 12

8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

Breakfast (Great Lakes 2-3)

*(Meet at Kalamazoo
Station by 9:30 a.m.)*

Amtrak 351 Wolverine service Kalamazoo to Chicago (9:50 to 11:24 a.m.)