
Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission

Meeting Agenda

Federal City Room, Phoenix Park Hotel
520 North Capitol NW, Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, June 22, 2004 ❖ 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sen. Joan Bray, *Chair, Presiding*

- 5:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Welcome, Introductions**
- 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. **Update on the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, other State Updates**
Randy Wade, *Wisconsin DOT*
Receive highlights of the soon-to-be-released updated report of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, a nine-state DOT-lead plan to bring faster, more frequent passenger rail service to the Midwest. Also hear and participate in a discussion of what individual Midwestern states are undertaking.
- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Presentation on CREATE**
Kevin Brubaker, *Environmental Law & Policy Center*
The Chicago Region Environmental and Transportation Efficiency Project ("CREATE") is a partnership between Chicago, the state of Illinois and all major railroads to reduce freight congestion in Chicago. In doing so, it would significantly reduce delays on most passenger routes into Chicago. Learn about the CREATE proposal, possible funding options and benefits that it would bring to intercity passenger rail travel in the Midwest.
- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. **Break, Dinner Buffet**
- 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. **Review, Update on Bills Before Congress**
Don Itzkoff, *Foley & Lardner* and Nicole Brewin, *Railway Supply Institute*
Prepare for your meetings with Members of Congress tomorrow through this succinct update on current federal legislation that could affect passenger rail policy and funding.
- 7:30 – 8:15 p.m. **Discussion of Strategy for Wednesday's Meetings, Review of Appointments with Members of Congress**
- 8:15 – 9:15 p.m. **Commission Business, Including:**
❖ Approval of FY '05 Budget
❖ MIPRC Insignia Design
❖ Election of Officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer)
- 9:15 – 9:30 p.m. **Next Meeting, Other Business**
- 9:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
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Wednesday, June 23, 2004 ❖ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- 7:45 a.m. Depart lobby of Phoenix Park Hotel to walk over to **Union Station for breakfast** (MIPRC commissioners only) (*sponsored by Amtrak*)
- 9:00 a.m. Depart Union Station for **appointments with Members of Congress** (remainder of day)