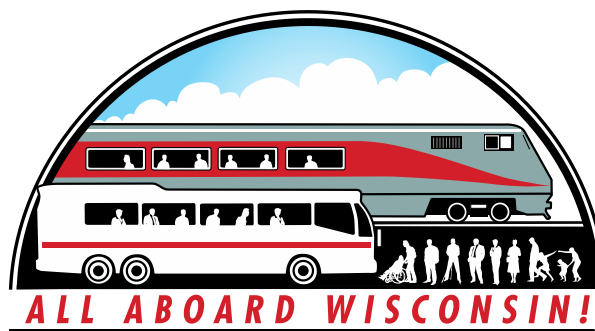


## All Aboard Wisconsin

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### **All Aboard Wisconsin Welcomes the MIPRC to Milwaukee.**

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC) comes to Milwaukee October 4th-6th. Welcome to Wisconsin. The Commission will be meeting at the Intermodal Station in Milwaukee and will also tour the new Street Car System that will begin operation on Friday, November 2nd.

The MIPRC brings together state leaders from across the region to advocate for passenger rail improvements. Formed by compact agreement in 2000, MIPRC's current members are Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

The main purposes of the compact are to promote, coordinate and support regional improvements to passenger rail service:

- Promote both current improvements and long-range plans for intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest.
- Coordinate interaction among Midwestern state officials, and between the public and private sector at all levels (federal, state and local).
- Support current state efforts being conducted through state DOTs.

“All Aboard Wisconsin strongly supports the MIPRC in its work and welcomes its members to Milwaukee.” Nona Hill, President of AAW stated. “We will be with the Commission every step of the way.”

All Aboard Wisconsin has also elected 2 new Board Members and has set its 2018 Annual Meeting.

AAW President Nona Hill announced the election and seating of two new Board Members. They are Trevor Jung of Racine, Wisconsin and Jarrett English of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The All Aboard Wisconsin Annual meeting will be held in La Crosse Wisconsin at the Radisson Hotel on Monday afternoon, October 15, 2018 beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The preliminary agenda of the Annual Meeting is reproduced at the end of this press release and more information about MIPRC is available on its web site at:  
<http://miprc.org>

*All Aboard Wisconsin is a 501(c) (3) organization, dedicated to educating the general public, promoting efficient travel and business developments through improved and enhanced connected passenger rail and public transit entities.*



2018 Annual Meeting  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
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## ***MIPRC Allies Agenda (as of 9/13/18)***

***Beth McCluskey, Illinois, MIPRC Chair, Presiding***

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

**Meet in the Founders Room at Chicago Union Station** by noon for lunch, presentations on plans for Chicago Union Station and the *Hiawatha* service, and a tour of Chicago Union Station. Then, travel on Amtrak's *Hiawatha* from Chicago to Milwaukee. Train departs at 3:15 p.m., and is scheduled to arrive at 4:45 p.m. Hotel shuttle will be available for transport from the station to the hotel. Check in upon arrival at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Milwaukee Downtown (611 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI).

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 7:30 and 7:45 a.m. Hotel shuttles available between the hotel and the Milwaukee Intermodal Station (the walk is about 7 minutes)
- 8 a.m. **Convene MIPRC 2018 Annual Meeting**  
*(Milwaukee Intermodal Station, 433 W. St. Paul Ave.)*
- 8 to 8:30 a.m. **Welcome from the Chair, Introductions**
- 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. **Greetings from Host State**  
*Dave Simon, Director, Transit, Local Roads, Railroads & Harbors, Wisconsin Department of Transportation*
- 8:45 to 10 a.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.
- 10 to 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:15 to 11 a.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.
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. **FRA Update**  
Hear from the Federal Railroad Administration's Midwest Regional Manager about the FRA's priorities, funding opportunities and initiatives, including an update on the FRA-led Midwest Regional Rail Planning Study.  
*Melissa Hatcher, Midwest Regional Manager, Federal Railroad Administration*
- 12 to 12:45 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. **Tour of Milwaukee's Streetcar (The Hop) Maintenance Facility**
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. **Review of MIPRC Federal Delegation Visit in May/Discussion of 2018 Visit and Preliminary Discussion of MIPRC 2019 Priorities**  
*Led by participants in MIPRC's May federal delegation*
- 2:30 to 3 p.m. **The Next Generation Equipment Committee, and Status of Midwest Next Generation Procurement**  
*Bryan Ross, Railroad Operations Manager, Missouri Department of Transportation*



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***MIPRC Allies Agenda (cont.)***

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4 (CONT.)**

- 3 to 4:30 p.m.      **Amtrak Update**  
Receive an update on Amtrak's vision and priorities for the future, including an overview of policy changes since MIPRC's 2017 Annual Meeting, ideas for making the national network stronger, and the role of the states in developing and implementing new services.  
*Derrick James, Midwest Senior Manager, Amtrak*
- 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.      **Presentation on/Tour of Milwaukee Intermodal Station**
- 5:45 pm              A hotel shuttle will be available for transport back to the hotel

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5**

- 8:30 and 8:45 a.m.      Hotel shuttles available between the hotel and the Milwaukee Intermodal Station (the walk is about 7 minutes)
- 9 a.m.                **Reconvene at Milwaukee Intermodal Station (433 W. St. Paul Ave.)**
- 9 to 10 a.m.          **MIPRC Year in Review, Federal Update and Continued Discussion of MIPRC 2019 Priorities**
- 10 to 11 a.m.        **Spotlight on Passenger Rail Progress Outside the Region: Brightline**  
Learn how the U.S.'s only privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail system – Florida's *Brightline* service – came to be, and what lessons our states can take from its development to improve passenger rail in our region.  
*Adrian Share, Executive Vice President, Rail Infrastructure, Brightline*
- 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.      **Commission Business**, including finalization of MIPRC priorities for fiscal year, FY 2019 Budget, Election of Officers for FY 2019 (Chair, Vice Chair and Financial Officer) and Next Meeting of the Commission
- 12 p.m.                **Adjourn (box lunches to go)**