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February 5, 2024

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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. EP 774 (Sub-No. 1)
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Transmitted via e-file at www.stb.gov

Dear members of the Surface Transportation Board,

The Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission (MIPRC) is pleased to nominate Tim Hoeffner to serve on the Surface Transportation Board's Passenger Rail Advisory Committee as an at-large representative with relevant experience.

Contact information

Tim Hoeffner, Senior Rail Consultant
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Mr. Hoeffner, P.E., is a senior rail consultant with Quandel Consultants. He served as director of the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Office of Rail from 2011-2020. Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm appointed Mr. Hoeffner to serve as her designee to MIPRC from April 2010 until he retired from MDOT in 2020. He served as MIPRC's vice chair from 2011-14 and 2018-2020, and as chair from 2014-18.

While at MDOT, Mr. Hoeffner helped implement Michigan's first state rail plan. He also implemented Michigan's Accelerated Rail program which is introducing 110 MPH operations over a portion of the Chicago-Detroit/Pontiac corridor in Michigan, the first region of the U.S. to achieve such high speeds outside Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. Mr. Hoeffner served as policy advisor on critical federal and state transportation issues, including during implementation of PRIIA 209 costs on Michigan's state-supported Amtrak routes.

During his years as a MIPRC commissioner and officer, Mr. Hoeffner helped guide and strengthen MIPRC with wisdom, steadfast support and humor. Through MIPRC, Mr. Hoeffner championed for federal support of Midwest state-supported Amtrak routes and, in 2016, testified to the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on the importance of sustained federal funding for intercity passenger rail.

Mr. Hoeffner's extensive experience includes overseeing/supervising:

- Preliminary engineering, design, construction, and maintenance for track structure from state-owned 110-MPH Class 6 to Class 1, regional and short line railroads; grade crossing elimination/improvement projects.

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- Development and implementation of ITCS on Amtrak-owned trackage in Michigan.
- Renovation/construction of seven new passenger stations, engine house and maintenance facilities, multiple station and platform renovation projects along Michigan's three state-supported Amtrak routes (*Wolverine*, *Blue Water* and *Pere Marquette*), the Henry Ford roundhouse and Smith Creek station.
- Amtrak and commuter equipment overhaul and the multi-state Midwest Equipment fleet acquisition.
- Myriad freight rail economic development projects.

Mr. Hoeffner is able and willing to serve on the Commission in a representative capacity, and MIPRC enthusiastically endorses his candidacy – MIPRC holds Mr. Hoeffner in the highest regard, and can think of no better candidate to assist the STB's PRAC in their duties. His letter agreeing to serve on the PRAC is also attached.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you!

Sincerely,



Beth McCluskey
MIPRC Chair



Peter Anastor
MIPRC Vice Chair



Laura Kliewer
MIPRC Director

Attachment: Tim Hoeffner's nomination acceptance letter



February 2, 2024

Laura Kliewer, Director
Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission
The Council of State Governments
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Re: Surface Transportation Board Passenger Rail Advisory Committee

Dear Laura:

I am honored by Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission offer to nominate me to the Surface Transportation Board Passenger Rail Advisory Committee (PRAC) as an at-large representative with relevant experience.

If a position on this committee were offered to me, I would accept the position.

Sincerity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy H. Hoeffner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Timothy" and last name "Hoeffner" clearly distinguishable.

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