



Great River Rail Commission Special Meeting Notice: August 4 and 5, 2022

Members of the Great River Rail Commission will gather aboard Amtrak's *Empire Builder* passenger train on August 4 and 5 for a trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The members in attendance will have the opportunity to develop a better understanding of passenger rail travel over a portion of the future Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago (TCMC) Second Train route that is currently served by the *Empire Builder*. Building relationships with other state and local governments, advocacy groups and elected officials will help advance intercity passenger rail planning between neighboring states and regions, bringing more passenger rail service to Minnesota.

The itinerary is below:

THURSDAY AUG 4: Commission members will board the *Empire Builder* at Union Depot in Saint Paul, and the Amtrak stations in Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota. A reception on Thursday evening is planned with representatives from Visit Milwaukee.

FRIDAY AUG 5: Commission members will tour the operations and maintenance facility for Milwaukee's streetcar line, The HOP, and meet with state and local elected officials or their representatives at HNTB's office at 250 E. Wisconsin Ave. Commission members will tour the Milwaukee Intermodal Station and possibly get a close look at the new Siemens Charger locomotive and Horizon coach cars that could be used for the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Second Train service. Commission members will end the day with meetings and discussion with officials from Amtrak and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The Commission members in attendance on August 4 and 5 will not convene an official meeting. The Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is on September 1 at 9:30 am in the Goodhue County Justice Center.

