

High Speed Railway Commission

May 30, 2023

IDOT headquarters



Agenda

- **10:00 am: Welcome and Housekeeping (Michael Vanderhoof, IDOT)**
- **10:10 am: Introductions**
 - Meeting minutes
 - Review of prior action items
 - Update on Procurement for Technical Support
- **10:30 am: Open Meetings Act Update (Legal Counsel, IDOT)**
- **10:40 am: Discuss Commission Organization (Jason Osborn, OIPI/All)**
 - Draft By-Laws Discussion
 - Authority/General Provisions
 - Role of Chair
 - Meetings
 - Conducting Business
- **11:30 am: Next Steps (All)**
 - Meeting Frequency and Location/Format
 - Initial Activities
- **11:45 am Public Comment**
- **12:00 pm Adjourn**



Procurement Process for Technical Support

Professional Transportation Bulletin 208

- Open 5/4/23 - 5/25/23. Selection 7/19/23

IDOT seeks to use this Consultant to:

- Create a statewide plan for a high-speed rail line and feeder network connecting St. Louis, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois that includes current existing Amtrak and Metra Services, connects with the cities of Rockford, Moline, Peoria, and Decatur, and uses inter-city bus service to coordinate with the rail line.
- Conduct a ridership study and shall make findings and recommendations concerning a governance structure, the frequency of service, and implementation of the plan.
- Develop the Annual Report to the General Assembly and the Governor, no later than December 31 of each year; for each year of 2023-2026.



Procurement Process for Technical Support

Key Elements:

- Provide Technical Assistance
- Assist in HSR studies examining trends, forecasts; needs and opportunities of the State's rail system
- Attend meetings; work tandem with IDOT and IDOT designee(s) and work other consultants/experts directly selected by the commission.
- Assist in communicating benefits of HSR and its role in a multimodal transportation system;
- Ridership study should create demographic and travel profiles for rail, inter-city bus and other transit services;
- Ridership study should conduct public involvement and agency coordination, including a statewide stakeholder coordination survey – including inter-city bus and other related transit services;

Procurement Process for Technical Support

- Identify existing and future transit operations and capital needs (including Infrastructure);
- Identify transit funding and conduct financial analysis;
- Develop meaningful performance measures for system performance and recommended benchmarks ;
- Collaborate with planning partners, including transit providers, other state and federal agencies, MPOs and HSTP Regional Coordinators;
- Determine the optimal level of HSR for public transportation providers across the state;
- Integrate the Intercity Bus Network and provide advice on HSR rail/bus integration for transportation providers across the state;
- Analyze shifting trends by past and current census on affected populations (e.g., women, minorities, low-income people, and the transportation disadvantaged), major medical centers, major employment, etc.

Open Meetings Act Update



Draft Bylaws Discussion

Purpose/Authority – 20ILCS 4102, “The High-Speed Railway Commission Act

Membership - The Board will consist of 21 members either appointed by the Governor or in accordance with Section 5 of the Act.

Duties of the Commission - Statewide plan for a high-speed rail line and feeder network

Additional duties?

- Coordinate with HSR Consultant
- Assist in setting schedule
- Document review and review timeframes



Draft Bylaws Discussion

Meetings: Establish Meeting Dates (at least quarterly)

Meeting Location – not required for bylaws

Calling additional meetings – chair or all members

Agenda Preparation – Chair, All Members, IDOT/Consultant

Meeting minutes – recorded by consultant/IDOT

Draft Bylaws Discussion

Commission Officers

- Chair and Vice Chair elected by majority vote with quorum

Conducting Business

- Quorum required
- Robert's Rules of Order
- Chair/Co-Chair Duties
- Committees – Chair and process
- Public Comment

Prior Studies Discussion

Tier 1 EIS – Chicago to St Louis - [Chicago to St. Louis: Environmental Documentation \(idothsr.org\)](#)

- Full corridor impact analysis, detailed evaluation of segments (Tier 2)

220 MPH High Speed Rail Preliminary Feasibility Study (9/24/13) [220 Report](#)

- Feasibility Study level of detail – design, cost, travel times, ridership, O&M, economic analysis, financial strategies

FRA Resources - [High-Speed Rail Timeline | FRA \(dot.gov\)](#)

California - [California High Speed Rail](#)



Next Steps

- Action Items
- Next Meeting Date, Time and Location
- Other



Public Input

- Any public comment?
- Time limit – discretion of the Chair.



Adjournment

