

# High Speed Railway Commission

Inaugural Meeting

April 11, 2023

IDOT headquarters



# Agenda

- **10:00 am Welcome and Housekeeping (Michael Vanderhoof, IDOT)**
  - IDOT Administrative Support Team
- **10:10 am Open Meetings Act (Ellen Bruce, IDOT)**
- **10:30 am Purpose of the HSR Commission (Michael Vanderhoof, IDOT)**
- **10:40 am Introductions and Vision for the Commission, (Jason Osborn, IDOT/All Members)**
- **11:20 am Discuss Commission Organization (Jason Osborn/All)**
  - Elect Chair/Vice Chair or defer to future meeting
  - Interest in Bi-laws?
- **11:35 am Background of HSR in Illinois (Scott Speegle, IDOT)**
- **11:50 am Next Steps (All)**
  - Meeting Frequency and location/format
  - Initial activities
- **11:55 am Public Comment**
- **12:00 pm Adjourn**



# Training Requirements

## Open Meetings Act

- Ellen Bruce, IDOT Ethics Officer



# Legislation of the Commission

**(20 ILCS 4102/) High-Speed Railway Commission Act.**

[20 ILCS 4102/ High-Speed Railway Commission Act. \(ilga.gov\)](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs4102.htm)

**Illinois Board, Commission, Task Force and Council List**

[Office of Executive Appointments - Appointments - Boards and Commissions Detail View \(illinois.gov\)](http://www.illinois.gov/ExecutiveAppointments/BoardsandCommissionsDetail.aspx)

**IDOT Webpage**

[High Speed Rail Commission \(illinois.gov\)](http://www.idot.gov/HighSpeedRailCommission)



# Purpose of the HSR Commission

The High-Speed Railway Commission shall:

- 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 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.
- Report to the General Assembly and the Governor no later than December 31 of each year.



# Introductions and Vision

- Please introduce yourself and tell us what you would like to see the High Speed Railway Commission accomplish



# Commission Organization

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be elected from the Commission's membership by a simple majority vote of the total membership of the Commission.

Total membership of the Commission consists of the number of members serving on the Commission, not including any vacant positions.

A quorum consists of a simple majority of total membership and shall be sufficient to conduct the business of the Commission, unless stipulated otherwise in the bylaws of the Commission.



# Background of High Speed Rail





# Next Steps

- The Commission shall meet at least quarterly
  - Meeting Frequency
  - Location
  - Format – In person, remote, hybrid
- Initial Activities



# Public Input

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



# Adjournment

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