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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Milwaukee Area-Racine-Kenosha Passenger Rail Commission

Friday, December 5, 2025

10:00 AM Racine City Hall, Room 207, 730 Washington Ave, Racine WI

Call To Order

PRESENT: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Checks and Claims

Committee Report

Business Items

[1224-25](#)

Subject: Introducing the Milwaukee Area-Racine-Kenosha (MARK) Passenger Rail Commission and presenting the Commission's vision, mission, and strategic goals.

Recommendation: That the MARK Passenger Rail Commission receive and file the presentation providing an overview of the current MARK Rail effort and introducing the Commission's purpose, mission, and long-term objectives.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason, seconded by Commissioner Barca, that the Commission receive and file the presentation. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

[1225-25](#)

Subject: Requesting approval of the Milwaukee Area-Racine-Kenosha (MARK) Passenger Rail Commission Bylaws.

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the proposed Bylaws as presented and adopt them as the official governing document of the MARK Passenger Rail Commission.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Attachments: [MARK Passenger Rail Commission Bylaws - PROPOSED](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Barca, seconded by Commissioner Haugaard, that the Commission approve the presented Bylaws. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

[1226-25](#)

Subject: Facilitating the election of Commission Officers, including Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary, for the MARK Passenger Rail Commission.

Recommendation: That the Commission conduct officer elections and formally seat the elected Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary to serve until the next regular election cycle as outlined in the Bylaws.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Commissioner Barca, seconded by Commissioner Haugaard, that Commissioner Mason be elected to serve as Chair of the MARK Rail Commission. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

A motion was made by Commissioner Muhs, seconded by Vice Chair Barca, that Commissioner Bauman be elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the MARK Rail Commission. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

A motion was made by Commissioner Muhs, seconded by Vice Chair Barca, that Commissioner Bauman be elected to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the MARK Rail Commission. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

[1227-25](#)

Subject: Requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metra to support future planning and coordination efforts.

Recommendation: That the Commission approve the MOU with Metra and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU on behalf of the Commission.

Fiscal Note: No immediate financial commitment; subject to future cooperative planning and potential shared funding obligations.

Attachments: [Memorandum of Understanding MARK-METRA - PROPOSED](#)

A motion was made by Chair Mason, seconded by Commissioner Haugaard, that the Commission approve the MOU with Metra and authorize the Chair to sign the MOU on behalf of the Commission. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

[1228-25](#)

Subject: Requesting approval to prepare an application to the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development Program.

Recommendation: That the Commission receive and file the presentation introducing the FRA Corridor ID program and approve preparation of a MARK Rail application to enter the program.

Fiscal Note: Application development and submission supported by existing planning funds. Potential future grant funding subject to FRA award decisions.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Barca, seconded by Commissioner Haugaard, that the Commission receive and file the presentation introducing the FRA Corridor ID program and approve preparation of a MARK Rail application to enter the Corridor ID program. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Haugaard at 11:10 AM, seconded by Commissioner Muhs. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 9 - Barca, Wilk, Mason, Horton, Leonard, Bauman, Misky, Muhs and Haugaard