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Public invited to Wednesday meeting to discuss future of Pere Marquette, high-speed rail

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ST. JOSEPH - The future of Amtrak's Pere Marquette route and the development of high-speed rail service in Michigan are topics for a meeting slated for 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph City Hall.


Timothy Hoeffner, who directs the Michigan Department of Transportation's high-speed rail office, will present information.

The public is asked to attend, and there will be time for questions, according to the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, which organized the meeting.

Hoeffner oversees MDOT staff who are experts in rail management. The team is responsible for developing the infrastructure to support high-speed intercity passenger rail, commuter rail and rail rapid transit services.

The meeting will provide information about federal grant awards for high-speed rail, the future of the Pere Marquette route, budget cuts for Michigan's Amtrak subsidy and which lines will be affected, and other topics related to rail.

The Pere Marquette provides daily service between Grand Rapids and Chicago with stops in St. Joseph and Bangor. Michigan has considered eliminating or reducing a subsidy that helps support the route.



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" It'd be nice if they did the meeting when working folks can go....I love taking the train to Chicago and would hate to see the service go away..."

Bill W wrote on Feb 22, 2010 7:47 AM:

" Amtrak is a good service ,please dont cut it. "

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" This upcoming Amtrak meeting is no different from the meeting that Fred Upton and Mike Cox had last week about the asain carp. Those in power could care less about making the meeting times in the evening when the working man can also attend. Everything is at their convenience. I think they all forget who is paying their salaries.....you and me! "

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