

KRM Public Information Meetings

Next Phase of KRM Commuter Rail Project Begins

Learn about KRM project plans and potential modifications.
Provide your ideas and feedback for KRM plans.

The EIS* and Project Development Phase for the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) commuter project has begun.

This first round of public information meetings is used to give the public information about this phase of the KRM project, and identify community issues and concerns early in the study. Communicating your ideas early in the process helps set-up the study scope to include as many of your ideas as possible. Community input will be documented and incorporated into the final study recommendations.

PLEASE ATTEND: The KRM study scope has been broadened to include new ways to reduce capital and operating costs, maximize project benefits, and make the KRM project highly competitive for federal funding and approvals.

Learn about, and provide feedback for, the added study items including:

- **Station area planning:** Transit-Oriented-Development planning near stations will help maximize: development and re-development opportunities, train ridership, accessibility, quality of life, and more.
- **Vehicle options:** Self-propelled passenger coaches (also known as DMUs).
- **Operating plans:** Service operated by a Wisconsin entity with connections to Metra trains in Kenosha and Waukegan, IL that would require a connection or transfer to Metra trains.

Public input must show support for KRM in order for KRM commuter rail to move forward and gain federal approvals and funding.

See Talking Points on page 2.

For more information:

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KRM Commuter Plan: www.KRMonline.org

SEWRPC: 262-542-6742

Tuesday, February 21 – Kenosha
Madrigano Auditorium
Kenosha Gateway
3520 30th Avenue

Wednesday, February 22 – Racine
Great Lakes Room
Gateway Technical College
901 Pershing Drive

Thursday, February 23 – Milw.
Harbor Lights Room
Downtown Transit Center

6 p.m-8 p.m. with a 20 minute presentation at 6:45 pm. An open house format allows participants to enter at any time and ask questions and give comments.

Help make KRM a success! Submit your comments for the record.

Submit your ideas by:

1. Attending a meeting and expressing your views about KRM:

- To a secretary who will record comments (this is easy).
- In writing on a comment form
- By leaving your prepared written comments with staff.

2. Email:

- Go to: www.krmonline.org and click on Public Involvement, scroll down and click on the Comment Form.
- Email to KRMonline@sewrpc.org

3. U.S. Postal Service:

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SEWRPC, PO Box 1607,
Waukesha, WI 53187-1607

4. Fax: (262) 547-1103

The public comment period for this round of public involvement meetings ends March 24, 2006.

* EIS-Environmental Impact Study

KRM Commuter Rail Talking Points

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KRM Commuter Rail is a sound investment for the KRM corridor:

- **Better quality of life.**

- High quality, low stress, safe and productive commuting experience.
- Significantly improved reliability over other travel options.
- Easy, clean, affordable access to the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor that is dense with jobs, arts and culture, educational opportunities, business connections, etc.
- Improved air quality, and reduced highway congestion by reducing auto miles traveled.

- **Reduce commuter expense and rush hour travel time.**

- Commuter rail cost less than 1/5th the cost of driving, not including parking costs.
- Alternative during I-94 reconstruction (from the IL state line to Mitchell airport) that will begin in 2009 and continue over the next decade, causing additional travel delays.

- **Spur urban revitalization: attract urban investment and high-quality development.**

- Development and redevelopment opportunities catalyzed by commuter rail provide significant improvements in property values and tax base.
- Improve the local economies of station area neighborhoods and business districts.
- Support major urban re-development investments and initiatives all along the KRM corridor.

- **Attract jobs and expand business growth. Help build a more competitive region.**

KRM can improve our global competitiveness in attracting jobs and talent, and expanding business growth. Regional commuter rail is a powerful business and talent attractor. All other metro regions our size have, or are building, rail transit. Without these modern regional connections we are at a disadvantage in attracting and retaining business and talent .

- **Good station access** for populations of unemployed people, families in poverty, and families that do not own cars (21% of all families in Milwaukee do not own cars.)

- Affordable, reliable regional access to jobs and amenities is a valuable tool for reducing unemployment and poverty.

- **Excellent Fit.**

The high population and business density, limited regional accessibility for the lakeshore communities, and the benefits of linking to the very successful Metra commuter rail system and over 2 dozen communities served by local transit, make KRM commuter rail an excellent fit for this corridor.

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