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ProRail Nebraska Meeting Scheduled in Grand Island February 28

Many of you as PRN members may be aware of the location and date of our first organizational meeting in 2009. Details are outlined on page of this newsletter. We need a good turnout to promote improved and expanded Amtrak service, particularly under the new national governmental regime—new president, different Congress by political party makeup, and new National Transportation director.

We would like to receive meeting registration as soon as possible. We will send a meeting reminder postcard out in mid-February. One piece of information not included in the meeting notice in this newsletter are driving directions reach the meeting site, the former CB&Q Depot on the east edge of Grand Island. If you reside in eastern Nebraska: Take I-80 westward to exit 318 and turn right on Nebraska Highway 2. Go 3.6 miles west to Stuhr Road; turn right on Stuhr Road and go 4 miles north to U.S. Highway 30. Turn left on U.S. 30 (Second Street) and proceed to Oak Street, turn right, cross the Union Pacific tracks north to 6th Street. Turn right on 6th Street to Plum Street. The depot is at 603 North Plum Street.

For PRN members in the Omaha area, you may contact PRN director Clyde Anderson if you wish to investigate car-pooling. His home phone: (402) 932-7225; cell: (402) 740-5556; E-mail:

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Tentative items on the PRN business/membership meeting agenda:

---President Dave Purdy will present current PRN objectives, which have been re-worked by the officers and board of directors, with a handout sheet to attendees.

---A panel discussion by regional officials (mayors of central Nebraska cities) and State Senators relating to transportation issues in the current Legislative session.

---An update on the proposed Kansas City-Omaha passenger rail route, which was discussed at the November PRN membership meeting.

---Efforts are underway to have a report/update on the Midwest Interstate Rail Passenger Coalition by one of Nebraska's four representatives or executive director Laura Kliewer.

Other pertinent issues are welcome as requested by those present.