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The Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SERTA) was created by the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor in July 2009. The function of SERTA under State law is to oversee the development of commuter rail service in Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties.



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## **Statutory Responsibilities**

The SERTA legislation is set forth in [Section 59.58\(7\) of State Statutes](#). In summary, SERTA has the following responsibilities:

- Authority to construct, operate, and manage a KRM commuter rail line
  - Sole authority to apply to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) for approval to advance to preliminary engineering and potentially obtain a Federal discretionary grant, [with the application to be submitted by June 29, 2010](#)
- Authority to enact up to an \$18 vehicle rental fee per transaction (indexed to inflation) in Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Racine Counties
  - Up to \$2 of fee may be used for administrative expenses
- Authority to use remaining balance of funds from the former "temporary" and "limited authority" Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority to assist in KRM commuter rail planning
- Authority to issue up to \$50 million in bonds to provide the local share of funds necessary to initiate KRM commuter rail service
- Kenosha and Racine County transit operators are required to provide their annual and long-term transit plans to SERTA as they become available



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**BYLAWS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Bylaws are currently being drafted and are scheduled to be considered at the December 2009 SERTA meeting.



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**Members and Staff**

The members of SERTA are as follows:

John Antaramian	City of Kenosha Representative
Earl Buford	City of Milwaukee Representative
Jon Henderson	Racine County Representative
Lee Holloway, Milwaukee County Board Chairman	Milwaukee County Representative
Jody Karls	City of Racine Representative
Chris Layden	City of Milwaukee Representative
Michael Mayo, Sr., Milwaukee County Board Supervisor	Milwaukee County Representative
Karl Ostby	Kenosha County Representative
Julia Taylor	Governor's Representative

Acting as temporary staff to SERTA is the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission:

Kenneth R. Yunker Executive Director



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**Meetings and Materials**

This section of the website includes all meeting agendas, minutes, and materials of SERTA.

Next scheduled meeting of SERTA:

- Friday, December 18, 2009

Tentative dates for future meetings of SERTA are below:

- 2010:
  - Monday, January 11
  - Monday, February 8
  - Monday, March 15
  - Monday, April 19
  - Monday, May 17
  - Monday, June 21
  - Monday, July 19
  - Monday, August 16
  - Monday, September 20
  - Monday, October 18
  - Monday, November 15
  - Monday, December 20

All meetings will be held at 8:00 AM in the Sijan Room of the Mitchell Gallery of Flight Museum, unless otherwise specified.

Past Meetings:

- November 23, 2009
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Exhibit A – 2009 Regional Transit Authority Legislation— Section 59.58 \(7\) Wisconsin Statutes](#)
  - [Exhibit B – Requirements of Wisconsin Open Meeting and Open Records Laws](#)
  - [Exhibit C – Previous RTA Financial Report](#)
  - [Exhibit D – Proposed Communications Consultant Staffing and Operations](#)
  - [Presentation – Briefing on SERTA Responsibilities and Recent History of RTA Consideration in Southeastern Wisconsin](#)
  - [Presentation – KRM Commuter Rail](#)
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The following are ways that interested persons and groups can learn more about the progress of SERTA, and can share comments and perspectives:

- This website will be a source of comprehensive information regarding SERTA. The website includes notifications of upcoming meetings and agendas, minutes, and materials as they become available.

**Comments**

Use the box below to submit any comments you may have about SERTA (comments will become part of the public record for SERTA). All written comments will be reviewed by SERTA.

**Contact Information**

First Name: \*

Last Name: \*

E-mail address: \*

Organization:

PO Box/Street address:

City: \*

State: \*

Zip:

\* Denotes a required field

Press the "Submit" button when finished.



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The following is contact information should a person wish to ask questions or obtain additional information:

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Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission staff contact:

Kenneth R. Yunker, Executive Director



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## Reports of Interest

The following are reports relating to the work of SERTA. If you have a suggestion of a report to be added to this page, please e-mail [rt@sewrpc.org](mailto:rt@sewrpc.org).

### KRM Commuter Link

#### Newsletters

- [KRM Newsletter No. 4](#) (September 2009)
- [KRM Newsletter No. 3](#) (January 2007)
- [KRM Newsletter No. 2](#) (Summer 2006)
- [KRM Newsletter No. 1](#) (February 2006)

#### Reports from Current Phase

As part of the Environmental Impact Statement and Project Development phase of the KRM Alternatives Analysis, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) has been prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, on behalf of an Intergovernmental Partnership (IGP) of the Counties and Cities of Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT), and the Regional Planning Commission. The DEIS is one necessary component of this phase, and has been approved by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

- [KRM Draft Environmental Impact Statement](#) (July 2009)

#### Previously Completed Reports from 2006/2007

- [Definition of Alternatives](#) (September 2006)
- [Transit-Oriented Land Use Technical Report](#) (January 2007)
- [Capital and Operating & Maintenance Cost Estimates](#) (January 2007)
- [Evaluation of Alternatives](#) (January 2007)
- [Ridership Forecasting Report](#) (September 2007)

#### Benefits of Public Transit and Commuter Rail

- [The Socio-Economic Benefits of Transit in Wisconsin](#) (2003)
- [Economic Assessment of the Transit System in Milwaukee](#) (2004)
- [Potential Benefits of KRM Commuter Rail Identified by KRM Leadership Committee](#) (2006)



## Exhibit B (continued)

- [What Are Reasonable Expectations When Commuter Rail Comes to the KRM Corridor?](#) (2006)
- [Community Economic Impact Study of the Proposed Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee \(KRM\) Commuter Rail](#) (2007)

### **Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority Report to Governor and Wisconsin Legislature**

- [Recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in November 2008](#)

### **Former Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority Meetings and Materials**

This section of the website includes all meeting agendas, minutes, and materials of the former "temporary" and "limited authority" Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority.

- March 30, 2009 (teleconference)
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- March 2, 2009 (teleconference)
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- February 27, 2009 (teleconference)
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- November 10, 2008
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- October 23, 2008 (teleconference)
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  - [Minutes](#)
- August 18, 2008
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  - [Table - Comparison of Regional Transit Authorities and Public Transit Systems in Metropolitan Areas Similar in Population to the Milwaukee Area Regarding Governance, Functions, and Funding](#)
  - [Presentation - Comparison of Regional Transit Authorities \(RTAs\)](#)
- July 21, 2008
  - [Agenda](#)
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- June 23, 2008
  - [Agenda](#) (teleconference)
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- June 16, 2008
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- May 28, 2008
  - [Agenda](#)

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  - [Minutes](#)
- January 7, 2008 (teleconference)
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  - [Minutes](#)
- December 17, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
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- November 19, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- June 25, 2007 (teleconference)
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- May 21, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- March 19, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
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- February 19, 2007
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- January 30, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
- January 9, 2007
  - [Agenda](#)
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  - [Presentation - Update on KRM Corridor Study/DEIS and Community Economic Impact Study](#)
- December 18, 2006
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- November 20, 2006
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  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Presentation - Northwest Indiana's South Shore Line](#)
  - [Presentation - Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority](#)
  - [Presentation - Comprehensive Communications Strategy](#)
  - [Presentation - Funding Source Research](#)
- September 18, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Presentation - Follow-up Information From July 17, 2006 SEWISRTA Meeting](#)

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- July 17, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Presentation - Review of SEWISRTA Work to Date and Comparison of Southeastern Wisconsin Public Transit to Other Transit Systems Nationwide](#)
- June 19, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Presentation - Existing and Planned Transit Systems in Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties](#)
- May 15, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Presentation - Benefits of Public Transportation](#)
- March 20, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Exhibit A- Report on Department of Revenue Fee Collection](#)
  - [Exhibit B - Potential Names for Regional Transit Authority](#)
  - [Exhibit C - Draft SEWISRTA Website](#)
  - [Presentation - Overview of Transit Funding and Transit Systems In Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties and Proposed Commuter Rail](#)
- February 20, 2006
  - [Agenda](#)
  - [Minutes](#)
  - [Exhibit A - 2005 Regional Transit Authority Legislation--Section 59.58 \(6\) Wisconsin Statutes](#)
  - [Exhibit B - Summary of the Regional Transit Authority Statutory Responsibilities](#)
  - [Exhibit C - Potential Sequence for SEWISRTA Consideration of State Statutory Responsibilities](#)
  - [Requirements of Wisconsin Open Meetings and Open Records Laws](#)
  - [Budget and Fiscal Considerations](#)

### **Previous Consideration of a Regional Transit Authority in Southeastern Wisconsin**

- The establishment of an RTA was previously considered nearly 20 years ago by the Commission at the request of Milwaukee County and the City of Milwaukee. The results of the Commission study were documented in [SEWRPC Memorandum Report No. 38, A Regional Transportation Authority Feasibility Study for Southeastern Wisconsin, 1990](#).
- The recommendation in 1991 of the Metro 2020 Policy Board, appointed by then-Governor Thompson, was that legislation be enacted to create a Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority. Documentation was provided in [Metro 2020 Final Report: Transportation Strategies for Milwaukee and Southeast Wisconsin](#).
- The creation in 1991 of a Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority by [State statute](#).

## Exhibit B (continued)

The final report issued in 1993 by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority Board created under the State statute: [Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transportation Authority – Report to Governor Thompson and the Wisconsin Legislature](#).

- [An overview of previous consideration between 1990 and 1993 of a Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Transit Authority](#)

### **Year 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan**

- [Review and Update of Regional Land Use and Transportation System Plans for Southeastern Wisconsin](#) (Newsletter 4, March 2006)