

Midwest High-Speed Rail Network

Statement of Support

We fully support the vision of an advanced passenger rail network linking cities and towns across the Midwest. An integrated network of high-speed trains will have a transformative impact on the Midwest, leveraging our diverse manufacturing, agricultural, and business services base and solidifying our future position as one of the world's more important economic regions.

High-speed rail could be the single most powerful economic engine of this century. The investment in this system would pay for itself many times over in the many economic benefits it would provide.

The Midwest needs first-rate transportation to thrive. We need more jobs. We need to increase our standard of living. We need a Midwest high-speed rail network to help us achieve these goals.

Supporters

Illinois

- U.S. Senator Mark Kirk
- U.S. Congressman Mike Quigley, 5th District of Illinois
- U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello, 12th District of Illinois
- State Senator Michael Frerichs, 52nd Senate District
- State Senator Anazette Collins, 10th Senate District
- State Senator John Milner, 28th Senate District
- State Representative Barbara Flynn Currie, 25th House District (IL House Majority Leader)
- State Representative Greg Harris, 13th House District
- State Representative Dave Winters, 68th House District
- State Representative Mike Bost, 115th House District
- State Representative Fred Crespo, 44th House District
- State Representative Will Davis, 30th House District
- State Representative Robyn Gabel, 18th House District
- State Representative Sara Feigenholtz, 12th House District
- St. Clair County Chairman Mark Kern
- Champaign County Board Chairman Pius Weibel
- Champaign County Deputy Chairman Michael Richards
- Macon, IL County Board
- Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle
- Cook County Commissioner John Fritchey, 12th County District (and Former State Representative, 11th District)
- Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy, 6th District
- Cook County Commissioner Peter Silvestri, 9th County District
- Cook County Commissioner Larry Suffredin, 13th County District
- Chicago City Alderman Proco "Joe" Moreno, 1st Ward
- Chicago City Alderman Joseph A. Moore, 49th Ward
- Chicago City Alderman Scott Waguespack, 32nd Ward
- Chicago City Alderman Leslie Hairston, 5th Ward
- Mayor Alan Larson, Village of Schaumburg, IL
- Mayor Mick Wisslead, City of Macomb, IL
- Midwest High Speed Rail Association
- Illinois PIRG
- Congress for New Urbanism
- Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois
- Chicago & Cook County Building Trades Council
- East Central IL Building & Construction Trades Council
- Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry

National

- Reconnecting America
- Transportation For America
- America 2050
- Sierra Club
- National Association of Railroad Passengers

Indiana

- U.S. Congressman Andre` Carson, 7th District of IN
- Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association

Iowa

- 1,000 Friends of Iowa

Michigan

- Michigan Association of Rail Passengers (MARP)
- Michigan Suburbs Alliance
- Michigan Environmental Council
- Transportation Riders United, Detroit
- Public Interest Research Group in Michigan (PIRG)

Minnesota

- City of Rochester, MN
- Olmsted County, MN
- Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce
- Mayo Clinic
- Southeast Minnesota Rail Alliance

Missouri

- U.S. Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay, 1st District of MO
- State Representative Tishaura O. Jones, 63rd District
- St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association
- Frank Steeves, Emerson Electric Co.
& MIPRC Commissioner

Ohio

- All Aboard Ohio!

Wisconsin

- State Representative Brett Hulsey, 77th District
- Former Mayor Dave Cieslewicz, Madison, WI
- Milwaukee Alderman Robert Bauman, 4th District
- NEW Rails – Green Bay, WI
- Wisconsin PIRG