

MIDWEST HIGH-SPEED RAIL NETWORK ENDORSEMENT

The Midwest High-Speed Rail Network, with Chicago as its hub, is projected:

- To connect St. Louis, Springfield, IL, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Detroit, Kalamazoo, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Madison and Chicago.
- To provide new modern "business-class" railroad cars with advanced telecommunications access, quality food service and comfortable seats.
- To travel at speeds up to 125 MPH cutting train travel time by 35 to 45 percent making downtown to downtown high-speed rail superior to downtown-airport-downtown routing.

We support the Midwest High-Speed Rail Network because of:

- Improved Mobility: A fast-safe alternative to auto travel especially suited to our aging population. Keeps running in virtually all weather.
- Less Congestion, Cleaner Air and Less Sprawl: A single railway track can carry as many people as a ten-lane highway at a fraction of the cost. Trains use less energy and cause less air pollution per passenger than cars or planes. High-volume downtown train stations encourage development in city and town centers counteracting suburban sprawl.
- New Jobs and Economic Growth: Three thousand miles of upgraded railroad track and new rolling stock will generate 15,000 jobs during construction, 2,000 permanent jobs during operation and \$9.1 billion in new economic activity.

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