



U.S. Department of Transportation • Federal Railroad Administration
Capital Assistance to States–Intercity Passenger Rail Service Program
Project Summary for the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative—
Includes Eight Midwestern States, IA–IL–IN–MI–MO–MN–OH–WI
Funded and Managed Through the State of Wisconsin

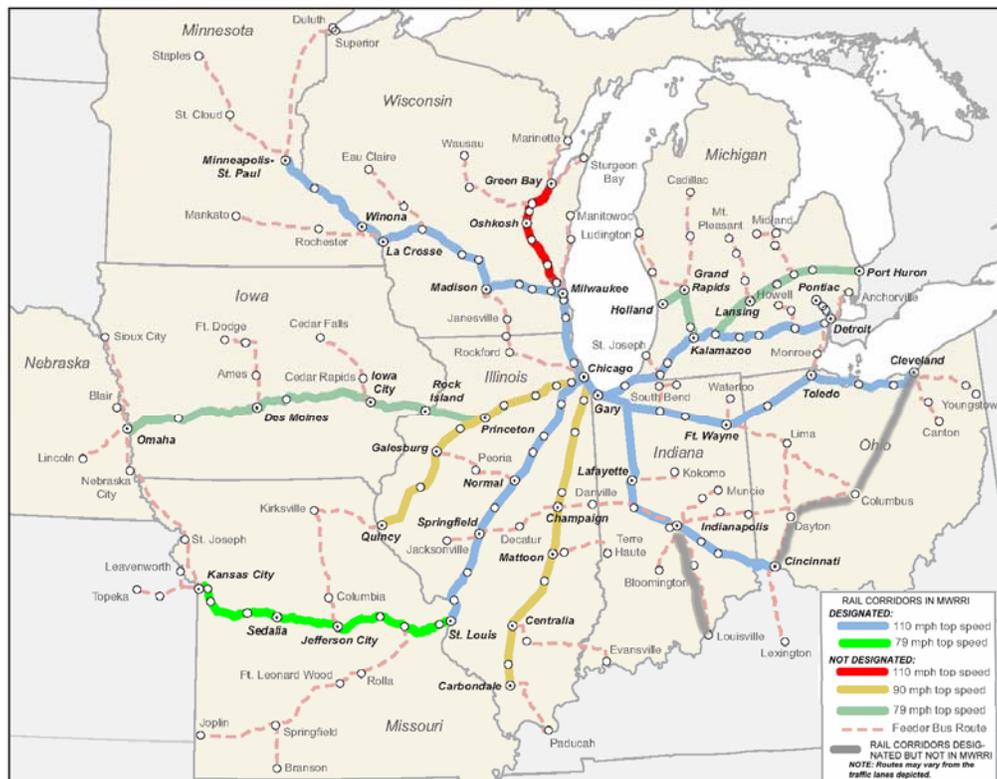
Project	Location	Program Share	Non-Program Share	Total Project Cost
Midwest Regional Rail Initiative Alternatives Analysis and Planning	Planned for All 9 States	\$297,000	\$297,000	\$594,000

Benefiting Intercity Passenger Train Routes: All existing routes serving Chicago and new possible future services

Project Description: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin will continue planning the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MWRRI) including analysis of alternative routes, updating MWRRI system costs, equipment, train control and operational plans, and the preparation of public outreach materials. The project includes updating the South of the Lake alternatives analysis between Chicago, IL and Porter, IN, and preliminary alternatives analysis in other corridors.

Project Benefits: The MWRRI States are projecting significant intercity passenger rail benefits if the MWRRI is implemented. This planning project will advance the MWRRI on a path toward implementation by updating and refining key MWRRI plan elements and public information materials. By completing corridor alternatives analysis, the project will advance the federal NEPA process and contribute to future environmental documentation for implementation of the MWRRI.

Source(s) of Non-Program Funding Share: States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin) and Amtrak in 9 equal \$33,000 shares. [Note: Nebraska is part of the overall MWRRI, but is not participating in funding this particular project.]



*Indiana DOT is evaluating additional passenger rail service to South Bend and to Louisville.
 **In Missouri, current restrictions limit train speeds to 79 mph.