High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program

Midwest & South Region Investments (2009-11)

Overview

- The Midwest region is a **national leader in planning and developing an integrated, multi-state passenger rail network**. The "Chicago Hub" system is similar to France's "Paris Hub" high-speed rail network in population and geography—both serve about 29 million people and have large population centers 100-500 miles from one another.
- Since September 2010, significant construction has been underway to improve the Chicago-St. Louis corridor. This project will procure new rolling stock and **bring more than 220 miles of track to 110mph speeds.** These investments will result in substantial travel time and reliability improvements on a service that saw 136% ridership growth from 2005-2010.
- Other substantial investments are being made on the Chicago-Detroit service, which will **bring 235 miles of the corridor to speeds of 110mph.** These investments include purchasing and rehabilitating track, upgrading signal systems, and improving stations, resulting in a **30 minute trip time reduction and improved passenger experiences.**
- More than $268 million is being invested to procure **new, American-built locomotives and passenger rail cars** that will operate on corridors throughout the Midwest. These cars will be capable of traveling at 125mph, and will greatly improve passenger capacity and comfort along these corridors. Additionally, this investment will help spur domestic manufacturing activity.

Investment Summary

Corridor	States	Federal Funding ($M) Previous	Federal Funding ($M) New (May 2011)	Targeted Investments and Benefits
Chicago-Milwaukee-Twin Cities-Duluth	MN, WI, IL	$58	$5	Travel time and reliability improvements, multi-modal station rehabilitation, evaluations for potential extension to Duluth.
Chicago-Iowa City-Omaha	IA, IL	$230	$0	New service to connect Iowa City to Chicago via the Quad Cities.
Chicago-St. Louis-Kansas City	MO, IL	$1,179	$200	Reduced travel times and 110mph service from Chicago to St. Louis, station upgrades, safer and more reliable service.
Chicago-Detroit	MI, IN, IL	$403	$199	Acquire and improve rail line for future service expansion, new and upgraded stations, signal improvements, reduced railroad congestion.
Midwest Corridor Equipment	IL, IN, IA, MI, MO	$0	$268	Purchase of 48 next generation high-speed passenger rail cars and 7 locomotives for service on 8 Midwestern corridors.
Oklahoma City-Dallas/Ft. Worth-Houston	OK, TX	$5	$15	Station and track improvements and environmental analyses for future high-speed rail services.
Amtrak Long-Distance Route Improvements	IA, KS, TX	$25	$0	Reliability improvements to the California Zephyr, Texas Eagle, and Southwest Chief services.
Planning Studies	AL, IA, IL, KS, MI, MN, MO, OK, TX	$16	$0	Planning efforts to lay groundwork for future passenger rail services.
TOTALS	**12 States**	**$1,916**	**$687**	

Current as of July 28, 2011