



PROJECT INFORMATION

Saint Paul-to-Chicago High-Speed Rail Line

What is the project?

- The proposed 400-mile Saint Paul-to-Chicago rail line will be a part of the 3,000-mile Midwest Regional Rail System.

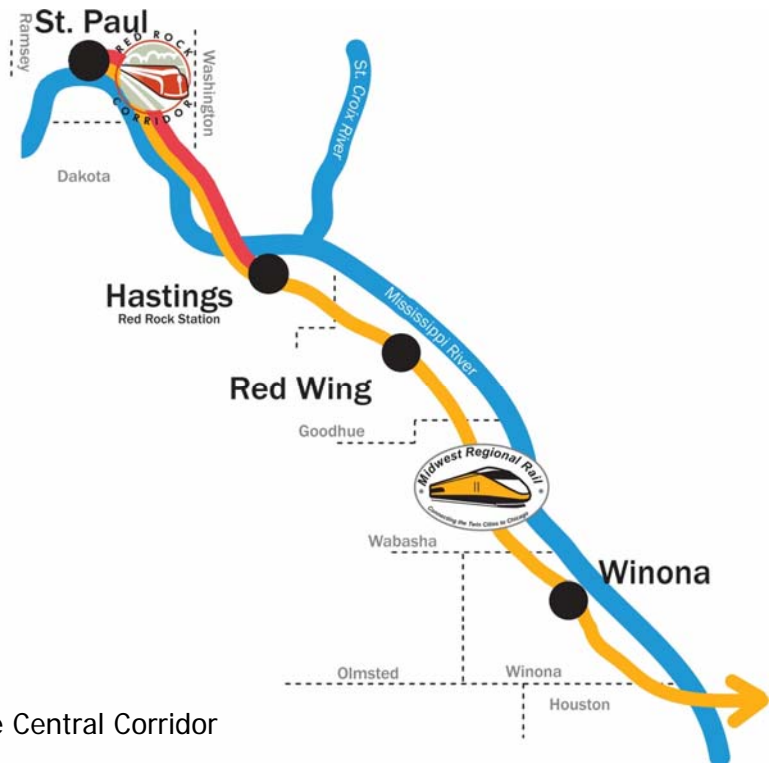
The project will utilize existing tracks between Saint Paul and Chicago to create new passenger rail line connections.

- The Saint Paul-to-Chicago rail line will enter Minnesota at La Crescent and travel north for 150 miles along the Mississippi River through Winona and Red Wing before ending at the Union Depot in Saint Paul.
- The proposed rail line will help reestablish Saint Paul as a multi-modal transportation hub.

In Saint Paul, the project will include:

- **revitalization** of the historic Union Depot
- **extension** of light rail to Saint Paul with the Central Corridor
- **reconstruction** of the Lafayette Bridge
- **enhancement** of the area’s trail and bike system
- **connections** to the I-94, Red Rock, Rush Line, Robert Street, and Central transit corridors

- The federal stimulus package has allotted \$8 billion for transportation nationwide, creating tight competition for federal funds.
- The Saint Paul-to-Chicago rail line is the first project in our region that is ready to move forward, making it an excellent candidate for the federal stimulus funds.



What are the benefits?

- The Saint Paul-to-Chicago high-speed rail line will create jobs; energize our regional economy, help reduce environmental impacts; and strengthen manufacturing, service and tourism industries.*

The project will:

- Create an estimated 1,570 new permanent jobs in Minnesota
- Create hundreds of construction jobs needed to complete the project
- Reduce travel times between the metropolitan centers and communities along the route
- Increase freight traffic by 80% over the next 15 years
- Spur economic development, particularly in communities with rail line stations
- Provide up to \$2.3 billion in economic benefits for Minnesota
- Provide up to \$180 million in joint development opportunities near Minnesota stations
- Decrease energy consumption and reduce air pollution; passenger rail travel is three to six times more fuel-efficient than cars or planes.

What cities are along the route?

The Saint Paul-to-Chicago high-speed rail line will take advantage of existing rail corridors. Fifteen years have been invested into planning for the route which will connect the following communities:

MINNESOTA

Saint Paul (Union Depot Stop)

New Port
St Paul Park
Cottage Grove
Hastings

Red Wing (Stop)

Wacouta
Frontenac
Lake City
Maple Springs
Reads Landing

Wabasha

Kellogg

Weaver

Minneiska

Whitman

Minnesota City

Winona (Stop)

Homer

Lamoille

Donehower

Dakota

Dresbach

La Cresent

WISCONSIN

La Crosse (Stop)

West Salem

Bangor

Rockland

Sparta

Tunnel City

Tomah (Stop)

Oakdale

Camp Douglas

Orange Mill

New Lisbon

Mauston

Lemonweir

Lyndon Station

Wisconsin Dells (Stop)

Lewiston

Portage (Stop)

Poynette

Morrisonville

DeForest

Windsor

Madison (Stop)

Sun Prairie

Marshall

WISCONSIN CONTINUED

Waterloo

Hubbleton

Watertown (Stop)

Oconomowoc (Stop)

Hartland

Pewaukee

Brookfield (Stop)

Milwaukee (Stop)

Caledonia

Franksville

Sturtevant (Stop)

Pleasant Prairie

ILLINOIS

Park City

Lake Forest

Deerfield

Glenview (Stop)

Chicago (Stop)

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**Based on findings of a study commissioned by the state of Minnesota and other partners in the*

How you can support On Board Midwest

On Board Midwest is a grassroots coalition that depends on the energy and involvement from the entire community. Anyone who cares about the future of our region and wants to make sure there is a high-speed rail connection between Saint Paul and Chicago can join our group, tell others, and share the information with friends, neighbors, co-workers, and others who want to get involved.

There are a number of ways for people to become part of the On Board Midwest coalition. Visit the website at onboardmidwest.com to join our group. We have created a number of options to give people a choice.

- Email updates
- Facebook
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About On Board Midwest

On Board Midwest is a coalition of businesses, elected officials, organizations, and individuals who support the proposed high-speed rail line project connecting Saint Paul and Chicago. For more information please visit onboardmidwest.com

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