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On Board Midwest Supporter Information

On Board Midwest has support from cities, counties, businesses, organizations, and individuals throughout the region. This project is about more than creating new passenger rail service. High-speed rail to Chicago would also enable Amtrak to expand its operations in the area and increase freight service for businesses in the region. This project is an investment in our regional economy and the benefits will extend far beyond the actual route. On Board Midwest is a growing coalition that is bringing government, business, and the community together to show our support for a critically important project.

Cities Counties along the route have created a partnership via joint-powers agreements to support the expansion of transit in our region.

Government support

Participating Counties

- Ramsey County, MN
- Dakota County, MN
- Washington County, MN
- Goodhue County, MN
- Winona County, MN
- LaCrosse County, WI

Ex Officio members

- Houston County, MN
- Wabasha County, MN

Minnesota Port Association

- Saint Paul Port Authority
- Minneapolis Port Authority
- Red Wing Port Authority
- Winona Port Authority
- Duluth Port Authority

Supporting Cities

- Saint Paul
- Red Wing
- Hastings
- Winona
- St. Charles
- Inver Grove Heights
- Wabasha

Non Profits and foundations

- Saint Paul Festival and Heritage Foundation
- Saint Paul Foundation
- Bigelow Foundation
- Hudson River Falls Rail Coalition
- Winona County Historical Society

Business community support

These organizations and their member are supporters of On Board Midwest:

- Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce
- Hastings Chamber of Commerce
- Winona Area Chamber of Commerce
- Capital City Partnership
- Stillwater Chamber
- Woodbury Chamber
- Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce
- River Heights Chamber of Commerce
- Red Wing Chamber of Commerce
- Red Wing 2020
- Red Wing Downtown Business Association
- Red Wing Arts Association
- Midway Chamber of Commerce
- Lake City Chamber of Commerce
- Saint Paul Building Owners and Managers Association
- Wisconsin Thrive
- Wabasha Development Corporation
- Wabasha/Kellogg Chamber of Commerce
- Wabasha/Kellogg Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Wabasha Rotary
- Wabasha Industries

Specific business supporters

- Best Western White Bear Country Inn and Suites
- Rudy's Redeye Grill
- Saint Paul Saints
- Northwestern Foods, Inc
- St. James Hotel
- Lark's Toys
- Bella Casa Interiors
- Falconer Vineyards
- Welch Village
- Red Wing Pottery
- Marcou Realty
- First State Bank of Wabasha
- AmericInn Lodge and Suites of Wabasha
- John Hall's Alaska Tours

Convention and Visitor Groups

- Winona Convention and Visitors Authority
- Red Wing Convention and Visitors Authority
- Saint Paul Convention and Visitors Authority
- Wabasha/Kellogg Convention and Visitors Bureau
- Lake City Tourism Board

Education support

- St. Mary's University in Winona
- Winona State University
- Minnesota State College- Southeast Technical
- Dakota County Technical College

About On Board Midwest

On Board Midwest is a grassroots coalition that supports a planned high-speed rail connection between downtown Saint Paul and Chicago. The group believes high-speed rail will create a significant long term economic benefit to Minnesota through job creation, upgraded freight transportation, and stronger connections throughout the region. For more information please visit onboardmidwest.com

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