



Passenger Rail: Connecting Illinois, Indiana and Ohio

Investing in the Northern Indiana Passenger Rail project aligns directly with the region’s vision to better connect communities, attract a talented population and workforce, and continue to prosper through increased economic development.

The time is now to progress the project and capitalize on opportunities that await.

“Citizens and businesses alike overwhelmingly support efforts to bring passenger rail back to the community. We recognize the benefits passenger rail provides our community by increasing our connectivity and advancing our economic development initiatives throughout both Allen County and northeast Indiana.”

> John Urbahns, Executive Director, Greater Fort Wayne Inc.

12 MILLION PEOPLE

200 MILES

11 COUNTIES

7 CITIES

3 STATES

6.8 MILLION JOBS



Stay Connected



Sustainable



Reliable and Flexible



Weather Resistant



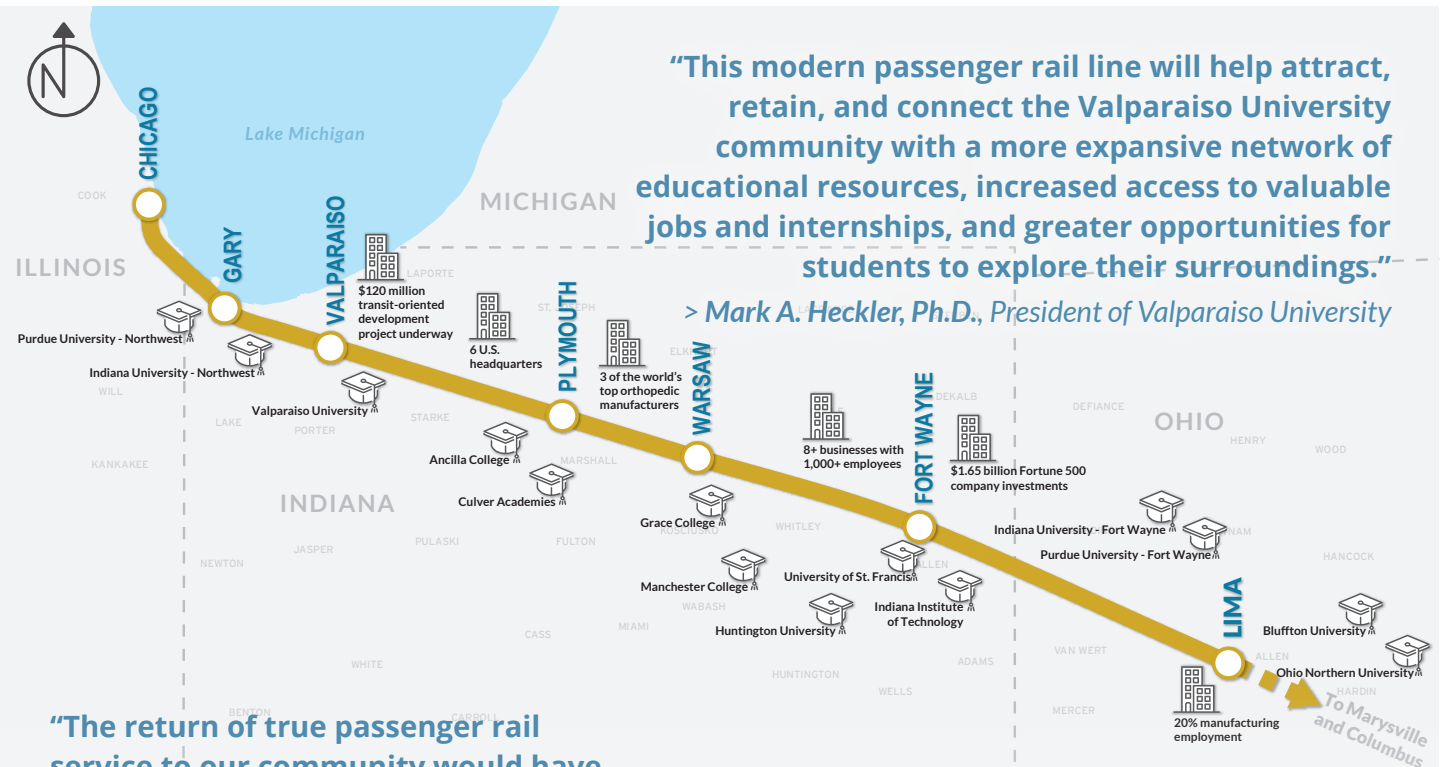
Congestion Relief

CONNECTING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, RECRUITING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE



"This modern passenger rail line will help attract, retain, and connect the Valparaiso University community with a more expansive network of educational resources, increased access to valuable jobs and internships, and greater opportunities for students to explore their surroundings."

> Mark A. Heckler, Ph.D., President of Valparaiso University




"The return of true passenger rail service to our community would have a tremendously positive impact on our university - and northern Indiana at large. Indiana Tech, like all of our regional universities, works every day to attract talented and hardworking young people to northern Indiana. A passenger rail system linking our communities and neighboring states allows greater access to higher education, area companies and career opportunities, and greater reason to make northern Indiana their home."

> Karl W. Einolf, Ph.D., President, Indiana Tech

 13 Higher Education Institutions

 50,000+ Students

 31% Projected Job Growth between now and 2040

 Greater need to retain young adults in the region

Convenient.
Accessible.
Efficient.
Modern.
Reliable.

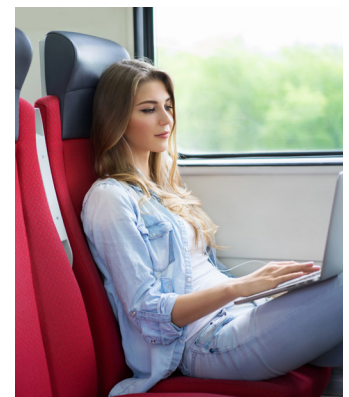
Highway congestion is getting worse – a problem that challenges a region’s ability to grow and attract talent. Passenger rail service can spark new investments, provide greater accessibility for residents, bring visitors to cultural and tourist attractions and bring reliable travel times for communities with limited travel options..

Rail is an attractive option for students, business travelers, leisure visits and tourists. Services are convenient, modern and comfortable with amenities that make rail travel an attractive option: high speed internet services, the ability to explore, work or socialize while traveling, and a unique travel experience. It provides same-day travel – a service not possible by current bus options today.

Rail stations provide opportunities for local revitalization and bring new opportunities to encourage business and service growth to an area. This helps the local economy, multimodalism for buses, taxis, shared ride, airport shuttle and provides important investment to expand a local tax base. In addition, investments in rail provide statewide benefits as they typically span a large geography and impact multiple communities throughout a corridor.

“As a business owner, it is essential that we attract and retain world-class talent in our region. Having quality transportation options like passenger rail service improves connectivity and accessibility, further enhancing what the Fort Wayne area already offers to people who live, work, and play here.”

> Chuck Surack, Sweetwater Founder and CEO



REGIONAL TESTIMONIALS SUPPORT PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT

"This country just celebrated the 'Golden Spike' event connecting east and west by rail, which brought together a continent. 150 years later, that opportunity for greater connection still exists if we can catch up to making rail the reliable travel option it should be. The Northern Indiana Passenger Rail Association is working to bring important communities in the Midwest more closely together in a forward-looking project."

> *Ty Warner, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission*



"On behalf of Kosciusko County, we are pleased to support proposed investments in our regional rail network that connects our community to thriving Midwest markets and puts our community's economic and quality of life assets in close reach of a broader population."

> *Alan C. Tio, CEO, Kosciusko Economic Development Corporation*



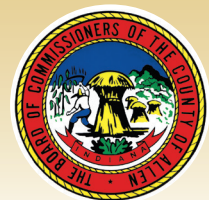
"The orthopedic industry centered in Warsaw is global in nature, with facilities, customers and collaborators around the world. High-quality passenger rail service can improve travel connections to global markets, stimulate community development, and increase access to talent."

> *Brad Bishop, Executive Director, OrthoWorx Inc.*



"Fort Wayne and Allen County are growing exponentially and passenger rail will be an essential component in moving people through this community. As we advance the 'Road to One Million,' we must appeal to a new generation to help accelerate economic development initiatives. Passenger rail is part of that growth strategy."

> *Nelson Peters, Allen County Commissioner*



"I'm encouraged by collaborative efforts that help Fort Wayne continue to be a destination community for businesses, residents, and neighborhoods. Establishing passenger rail service through Fort Wayne, northern Indiana, and northwest Ohio is part of our commitment to making a meaningful and lasting difference that supports growth in our region."

> *Tom Henry, Mayor of Fort Wayne*



The Northern Indiana Passenger Rail Association is partnering with community stakeholders, government leaders and businesses to bring modern passenger rail service to Fort Wayne, Warsaw, Plymouth, Valparaiso and Gary in Indiana, and Lima, Ohio, with strategic connections to surrounding states. The team consists of numerous government, nonprofit, advocacy and business groups working together to advocate for and invest in the future of passenger rail services throughout the region.



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