



NORTHERN INDIANA PASSENGER RAIL ASSOCIATION (NIPRA)

ECONOMIC/BUSINESS IMPACT

- Eventually link 9 states creating thousands of full-time permanent jobs
- Transit-Oriented Development (train stations, restaurants, retail stores, increased property values, local construction jobs) producing a positive Cost-Benefit return and attracting private sector partners
- Reduced Fuel Supply Dependency (high speed passenger trains use the least energy of any passenger transportation mode, measured in BTU's per passenger mile)
- Improved Employee Productivity (relaxed commuter environment, access to technology, few distractions, reduced stress)
- Provides a much "less-delayed" travel conduit for business travelers (reduces ground and air congestion around cities and airports)
- Offers lower cost and reliable transportation for low income families

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- Smaller carbon and physical footprint by using existing right-of-way (less impact on forests, farmland, wetlands, and city and urban expansion)
- Cost effective alternative to auto and air travel (decreased energy consumption)
- Reduced air pollution and emissions

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Transit-Oriented Development (new stations, local business development, increased property values, jobs, improved accessibility to cultural, sporting, and art events)
- Positive community impact in addition to increased revenue (less highway congestion, improved air quality, better energy conservation, increased safety)
- Improves community response to changing demographics (i.e. Millennials not owning automobiles and the subsequent loss of tax revenue to local and state government)

SAFETY

- Fewer vehicles on roads means safer roads and fewer accidents
- New technology (Positive Train Control) ensures safe and effective operation of all trains
- Four Quadrant Gate use provides fully separated and sealed corridor environment for safe train operation.

RECREATION

- Offers relaxing, safe, and satisfying transportation (less congestion and wasted time)
- Makes local amenities and events more accessible and enticing to outsiders