



# Minnesota's Investment in Intercity High-Speed Rail TLC Official Position Statement

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Whereas, intercity high speed rail provides a critical investment to spur regional economic development;

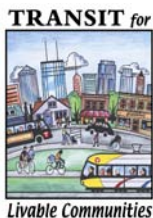
Whereas, intercity high speed rail provides an energy-efficient transportation option for travelers;

Whereas, intercity high speed rail provides a travel option that contributes to reduced car and airline congestion;

Whereas, the Federal Rail Administration, with funding through the American Recovery and Re-investment Act, will provide substantial competitive funding to states to advance intercity high speed rail service;

Be it resolved that Transit for Livable Communities strongly supports Minnesota's application to the Federal Railroad Administration for grant funding for intercity rail or high speed rail.

This application should include a request for funding for planning, infrastructure, and rolling stock for the corridor from Chicago through Illinois and Wisconsin to Saint Paul's Union Depot. The application should also include the study of a high speed rail connection from Union Depot in St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis. It should also include the possibility of the future development of intercity connections from Minneapolis and St. Paul to other regional centers in Minnesota.



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