

## Success Stories in Rail Investment

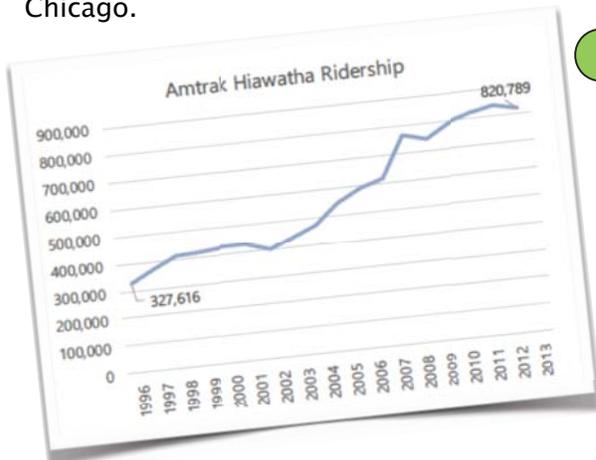
### Amtrak Hiawatha Service Wisconsin, Illinois

The 86-mile train route connecting Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Chicago, Illinois has been a part of the Amtrak system since its inception, following a long history of operation by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railroad.

In 1989, Wisconsin and Illinois jointly funded a demonstration project that added two daily round trips to the service. The demonstration proved successful and the two states have jointly funded Amtrak's Hiawatha Service ever since.

Over the years, Wisconsin and Illinois have made incremental improvements to the service, such as adding frequencies, building new stations, and improving track infrastructure.

Today, over 820,000 people enjoy Amtrak's Hiawatha service each year, which operates on Canadian Pacific track from Milwaukee to Rondout, IL and on Metra track from Rondout to Chicago.



Ridership on the Amtrak Hiawatha Service has more than doubled from 327,616 in 1996 to 820,789 in 2013.

#### FUNDING

Over \$68 million in federal, state, and local funds have been invested in the corridor since 2005.

“Continued growth of this line will only strengthen our state as people and dollars continue to flow between the Milwaukee and Chicago metropolitan areas.”  
– Tom Barrett, Mayor of Milwaukee



#### RESULTS

- Increased to 7 round trips daily
- Increased ridership with additional coaches
- Reduced trip time to 90 minutes between Chicago and Milwaukee
- Achieved 81% on-time performance in 2013

#### PROJECT ELEMENTS

- Constructed new station at Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport (2005)
- Town of Sturtevant, WI constructed a new station to replace its former station (2006)
- Renovated the downtown Milwaukee Amtrak station, now the Milwaukee Intermodal Station (2007)
- Added automated Quick-Track ticketing machine (2007)
- Added 4 coaches to the train sets to increase capacity (2007 & 2009)
- Canadian Pacific Railway installed 17 miles of welded rail between Milwaukee and Kenosha to improve reliability and speed (2009)
- Improved more than 35 rail-highway grade crossings
- Added AmtrakConnect wi-fi service

#### PARTNERS

Amtrak, Illinois DOT, Wisconsin DOT, Canadian Pacific Railway, Metra

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