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Passenger trains could be stopping in QCA

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It's been talked about for years, but more and more, it seems commuter rail could happen soon in the Quad Cities. Iowa Governor Chet Culver rolled into Moline on a passenger train Sunday afternoon to show his support of the plan. Many lawmakers are on the same page when it comes to the opportunities the Quad Cities will see when this is a done deal.

"There are a lot of students from the Chicagoland area who go to school at the University of Iowa for example," explained Moline Mayor Don Welvaert. "So, this is just a few of the examples that are going to make this a fantastic opportunity for the Quad Cities."

Larry Crum of Moline remembers riding the train many, many years ago from the Quad Cities. "Just to have ...enjoy the train ride - didn't have to drive. It got off right in downtown Chicago," remembers crumb. "You didn't have to worry about parking or none of that stuff. So we had a good time. We enjoyed it."

Governor Culver will meet with Illinois Governor Pat Quinn at the Midwest High Speed Rail Summit in Chicago on Monday. The plan includes lines that will run from Chicago

to Dubuque and Chicago to Iowa City. They hope to have trains rolling through town as soon as March 2012, if not sooner.

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