



## Study says riders ready for rail service to Chicago

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - A study by Amtrak estimates that railroad service between Iowa City and Chicago would draw 187,000 passengers a year.

The study released today also found that the two daily round trips would require about \$55 million in railroad infrastructure costs and additional annual payments to Amtrak. Those costs would be shared by Iowa and Illinois.

Amtrak conducted the study at the request of transportation officials from the two states.

Iowa's Governor Culver says he supports expansion of rail service but state transportation officials said plans wouldn't move forward without public support, new funding and infrastructure improvements.

Amtrak operates two daily trains through Iowa: its California Zephyr route between San Francisco and Chicago and its Southwest Chief route from Chicago to Los Angeles.

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