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Iowa Governor Letter of Support



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LT. GOVERNOR

August 05, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the State of Iowa and the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT), I am writing in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program competitive grant application. This application will be submitted jointly between Iowa DOT and Illinois DOT on August 6, 2010.

The HSIPR grant application is for new and enhanced passenger rail services from Chicago, Illinois to Iowa City, Iowa via the Quad Cities. HSIPR funding would support continued environmental impact analyses, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, equipment acquisition and station improvements to implement service. HSIPR funding, made available through the FY 2010 DOT Appropriations Act, would fund up to eighty percent of this project. The remaining funding necessary for match will be provided by the Iowa DOT and Illinois DOT.

Iowa has been an active and dedicated partner with the other Midwestern states in both the long-standing Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and the more recent Midwest High-Speed Rail Steering Group. The Chicago to Iowa City route is an important element of the vision to further develop the Chicago Hub regional intercity passenger rail concept, long supported by the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. The concept includes passenger rail corridors that serve the multi-state Midwestern region along with passenger rail connections to the East and West Coast, the Gulf Coast and Canada.

The Chicago Hub vision is supported by eight Midwestern states and the City of Chicago as documented in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) finalized in July 2009; I am proud to have joined my Midwest partners in signing that MOU. To advance and support the Midwestern efforts, the Midwest High-Speed Rail Steering Group was formed last year and is working together to provide guidance, leadership, and advocacy


in support of the Region's long-range high-speed and intercity passenger initiatives. Iowa and the other Midwest states understand the importance of and are strongly committed to approaching passenger rail solutions from a regional perspective.

This project's success would be the important first step in initiating passenger rail service across Iowa and would allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative planning documents. The states of Iowa and Illinois are committed to implementing passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa City, as evidenced by Illinois Governor Quinn and I signing a two-state MOU in July 2009 pledging to work together to make this route a reality.

Both states are further committed and actively working to implement service on this corridor that expands the green and sustainable principles inherent in passenger rail transportation and strongly advocated by you and the Administration. We have established the proposed Chicago to Iowa City service as the "GreenLine" and developed a vision to proactively seek innovative and sustainable solutions to our transportation needs. As such, we are seeking opportunities to pilot new, sustainable practices such as testing new equipment that can use bio-fuels, supporting smart growth practices, and using recycled materials on construction projects.

The implementation of this HSIPR project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa and the Midwest, all within the framework of livable, sustainable practices and communities. I ask that this application be given your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Iowa Department of Transportation

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Joint Iowa and Illinois Governors Letter of Support



Illinois



Iowa

August 5, 2010

Administrator Joseph C. Szabo
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Szabo,

As Governors of Illinois and Iowa, we are writing to support our states' joint application for FY2010 funding to construct a passenger rail route between Chicago, IL and Iowa City, IA. The route is an important part of the multi-state Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MWRRI), an effort started 15 years ago to connect Midwesterners through reliable, fast and frequent train service.

The proposed route will introduce new green products and practices to passenger train service that will help our local economies. As Illinois and Iowa are national leaders in corn and soybean production, using biofuels and soy-based lubricants will not only help the environment, but create new jobs for the people of our states. Other key initiatives for the project include using recycled materials in the construction of trains, serving locally grown produce in train dining cars and using recyclable and bio-degradable containers in food service.

The economic benefits of investments in a Midwest rail network cannot be overstated. The rail network between Iowa and Illinois will attract new private real estate development that will help reshape the entire region, and will revitalize our towns and cities with pedestrian-friendly business districts. The Midwest, with a large, skilled labor pool and a robust supply chain, offers rail car manufacturers an ideal opportunity to re-establish a 21st Century Midwest rolling stock industry. Illinois' and Iowa's valuable connections to capital and business centers, as well as access to world-class university research, will create incentives for new companies and more jobs for Midwesterners.

Despite very difficult budget conditions in both states, Illinois and Iowa have committed state funding toward construction of the route between Chicago, IL and Iowa City, IA. Illinois announced in January that it would use \$45 million from its state capital plan for construction on the route. Iowa has also committed \$20 million to match a federal investment.

Illinois and Iowa have always been great neighbors to each other. We are anxious to build this new connection to create economic opportunities and transportation alternatives for residents in both states, within the framework of livable, sustainable practices and communities. We appreciate your consideration of our application, and we eagerly anticipate your decision.

Sincerely,

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Pat Quinn, Governor of Illinois

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Chester J. Culver, Governor of Iowa

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Dear Ms. Richardson:

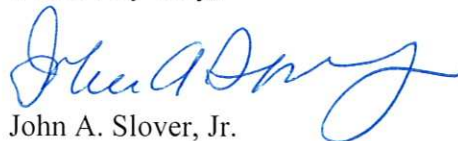
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Yours very truly,


John A. Slover, Jr.

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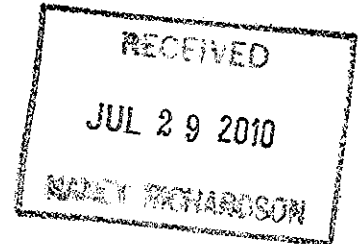
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July 26, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director

Iowa Department of Transportation

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Dear Director Richardson,

The Hilltop Campus Village, a Main Street Iowa Urban Commercial District in Davenport, Iowa, is pleased to express its support for the Iowa DOT and Illinois DOT joint submittal of a competitive grant application for FY2010 High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program for the Chicago – Quad Cities – Iowa City New Passenger Rail Service effort. These funds would support and advance the process by which high speed passenger rail service may be provided to serve this corridor. It would help the funding of key project elements such as environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment essential to service implementation.

The Hilltop Campus Village is privileged to have Palmer College of Chiropractic at its southern boundary and St. Ambrose University at its northern end. These growing academic institutions attract students, staff and faculty from throughout the world, and a significant portion of their students would utilize a passenger rail corridor. The availability of such progressive public transportation would contribute significantly to our historic preservation-based redevelopment efforts in this area.

For these reasons, and for the improvement of our nation's transportation infrastructure, the Hilltop Campus Village supports this project.

Sincerely,

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Program Director



July 29, 2010

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For these reasons, ICAD Group supports this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of the Iowa DOT application.

Sincerely,

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RE: Iowa/Illinois HSI PR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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For these reasons, I-Renew supports this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Mike Carberry
Executive Director
Iowa Renewable Energy Association

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



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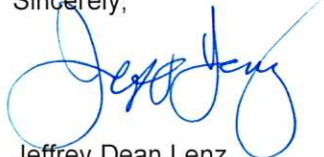
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Thank you and I encourage your support of this project.

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This project would provide sorely needed passenger rail service between Moline and Chicago. It will help ensure the success of the new Western Illinois University campus under construction and enhance our area's position as an important transportation center for the Midwest and nation.

The project's success would allow Illinois to move forward with its mission of providing fast, frequent and reliable train service to hundreds of Illinois communities. The project would create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Illinois and Iowa.

We urge you to do everything possible to advance this project.

Thank you for your consideration.

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The rail link will help insure the success of the Western Illinois University campus now under construction in Moline. It will serve a large area of western Illinois and eastern Iowa.

For these reasons, our company respectfully encourages you to help advance this application.

Sincerely,



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T. H. Robinson
President & CEO

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August 4, 2010

The Honorable Richard Durbin
309 Hart Senate Building
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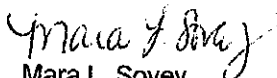
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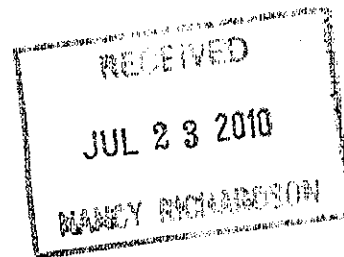
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July 21, 2010



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Sincerely,

Michael J. Freemire
Mayor

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



Bill Gluba, **MAYOR**

July 20 2010

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Sincerely,


William E. Gluba

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT, Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



July 20, 2010



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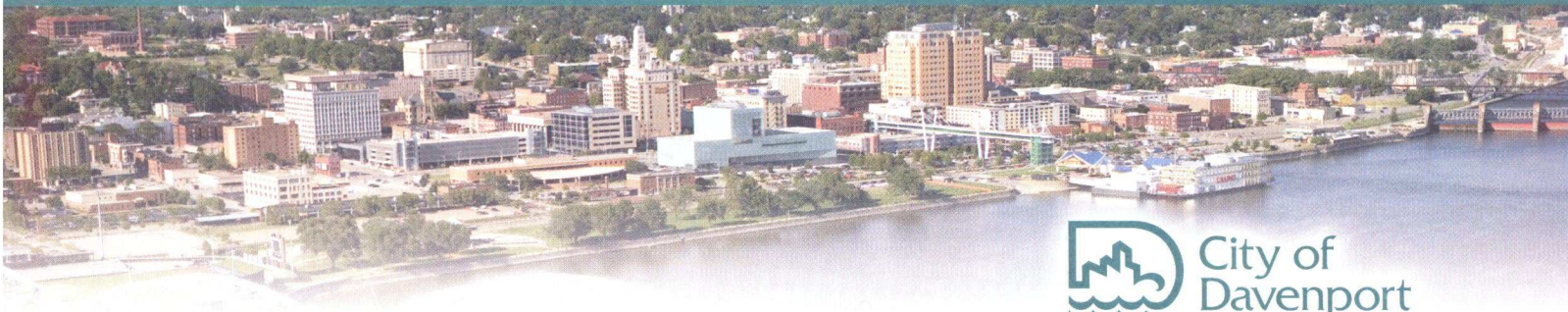
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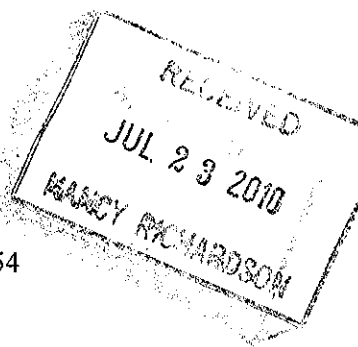
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Mayor for City of Geneseo

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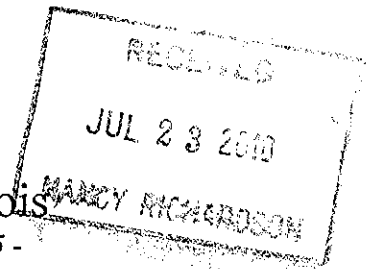
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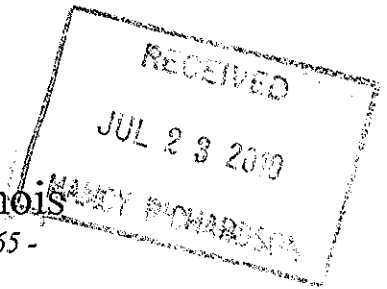
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Mayor
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Donald P. Welvaert
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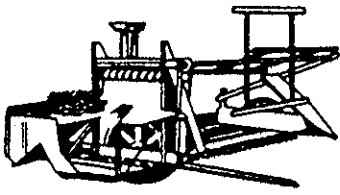
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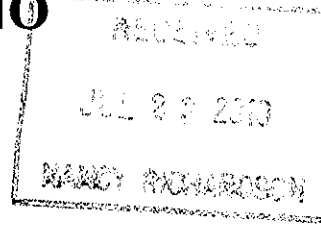


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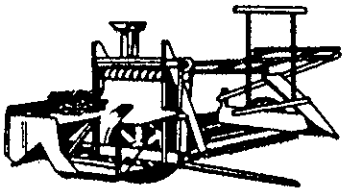
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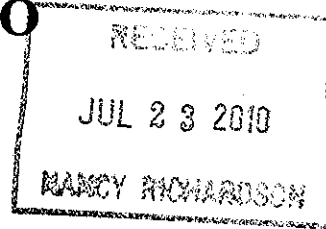


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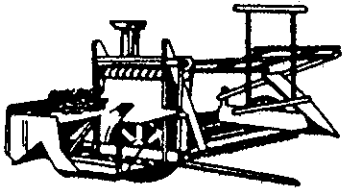
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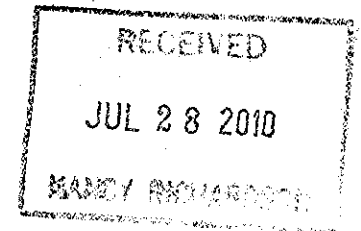
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July 23, 2010

Gary Hannig, Secretary
C/o George Weber, Bureau Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
100 W. Randolph Street Suite 6-600
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Dear Secretary Hanning,

As Director of Development of the City of Plano, Illinois, I am pleased, as is our Mayor to add our community to those in support of the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for grant funding being made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. It is our understanding that the Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail funding.

This project will allow Illinois to move forward with its mission of providing fast, frequent, cost effective and reliable rail service to many Illinois communities. It is obvious that this project will create jobs, improve our transportation infrastructure and assist the citizens of Illinois and Iowa by providing additional transportation opportunities.

As previous stated, this project is strongly supported by the citizens and the economic development department of the City of Plano, Illinois.

Sincerely,

CITY OF PLANO ILLINOIS


Arthur Sheridan
Director of Development

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT



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July 29, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

This is a letter of support for the capital improvements and rolling stock necessary to create AMTRAK passenger rail service between Chicago, the Quad Cities and Iowa City. The City of Iowa City is committed to participating in the local match and coordination necessary for a passenger rail depot and associated improvements in Iowa City. We understand these improvements will include a passenger platform, a shelter, long-term and short-term parking, and other items ancillary to depot operation.

The old Rock Island Railroad depot is an intact, well-preserved historic structure which would be ideal for a passenger rail depot given its close location to downtown Iowa City and the University of Iowa. Iowa City has previously applied for grant funds to purchase and renovate the depot in order to bring it to modern standards. We are currently gathering information from AMTRAK on the appropriate techniques for adaptive reuse of the depot for the proposed Chicago-Iowa City service. The downtown location will be ideal for the majority of users who will be using the passenger rail service to travel to and from the University of Iowa and University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

On behalf of the City of Iowa City, we strongly endorse the application for funds to bring passenger rail service from Chicago to Iowa City and commit to the local match required for depot and depot-related facilities.

Sincerely,



Dale Helling
Interim City Manager

cc: Tammy Nicholson, Director, Office of Rail Transportation
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning of & Community Development
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For these reasons, the City of Iowa City supports this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Hayek, Mayor
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A high speed rail network would add to our economy by increasing Iowa's access to major hubs. The project would increase traffic to Iowa's educational institutions, medical facilities, and cultural attractions. Our quality of life would be improved, as would the ability of local businesses to reach a broader base.

The Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce looks forward to working with our state and federal partners on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Quellhorst
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July 26, 2010

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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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For these reasons, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors supports this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,


(Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
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Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

July 30, 2010

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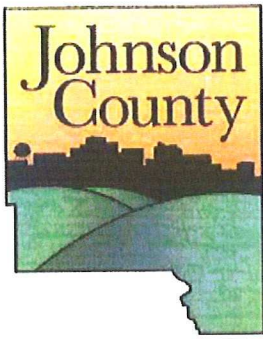
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Sally Stutsman, Chair
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cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



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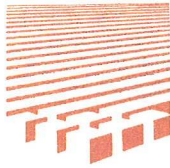
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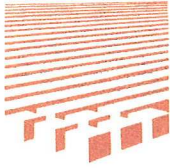
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As a Quad Cities area business, we look forward to realizing this major regional priority because of passenger rail's benefits for business, leisure, and commuter travel, and also the associated impact on regional commerce, job growth, the environment, and quality of life. The Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City passenger rail route will help make the Midwest a truly world-class economy in the 21st century.

Sincerely,



Tara Barney, President/CEO
Iowa Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
Quad Cities Passenger Rail Coalition Member

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Sincerely,

Paul Rumler
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Quad Cities Passenger Rail Coalition

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800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

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For the reasons outlined above, the Downtown Association of Iowa City supports this project.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Arnold
Executive Director, DTA

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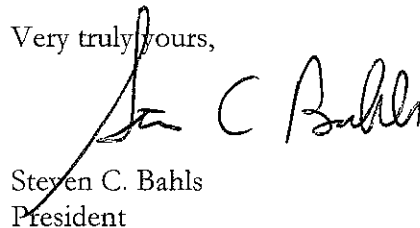
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This project is strongly supported by Augustana College.

Very truly yours,



Steven C. Bahls
President

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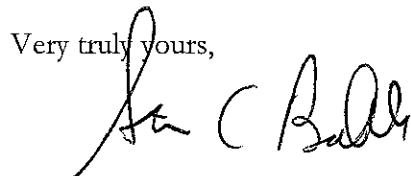
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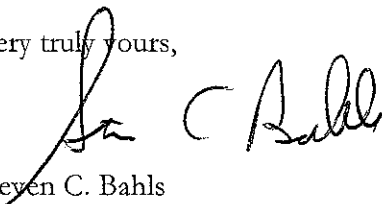
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July 29, 2010

Governor Chet Culver
State Capitol
Des Moines, IA 50319

Governor Culver,

With nearly 20 years of experience as the national leader in biobased lubricants research, the University of Northern Iowa's National Ag-Based Lubricants (NABL) Center has served as a cornerstone of the biobased lubricants industry. NABL has built one of the most comprehensive lubricants research and testing facilities, which is currently being leveraged to provide support for additional growth within this new industry. Since NABL's inception in 1991, the Center has successfully developed and commercialized over 40 bio-lubricant products.

Biobased lubricants frequently bring to the table important environmental benefits, including increased biodegradability, decreased plant and water toxicity, and the fact that biobased products are manufactured from renewable, agriculturally-produced materials, such as soybean oil and other agricultural crop oils.

The NABL Center would like to encourage you to consider the use of biobased lubricants in the construction and operation of the proposed Green Line. Using these products would contribute to the environmental benefits inherent in well-managed rail transportation, on top of the lubrication performance benefits which may be realized.

Best regards,

Wes James
Assistant Director
National Ag-Based Lubricants Center
University of Northern Iowa



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August 3, 2010



Ms. Tamara Nicholson
Director – Office of Rail Transportation
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Ms. Nicholson:

The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) would like to take this opportunity to express its support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's ("IaDOT") High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail ("HSIPR") grant application covering the initiation of new intercity passenger train service between Chicago, Illinois and Iowa City, Iowa. This is proposed to be funded pursuant to the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act of 2010.

At this time, we have an exciting opportunity to advance projects that are integral to realizing the Obama Administration's vision for high speed intercity passenger rail service. Based on the information made available to us by IaDOT regarding this project's eligibility, and subject to the development of such project-specific agreements as FRA may require, we support IaDOT's application to fund this project under the HSIPR program because we believe that this project, upon its completion, could provide important benefits to Amtrak's system and intercity passenger rail service.

This application covers certain infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate the proposed new train service, as well as the acquisition of new rolling stock.

The advancement of projects like these will help develop high speed and quality intercity passenger rail service in our nation. By copy of this letter, we are informing the FRA of our support for this project and we look forward to the opportunities to improve intercity passenger rail that the HSIPR program will provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael W. Franke".

Michael W. Franke
Assistant Vice President, Policy and Development (Central)

cc: The Honorable Joseph C. Szabo
Administrator Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
West Building, W30-308
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590



August 1, 2010

Ms. Tammy Nicholson
Iowa Department of Transportation
Ames, IA

Dear Tammy;

I am writing to you to memorialize my commitment to the passenger rail project that will operate over Iowa Interstate Railroad tracks within the State of Iowa. I have been a supporter of this project from the start since we do have the capacity to operate this service under the conditions outlined over the past several years. The Chicago to Iowa City lane is one that should generate ridership and be able to operate on time and schedule within our existing freight train operations. We also are a proponent of creating the "Green Line" concept because we, at Iowa Interstate Railroad, have been doing "Green" things for a long time. Our assistance in conjunction with the University of Northern Iowa's development of soy based grease products for rail, building a locomotive slug unit, testing bio-diesel fuel, and purchasing fuel efficient high horsepower units are just few of the items we have been involved in over the past several years. There are numerous items a passenger rail train could incorporate to further improve the environment and maintain the green status.

Sincerely,
Dennis H. Miller
President and CEO
Iowa Interstate Railroad, LTD.

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July 22, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

I would like to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for competitive passenger rail grant funding. I understand the Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding for development of the Iowa City – Chicago corridor.

The California Zephyr passenger rail line currently stops on the western edge of my district, and in my experience it has been a great help in bringing jobs and economic opportunity to the area. Expanding Midwestern passenger rail to include service between Iowa City and Chicago will build on the economic development successes we've had in southern Iowa and fill the current gap in transportation alternatives that exists on the high traffic Iowa City – Chicago corridor.

The state of Iowa, its communities, and its citizens have long worked to collaboratively develop passenger rail service as a realistic alternative in a Midwestern multimodal transportation system. The HSIPR funds will help both Iowa and Illinois see positive results in the near future.

I unreservedly support your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Schmitz".

Senator Becky Schmitz



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August 4, 2010

Gary Hannig, Secretary
c/o George Weber, Bureau Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
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For these reasons, I support this project and respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Patricia R. Bellock
State Representative 47th District

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Ms. Nancy J. Richardson
Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
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Dear Ms. Richardson:

I have contacted the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood, regarding the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail application submitted by the Iowa Department of Transportation and the Illinois Department of Transportation for continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City. I asked that it be given all due consideration. When I receive a response from the U.S. Department of Transportation, I will relay the necessary information to you.

Thank you for allowing me to be of assistance to you. If you have any further questions regarding this, or any other federal matter, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,


Charles E. Grassley
United States Senator

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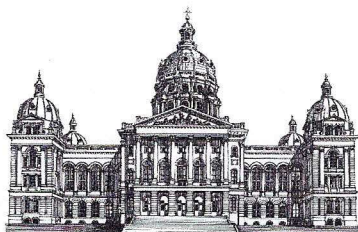
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July 20, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
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Dear Director Richardson,

I am pleased to express support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted for competitive grant funding made available through FFY 2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding and I have been involved in as many local meetings as possible, since I live in the Quad City area.

The state of Iowa, its communities, and its citizens have long worked to collaboratively develop passenger rail service as a realistic alternative in a Midwestern multimodal transportation system. The HSIPR funds, by supporting continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment necessary to implement service between Iowa City and Chicago, will help both Iowa and Illinois see positive results in the near future.

This project's success will allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 Iowa Railroad System Plan, the State Transportation Plan, and previous Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MWRRI) planning documents. The implementation of this project will also help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives for both the citizens of Iowa and Illinois, as well as others wishing to travel the high traffic volume Iowa City – Chicago corridor.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support this project. Please give us the opportunity to provide passenger rail in our community.

Sincerely,

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Cindy Winckler
State Representative



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July 29, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

On behalf of the Iowa Transportation Commission, I am writing in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program competitive grant application. This application will be submitted jointly by the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and Illinois DOT on August 6, 2010.

The HSIPR grant application is for new and enhanced passenger rail services from Chicago, Illinois to Iowa City, Iowa via the Quad Cities. HSIPR funding would support continued environmental impact analyses, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service. HSIPR funding, made available through the federal FY 2010 DOT Appropriations Act, would fund up to 80 percent of this project. The remaining funding necessary for match will be provided by the Iowa DOT and Illinois DOT.

Iowa has been an active and dedicated partner with the other Midwestern states in both the long-standing Midwest Regional Rail Initiative and the more recent Midwest High-Speed Rail Steering Group. The Chicago to Iowa City route is an important element of the vision to further develop the Chicago Hub regional intercity passenger rail concept, long supported by the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. The concept includes passenger rail corridors that serve the multistate Midwestern region along with passenger rail connections to the East and West Coast, the Gulf Coast and Canada.

The Chicago Hub vision is supported by eight Midwestern states and the city of Chicago as documented in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) finalized in July 2009. To advance and support the Midwestern efforts, the Midwest High-Speed Rail Steering Group was formed last year and is working together to provide guidance, leadership, and advocacy in support of the Region's long-range high-speed and intercity passenger initiatives. Iowa and the other Midwest states understand the importance of and are strongly committed to approaching passenger rail solutions from a regional perspective.

Honorable Ray LaHood

July 29, 2010

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This project's success would be the important first step in initiating passenger rail service across Iowa and would allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative planning documents. The states of Iowa and Illinois are committed to implementing passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa City, as evidenced by Illinois Governor Quinn and Iowa Governor Culver signing a two-state MOU in July 2009 pledging to work together to make this route a reality.

Both states are further committed and actively working to implement service on this corridor that expands the green and sustainable principles inherent in passenger rail transportation and strongly advocated by you and the Administration. We have established the proposed Chicago to Iowa City service as the "GreenLine" and developed a vision to proactively seek innovative and sustainable solutions to our transportation needs. As such, we are seeking opportunities to pilot new, sustainable practices such as testing new equipment that can use bio-fuels, supporting smart growth practices, and using recycled materials on construction projects.

The implementation of this HSIPR project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa and the Midwest, all within the framework of livable, sustainable practices and communities. I ask that this application be given your full consideration.

Sincerely,



Don Wiley, Chair
Iowa Transportation Commission

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cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa Department of Transportation

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August 3, 2010

Gary Hannig, Secretary
C/o George Weber, Bureau Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 6-600
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary Hannig:

I am pleased to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding available through the FY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT is seeking High Speed High Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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For these reasons, I fully support this project and I respectfully encourage you to give careful consideration and approval of this application.

Sincerely,

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Gary G. Dahl
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Gary G. Dahl
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United States Senate

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August 5th, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
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RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am contacting you to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under grant funding made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking a High-Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service (HSIPR) grant to support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

This application's approval would allow Iowa to move forward with our passenger rail vision as documented in the State Rail Plan, the State Transportation Plan as well as previous Midwest Regional Rail Initiative planning documents. It is my belief that the goals of the Obama Administration would be adequately met through this project by creating jobs, improving our nation's transportation infrastructure and creating opportunities that will continue to benefit the country long after the project is completed.

I am enthusiastic about the potential for this new passenger rail service and the part that Iowa will play. This project has my support, and I respectfully urge you to fully and carefully consider the Iowa DOT's application.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin
United States Senator

cc: Joe Szabo, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration
Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT

August 5, 2010

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Washington, DC 20590

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I support this project and respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Senator Linda Holmes
42nd District

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



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MIKE JACOBS
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Gary Haning, Secretary
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Senator Mike Jacobs
36th District

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT Ray LaHood, US Department of Transportation

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Mike Jacobs
State Senator
36th District

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

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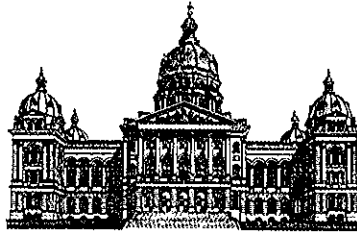
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RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Proposal

Secretary LaHood,

Thank you for considering the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for competitive grant funding through the FFY 2010 appropriations. This project is crucial to Iowa expanding passenger rail service as outlined in the 2009 State Rail Plan and Midwest regional Rail Initiative.

This proposal provides critical alternative transportation, but will also provide a significant boost to the economies of urban and rural regions in Iowa and Illinois.

Again, thank you for your consideration of our proposal. We cannot do it without your help. I am available at any time to discuss the importance of this project.

Dave Jacoby

Rep. Vicki Lensing
2408 Mayfield Rd.
Iowa City, IA 52245

July 29, 2010

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Dear Secretary LaHood:

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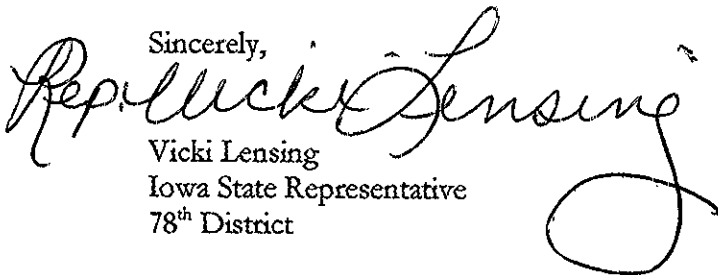
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The successful completion of this project would fulfill the vision of expanded passenger rail service in Iowa. This concept has been documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and previous MWRI (Midwest Regional Rail Initiative) planning documents, and these funds would help to make it a reality.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Vicki Lensing
Iowa State Representative
78th District

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

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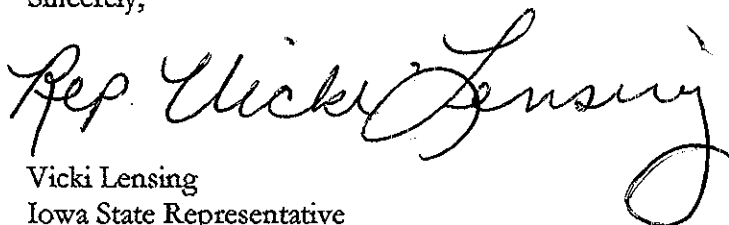
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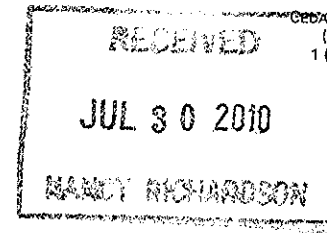
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July 26, 2010



Nancy Richardson
Director of Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
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Dear Director Richardson,

I am pleased to express my full support for the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) grant application submitted by the Illinois and Iowa Departments of Transportation. The joint application would continue environmental impact analyses, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, equipment acquisition, and station improvements to implement passenger rail service connecting Iowa City to Chicago via the Quad Cities.

The Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City passenger rail corridor is an essential addition to the Midwest Regional Rail System. With an estimated ridership on the Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City route of 187,000 annually, I hope to continue working with the IDOT and the State of Iowa in moving to expand rail service further west to Des Moines and Omaha as documented in Iowa's 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and previous Midwest Regional Rail Initiative planning documents.

As a member of the High Speed Rail Congressional Caucus, I was happy to work with my colleagues to ensure adequate funding was included in the FY2010 Transportation, House and Urban Affairs Appropriations Act for the nationwide HSIPR grant program, and fully support IDOT pursuing this funding opportunity. Additionally, I previously worked with my colleagues in Congress to authorize the HSIPR grant program in the Railroad Safety Enhancement Act of 2008 and was also supportive of a Chicago-Quad Cities-Iowa City HSIPR grant application through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

I look forward to working with you and the U.S. Department of Transportation to bring passenger rail and its countless economic and workforce benefits to Iowa. I hope every consideration will be given to this very worthy project.

Sincerely,

Dave Loebuck
Iowa's Second District

July 30, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

We are pleased to express support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted for competitive grant funding made available through FFY 2010 appropriations. We understand the Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding.

The state of Iowa, its communities, and its citizens have long worked to collaboratively develop passenger rail service as a realistic alternative in a Midwestern multimodal transportation system. The HSIPR funds, by supporting continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment necessary to implement service between Iowa City and Chicago, will help both Iowa and Illinois see positive results in the near future.

We at the Legislature have shown a commitment to passenger rail through multi-year funding; \$3 million in fiscal year 2010, \$2 million in fiscal year 2011, and an out-year appropriation of \$6.5 million for fiscal year 2012. The Legislature made a commitment to match federal funding available through the Passenger Rail Investment Improvement Act of 2008 (Senate File 2389).

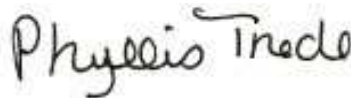
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For these reasons, we wholeheartedly support this project.

Sincerely,



Representative Jim Lykam



Representative Phyllis Thede



Representative Elesha Gayman



Representative Ray Zirkelbach

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July 23, 2010

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For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support this project.

Sincerely,

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State Representative Mary Mascher
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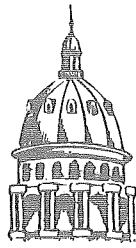
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Patrick J. Murphy

July 22, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
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Dear Director Richardson:

I wish to express my enthusiastic support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's application for high speed intercity passenger rail funding. For several years I have worked with policymakers and community groups to take steps that will improve passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa, including allocation of state resources to complete infrastructure upgrades in anticipation of further action at the federal level.

Intercity rail service will provide substantial economic, social and environmental benefits to the region and is consistent with Iowa's state transportation plan. Iowa has been an active participant with the Midwest Council of State Government's efforts to promote a comprehensive regional rail network, and this project represents a significant step in that effort.

I appreciate your serious consideration of this grant application, submitted in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Yours Truly,

Patrick J. Murphy
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House Speaker



August 3, 2010

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For these reasons, I support this project and we respectfully encourage you to take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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State Senator Dale E. Risinger

37th District

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State Senator Dale E. Risinger

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Dear Director Richardson,

I would like to convey my enthusiastic support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for competitive grant funding to develop High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) between Iowa City and Chicago.

Iowa City/Coralville area legislators, businesses, and residents have been working together for years to develop transportation alternatives along this high volume corridor. As Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I have fought to provide state funding for passenger rail despite a tough economic climate because I know that it will help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure, and provide multimodal transportation options for both the citizens of Iowa and Illinois.

The HSIPR funds will be a great help in funding the environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements, and equipment necessary to implement service between Iowa City and Chicago. Furthermore, this project's success will build the momentum needed for future expansion of passenger rail service in other parts of the state.

I fully support this project and wish you success in your application.

Sincerely,

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Senator Bob Dvorsky

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Sincerely,

Tom Schueller
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August 4, 2010

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For these reasons, I support this project and we thank you for your time in taking full consideration of this application.

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LOUIS S. VIVERITO
Illinois State Senator
11th District



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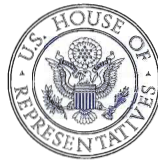
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August 6, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I write in strong support of the Iowa Department of Transportation (IaDOT) application which was submitted in response to your April 1, 2010 Notice of Funding Availability as published in the Federal Register. Awarding a robust federal grant for the Chicago to Iowa City rail project would expand upon the collaborative efforts made thus far by the States of Illinois and Iowa and the private sector.

As you know on December 16, 2009, Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Act became law (P.L. 111-117). Included in this legislation was an important provision called the Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail Corridors and Intercity Passenger Rail Service, of which \$2.5 billion was set aside specifically for competitive passenger rail grants. I believe IaDOT's application fully meets the criteria set forth by the Federal Railroad Administration, in addition to fully meeting the intent of Congress when crafting this legislation.

If awarded, federal funding would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service via the Burlington Northern Santa Fe connecting with the Iowa Interstate Railroad at Wyanet, Illinois and passing through Geneseo and the Quad Cities. Service would consist of two round-trips per day, traveling at speeds up to 79 miles per hour. The direct economic impact in the Quad Cities alone would mean the creation of 550-825 jobs, an increase of overall household income by \$11-16 million, and an increase of property values by \$55-72 million.

Moreover, I applaud President Obama's "Vision for High-Speed Rail" as first announced in April of 2009. I fully agree with his comment that "Building a new system of high-speed rail in

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America will be faster, cheaper and easier than building more freeways or adding to an already overburdened aviation system – and everybody stands to benefit.” Funding this project would fulfill the President’s goal of creating jobs, strengthening and diversifying our Nation’s transportation infrastructure system, and providing environmentally-friendly alternatives to Americans in the Midwest.

This project’s success would allow both Illinois and Iowa to fulfill both of our States’ visions for expanded passenger rail service as documented in various state transportation planning documents. Passenger rail and high-speed rail service are an invaluable component of our Nation’s transportation infrastructure, especially in the Midwest where the demand for rail service is greater than ever.

Again, I respectfully urge you to take full consideration of this application. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Ramos of my Washington, DC staff (202-225-5905), or Andy Rowe of my Moline, Illinois staff (309-793-5760).

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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July 23, 2010

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Dear Director Richardson,

I would like to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, for competitive grant funding for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR).

The HSIPR funds will help implement service between Iowa City and Chicago, providing new transportation options for the citizens of both Iowa and Illinois. As the Senator representing Iowa City, I know that local businesses and residents are very excited about the job creation and economic development opportunities passenger rail service will bring. The state of Iowa and Iowa City have been working together for years to bring this project to fruition.

As Outreach and Community Education Director for the University of Iowa's Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research, I also know that multimodal transportation infrastructure between Iowa City and Chicago will both reduce our dependence on foreign oil and be a real boon to students, faculty, and staff.

For these reasons, I enthusiastically support this project.

Sincerely,

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Senator Joe Bolcom

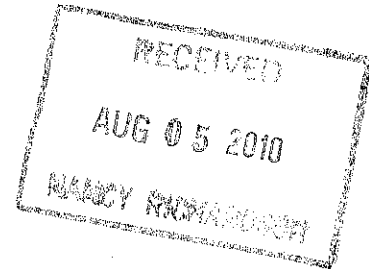
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August 3, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
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Dear Director Richardson,

I compliment your plan and support for high speed rail connection between Chicago and Iowa. Two corridors have been identified traveling on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF) connecting with the Iowa Interstate Railroad (IAIS) at Wyand, Illinois and passing through Geneseo and the Quad Cities. Service would consist of two round-trips per day, ultimately traveling at speeds up to 79 miles per hour (mph).

The second corridor, near my district, introduces passenger rail service between Chicago and Dubuque, passing through Rockford and Galena. Both routes are critical to restoring passenger rail service to our region and fulfilling the vision of a high speed rail alternative for passenger movement.

Your cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation is significant and welcomed. Success in restoring passenger rail service will take continued cooperation, compromise and effort. Know that many Illinois legislators are supportive of this effort and place high priority on completing these two routes as soon as possible. In addition, we support funding of the Create plan to reduce congestion on the rail system in the Chicago area.

Feel free to contact me if I may assist you in implementing this plan and continued efforts to offer citizens multiple means of transportation and improvements to our rail grid. Congratulations on a strong application.

Sincerely,

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Robert W. Pritchard

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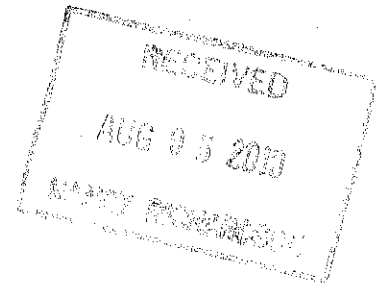


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August 3, 2010

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RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I welcome the opportunity to lend my support for the applications of the Iowa Department of Transportation (Iowa DOT) and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) being submitted under competitive grant for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. This application would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

This project contributes to the vision of expanded passenger rail service in both states between two important destinations as explained in planning documents. In addition, the corridor construction will complete an essential element of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative plan to provide an integrated rail network for the entire Midwest. This route is one of three rail corridors identified in Illinois critical to the movement of passengers.

The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa and Illinois. Iowa City with its medical and educational services attracts students and patients from the greater Chicago metropolitan area. Rail would offer citizens options to travel between these destinations in a more energy efficient and environmentally compatible means.

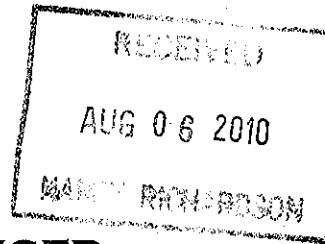
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Sincerely,

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE - 96TH DISTRICT

August 3, 2010

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RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Director Richardson,

As State Representative of the 96th District of Illinois, I want to thank you and the Iowa Department of Transportation for your work to partner with local communities to provide much needed assistance.

I am pleased to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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Thank you for taking time to review this matter. For these reasons, I support this project and respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

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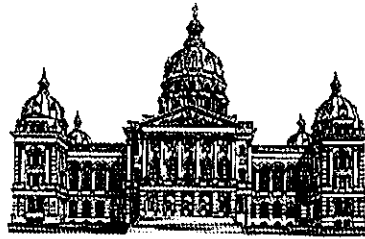
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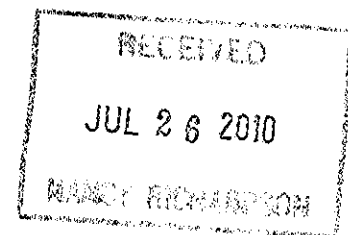
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July 21, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
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Dear Director Richardson,

I am writing to share my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's application for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding

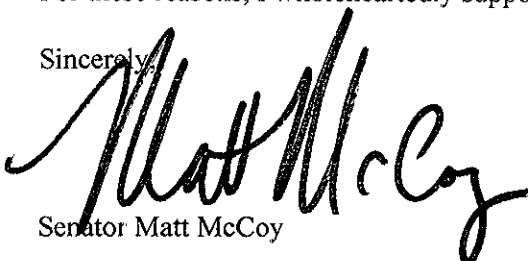
As Chairman of the Iowa Legislature's Transportation, Infrastructure, and Capitals Appropriations Subcommittee, I have worked to secure new state resources to expand passenger rail service in Iowa, including \$3 million in fiscal year 2010, \$2 million in fiscal year 2011, and a commitment of an additional \$6.5 million for the following year. Despite a series of difficult budget years, we have made these financial commitments in order to demonstrate our strong belief that the state of Iowa, its communities, and its citizens should collaborate to develop passenger rail as a component of the Midwest's multimodal transportation system

Implementing the Chicago to Iowa City service is a first step and will help Iowa move forward with plans to expand passenger rail service to Des Moines, central Iowa, and beyond. The Iowa DOT is working on a planning study for service from Chicago to Omaha that will consider routes through Des Moines. If the Iowa Interstate railroad route is the selected route for Chicago to Omaha, then the first leg of that service would be Chicago to Iowa City.

The HSIPR funds would enable us to continue the environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure development, and facility and equipment improvements necessary to implement service between Iowa City and Chicago. This project will create jobs, upgrade our nation's transportation infrastructure, and significantly improve Midwesterners' transportation options.

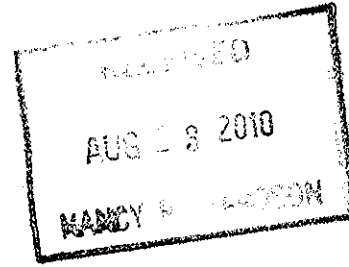
For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support this project.

Sincerely,



Senator Matt McCoy

ILLINOIS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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August 6, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

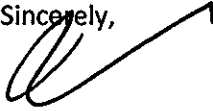
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The project's success would allow both Illinois and Iowa to fulfill our states' visions for expanded passenger rail service as documented in various state transportation planning documents. In addition, the corridor construction will complete and essential element of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative plan to provide a integrated rail network for the entire Midwest. The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa and Illinois.

For these reasons, I support this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Tom Cross', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Tom Cross

House Republican Leader

State Representative, 84th District

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

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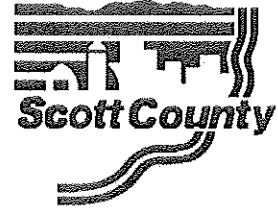
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July 21, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
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For these reasons, the Scott County Board of Supervisors supports this project.

Sincerely,

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Chris Gallin, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

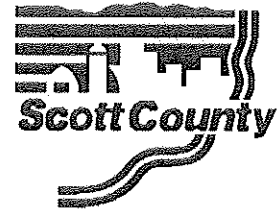
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July 21, 2010

Gary Hannig, Secretary
c/o George Weber, Bureau Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 6-600
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Secretary Hannig,

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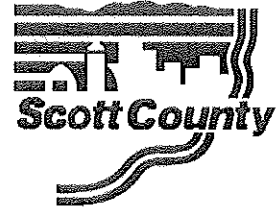
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1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
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Chris Gallin, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

Merle Hay Centre
8200 Aurora Avenue, Suite 300W
Urbandale, IA 50322-2888
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July 15, 2010

Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

SUBJECT: LETTER OF SUPPORT - IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGH
SPEED INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION

The Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is pleased to express its support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, would use these funds to support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements, and equipment to implement passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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For these reasons, the Des Moines Area MPO supports this project and we respectfully encourage you to take full consideration of the Iowa DOT's application for HSIPR funding.

Respectfully yours,



Ted Ohmart, Chair
Des Moines Area MPO

TO:DM:dm

cc: Nancy Richardson, Iowa DOT Director
Tom Kane, MPO Executive Director

July 21, 2010



INRCOG

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Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
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1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

The Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority (INRTA) understands that the Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. We would like to express our support for the application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. We understand that these funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

The INRTA recognizes the importance of expanding passenger rail service to Iowa. This project's success would allow Iowa to begin to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and previous MWRRI (Midwest Regional Rail Initiative) planning documents. The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa.

For these reasons, the INRTA supports this project, and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Stanley Perkins, Chair
Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

July 21, 2010



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For these reasons, the INRTA supports this project.

Sincerely,

Stanley Perkins, Chair
Iowa Northland Regional Transportation Authority

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

August 3, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

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For these reasons, I support this project.

Sincerely,

Linda Schreiber
2725 Highway 109 NW
Oxford, Iowa 52322

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

August 3, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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For these reasons, I support the project and respectfully encourage you consider this application with an eye for our future.

Sincerely,

Linda Schreiber
2725 Highway 109 NW
Oxford, Iowa 52322

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

July 20, 2010



Nancy Richardson, Director

Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way

Ames, Iowa 50010

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Sincerely,

Michael E. Ricketts

President, Foresight Consulting, Inc. (Offices in Geneseo, IL and Naperville, IL)

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

July 20, 2010



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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Subject: Letter of Support – Iowa Department of Transportation High Speed
Intercity Passenger Rail Funding Grant

The Greater Des Moines Partnership is pleased to express its support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, would use these funds to support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements, and equipment to implement passenger rail service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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For these reasons, the Greater Des Moines Partnership supports this project and we respectfully encourage you to take full consideration of the Iowa DOT's application for HSIPR funding.

Sincerely,



Martha Willits
President and CEO

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Iowa DOT Director

July 20, 2010



Mr. Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

Subject: Letter of Support – Iowa Department of Transportation High Speed
Intercity Passenger Rail Funding Grant

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For these reasons, the Des Moines Downtown Community Alliance supports this project and we respectfully encourage you to take full consideration of the Iowa DOT's application for HSIPR funding.

Sincerely,

Glenn Lyons
President

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Iowa DOT Director



July 30, 2010

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2010 Wedgewood Place
Coralville, IA 52241

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

As a long standing member of the Iowa City area community and member of the Iowa City Community School District Board of Education, I am pleased to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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For these reasons, I fully support this project and respectfully encourage you approve and fully fund this application.

Sincerely,

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cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

July 30, 2010

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2010 Wedgewood Place
Coralville, IA 52241

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Sincerely,

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

1826 Brown Deer Cv
Coralville IA 52241-1169
July 30, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson:

The Wicklund family is pleased to express our support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

I lived in Cedar Rapids while growing up and experienced train service in Iowa by the Chicago and North Western Railroad, Milwaukee Road Trains, and the Rock Island Railroad servicing Chicago and cities across Iowa. The trains were a convenient way to travel.

Our family travels to Chicago frequently for business and pleasure. My business travel often takes me to the east coast where I travel between DC and New York City always using the train service. I have several business and personal friends who would utilize the train service to Chicago from Iowa City. It has a definite advantage over airline travel or driving to Chicago for a day meeting.

In addition this project's success would allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and previous MWRRI (Midwest Regional Rail Initiative) planning documents. The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa.

For these reasons and many others, we support this project. It provides a resource that is needed as we look to ways to conserve energy.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Wicklund

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

1826 Brown Deer Cove
Coralville IA 52241-1169
July 30, 2010

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Washington, DC 20590

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Our family travels to Chicago frequently for business and pleasure. My business travel often takes me to the east coast where I travel between DC and New York City always using the train service. I have several business and personal friends who would utilize the train service to Chicago from Iowa City. It has a definite advantage over airline travel or driving to Chicago for a day meeting.

In addition this project's success would allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the 2009 State Rail Plan, State Transportation Plan and previous MWRRI (Midwest Regional Rail Initiative) planning documents. The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa.

For these reasons and many others, we support this project. It provides a resource that is needed as we look to ways to conserve energy.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Wicklund

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

MUSCATINE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Wayne Shoultz, District One

Tom Furlong, District Two

Dave Watkins, District Three

Kas Kelly, District Four

Esther Dean, District Five

July 26, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa/Illinois HSIPR Grant Request for Chicago to Iowa City Passenger Rail Service

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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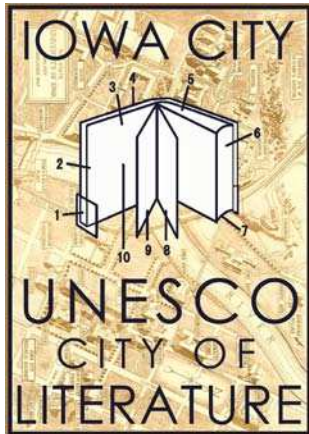
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For these reasons, the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors supports this project and we respectfully encourage you take full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,


(Esther J. Dean, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



July 27, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

The Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature is pleased to express our support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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The implementation of this project would help create jobs and improve our nation's transportation infrastructure. It would also assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa which is especially helpful as we begin to produce and market programs and activities throughout the region.

For these reasons, the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature supports this project.

Sincerely,

Jeanette M. Pilak
Executive Director

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



July 31, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

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For these reasons, the Washington Economic Development Group supports this project.

Sincerely,

Edward Raber
Executive Director

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



July 31, 2010

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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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Sincerely,

Edward Raber
Executive Director

Cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT
Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT

July 28, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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As Director of the Iowa City Public Library, I encounter a large and diverse representation of area residents every day. Expanded passenger rail service would benefit all of them in a variety of ways, and I hear enthusiasm from many people for this project. Passenger rail service provides a transportation alternative for citizens of both Iowa and Illinois that will be well used. It will strengthen our nation's transportation infrastructure and create jobs.

Funding would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment. We are excited to see this project move ahead and I encourage your support.

Sincerely,

Susan Craig
Library Director

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois Department of Transportation
Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa Department of Transportation

July 28, 2010

Nancy Richardson
Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010

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Sincerely,

Susan Craig,
Library Director

cc: Gary Hannig, Secretary, Illinois DOT



CITY OF WEST LIBERTY

- A GREATER TOMORROW

July 29, 2010

Gary Hannig, Secretary
c/o George Weber, Bureau Chief
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 6-600
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Secretary Hannig:

The City of West Liberty is pleased to express our support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements, and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

This project's success would allow Illinois to move forward with its mission of providing fast, frequent, and reliable train service to as many Illinois communities as possible. The implementation of this project would help create jobs, improve our nation's transportation infrastructure, and assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa.

This project is strongly supported by The City of West Liberty.

Very truly yours,

Chad Thomas
West Liberty Mayor

cc: Nancy Richardson, Director, Iowa DOT

Administrative Offices – 409 N. Calhoun – West Liberty, Iowa
(319) 627-2418 52776

Fax: (319) 627-4847



August 4, 2010

Governors Culver and Quinn,

I am writing this letter in support of the Green Line program which aims to implement passenger rail service between Iowa City and Chicago that expands the green and sustainable principles inherent in passenger rail transportation.

This sustainable and progressive program utilizes green aspects of passenger travel between your states from locally grown food served on board to an in-depth recycling and reuse program to biodiesel-powered locomotives.

Renewable Energy Group (REG) is the nation's leading biodiesel producer and marketer having sold approximately 28 percent of all biodiesel consumed in the U.S. in 2009. The biodiesel we produce helps to reduce carbon emissions by more than 78 percent, supports Midwestern agriculture, helps reduce our nation's dependency on foreign oil and supports more than 200 green collar jobs in Iowa and Illinois.

Our operations are headquartered in Ames, Iowa with one of our network biodiesel refineries located in Danville, Illinois; Seneca, Illinois and another located just west of Iowa City in Newton, Iowa. REG also markets biodiesel from the Kinder Morgan terminal in Chicago. We have strong biodiesel blend partnerships with petroleum distributors in both Iowa and Illinois.

REG has pledged our support for this program in our enthusiasm for sustainable rail travel as well as human capital, physical resources and biodiesel fuel. Renewable Energy Group looks to provide the Green Line with the following:

- Use of our 10,000 gallon fuel tank to help the Iowa City rail yard provide a B20 biodiesel blend until permanent infrastructure is put in place.
- Technical expertise to help ensure the successful testing and permanent utilization of biodiesel blends in the locomotive along the Green Line.
- Consistent, competitively priced supply sources for high quality biodiesel made in Iowa and Illinois by our local green collar workers at BQ-9000 Producer plants which follow strict quality production guidelines.
- Assistance in facilitating partnerships between the biodiesel industry and current Green Line advocates.

If you have questions about our support or our business, please contact Alicia Clancy at alicia.clancy@regfuel.com or at 515-239-8118. We urge your strong and swift support of this program in order to help advance the use of biofuels in the rail industry, to offer a sustainable mode of transportation and to continue your states' economic support of the renewable fuels industry.

Sincerely,

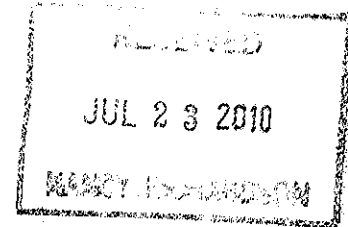
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Stroburg".

Jeff Stroburg
CEO and Chairman

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215 10th Street, Suite 1300
Des Moines, IA 50309

July 21, 2010



Secretary Ray LaHood
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Iowa DOT High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Application

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As Chair of the 2030 Transit Task Force for the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, I am writing to express support for the Application by the Iowa Department of Transportation ("IDOT") for high speed intercity passenger rail funding. A Transit Task Force goal is to further develop a vision for transit in the Greater Des Moines, Iowa area, to implement those transit services, and to encourage use of transit by its citizenry.

This Application will support funding for passenger rail service between Chicago, Illinois and Iowa City, Iowa. This is a collaborative effort between the IDOT and the Illinois DOT to obtain funds to support track infrastructure, construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements, equipment to implement service, and an environmental impact analysis.

Awarding the grant would allow Iowa to begin fulfilling its vision for expanded passenger rail service as documented in the Iowa DOT's 2009 State Rail Plan, as well as the Iowa DOT's State Transportation Plan, and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. This vision includes extension of passenger rail service between Chicago, the Quad Cities and Iowa City, with further extensions through Des Moines, Iowa to Omaha, Nebraska.

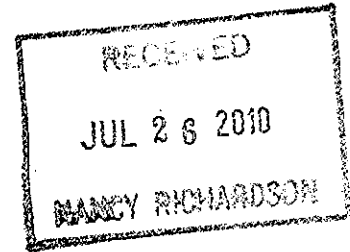
This is a very important project for the people of Iowa, as it would create jobs, as well as assist in providing transportation alternatives to the citizens of Iowa and reduce pollution and traffic congestion.

The 2030 Transit Task Force supports this project, and we respectfully encourage you to take full consideration of the Iowa's DOT application for passenger rail funding.

Sincerely,

Michael G. Kulik

✓cc: Nancy Richardson, Iowa DOT Director



July 22, 2010

Nancy Richardson, Director
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson,

The Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry is pleased to express our support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application being submitted under competitive grant funding made available through the FFY2010 appropriations. The Iowa DOT, in collaboration with the Illinois DOT, is seeking High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) funding. These funds would support continued environmental impact analysis, track infrastructure construction and improvements, layover facility construction, station improvements and equipment to implement service between Chicago and Iowa City.

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For these reasons, the Greater Muscatine Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports this project.

Sincerely,

Bill Phelan

President and CEO