In an environment of rising oil prices, MWRRS will offer an energy-efficient and cost-effective alternative to air and automobile travel that will connect businesses and individuals with cities and towns across the Midwest.

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Benefiting Indiana’s Economy

The Midwest Regional Rail System is a transportation network for the 21st Century.
- 3,000-mile rail network connecting Indiana with 8 other Midwest states
- Speeds up to 110-mph, resulting in significantly reduced travel times
- Increase in train frequencies
- Improved on-time performance
**Introduction**

The Midwest Regional Rail System (MWRRS) will significantly improve the level and quality of passenger rail service in Indiana. The system will contribute to economic growth and strengthen the state’s manufacturing, service, and tourism industries.

**User Benefits**

MWRRS will generate a $2.3-$3.5 billion user benefit for Indiana; this represents the overall savings to users of the state’s transportation network derived from the system. Sources that produce this benefit are:

- The reduction in travel times that users of MWRRS receive (shown below)
- The reduction in travel times and costs that users of other transportation modes receive as a result of lower congestion levels
- Reductions in emissions as a result of travelers being diverted from air, bus and auto to MWRRS

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**Community Benefits**

MWRRS will improve access between Indiana communities. This access supports existing industries, fosters the growth of new small businesses and encourages large businesses to distribute their operations more widely throughout Indiana.

**Station Development Benefits**

Increased train operations from MWRRS will lead to rising property values and significant joint (public-private) development opportunities near stations. These multimodal stations will bring together many modes of travel at a single location.

**Environmental Benefits**

MWRRS provides a good alternative to auto and air travel that promotes environmental benefits, including reduced air pollutant emissions, less land use, and fewer habitat and water resource impacts compared to expanding existing highways and airports.