Green Jobs with High-Speed Rail
a Midwest Update

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About ELPC

- 45 staff
- 8 offices
- $6.75 million budget
- Promoting economic development & environmental protection
The Swinging Pendulum

• “Republicans support ... high-speed passenger railroad system as an instrument of economic development, and enhanced mobility.” - Republican Party National Platform, 2000

• “I will put a stop to this boondoggle the day I take office.” – Scott Walker, Republican Candidate for Governor, WI
Our Challenge: Restore Bipartisanship

- Leverage Presidential support without antagonizing Republicans

- “This investment in our rail system is critical to Michigan’s recovery.” — Republican Governor Rick Snyder, 5/9/11
Real jobs, real business opportunity (2010-11)
People are flocking to trains
The new “Normal”

• $200 million private investment
$782 million equipment investment
Revitalizing American Manufacturing

- We have the capacity to create American jobs building HSR
- 12 Original Equipment Manufacturers
- 460 Midwest high-speed rail supply chain businesses
Illinois: 84 firms
Michigan: 49 firms
Wisconsin

- 73 firms
Ohio: 122 firms
Indiana: **100** firms
What’s Next?

Opportunities
- PRIIA Reauthorization
- Map-21 Reauthorization
- Presidential leadership

Challenges
- Sequestration
- Budget negotiations
- Republican opposition

"Ask any CEO where they’d rather locate and hire: a country with deteriorating roads and bridges, or one with high-speed rail and internet..."

- Barack Obama
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Roll Call Vote by Congressional District on Amendment 43 to House File 1
Continuing Resolution Defeated 250 to 176 on February 17, 2011

Legend:
- Green: For Amtrak
- Yellow: Not Voting
- Gray: Against Amtrak
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