

# Examples of STATE–AMTRAK Partnerships: Passenger Rail Corridors in the MIDWEST

## B-1 MICHIGAN CORRIDOR

(Chicago-Kalamazoo-Ann Arbor-Detroit-Pontiac) – 304 miles  
Marketed as Amtrak's *Wolverine* service.

- The 3 round-trip trains carried 475,200 passengers in 2012, up 8% over 2009. And up 11.9% in the first half of FY 2013 over 2012.
- Amtrak owns and now operates trains at 110 mph over the 90-mile segment between Porter IN. and Kalamazoo MI.
- \$359 million federal funds allowed Michigan to purchase the Kalamazoo to Dearborn rail line and to upgrade it for 110 mph service.
- New stations will open in 2014 in Dearborn and Birmingham. A new station is being planned for Ann Arbor.
- Under a USDOT grant made jointly to several Mid west states, Wolverine to get new bi-level rolling stock (cars), and track and signal upgrades to reduce Chicago–Detroit time to around 4 hours.
- Amtrak Thruway bus service provides connections to points in northern Michigan.



## B-2 LINCOLN SERVICE CORRIDOR

(Chicago-Bloomington/Normal-Springfield-St. Louis) – 284 miles  
The four roundtrips carried 580,000 passengers in 2012, up 14% over 2009.

- Illinois received a \$1.1 billion federal commitment for upgrading the route for train speeds up to 110 mph.
- Will reduce Chicago–St. Louis time from 5.5 hours to 4.75 hours – further reductions planned for the future.
- New stations have opened in St. Louis and Bloomington-Normal (largest mid-point traffic generating city on the corridor.) A new station is under construction in Joliet IL. and one is planned in Alton IL. Stations in Springfield and Pontiac will be upgraded.
- Bi-level trains will be introduced in the future.



## B-3 HIAWATHA CORRIDOR

(Chicago-Milwaukee) – 86 miles  
Initiated as a joint project of the states of Illinois and Wisconsin.

- Amtrak *Hiawatha* trains run up to 7 round trips between Chicago and Milwaukee.
- Carried 826,731 passengers in 2012, an increase of 15% over 2009.
- Wisconsin rejected over \$800 million in federal high speed rail grants.
- HOWEVER, previous state and federal grants have built track, signal, and station improvements.

