

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## WHAT IS THE PROPOSED TCMC PROJECT?

The proposed Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail Service Project would provide an additional daily round-trip service to:

- **Minnesota** – cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Red Wing and Winona
- **Wisconsin** – cities of La Crosse, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, Portage, Columbus, Milwaukee and Sturtevant, and a potential stop at General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee; and
- **Illinois:** cities of Glenview and Chicago.

Amtrak's long-distance *Empire Builder* service – which operates between Chicago and Seattle and Portland, and provides one trip per day in each direction – currently uses the proposed TCMC corridor. Amtrak's *Hiawatha Service* also operates on this corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago.

## HOW WOULD THE PROPOSED PROJECT BE FUNDED?

Funding for future phases of the project could come from a combination of federal and state resources.

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT PROJECT PHASE?

The proposed TCMC Project is in Phase 1 of study, which includes the following activities:

- Develop the purpose and transportation needs addressed by the proposed project;
- Evaluate route and service alternatives;
- Model proposed service alternatives; and
- Identify potential capital improvements.

## WHO IS LEADING THE PROJECT?

The following agencies are evaluating intercity passenger rail service within the proposed TCMC corridor to better serve the cities and communities along the corridor:

- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Federal Railroad Administration
- Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority
- Minnesota High Speed Rail Commission
- La Crosse Area Planning Committee

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