

Note:
information
based on
HSIPR
application
dated
October 2009



Capital Costs:

- Corridor \$147 million
- Illinois using state funding to implement service
- Iowa portion costs: Dubuque station and layover facility. Costs to be determined.

Operating Costs:

- Corridor \$3.2 million annually (shared with Illinois)
- Iowa portion \$ 550,000 annually

Route Characteristics

- One round trip per day
- Maximum 79 mph
- Each train carries 120-150 passengers
- Total route 182.2 miles
- Travel time is approximately 5 hours 10 minutes
- New station at Dubuque
- 82,700 riders per year

March 21, 2011

Dubuque County
Board of Supervisors

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March 9, 2010

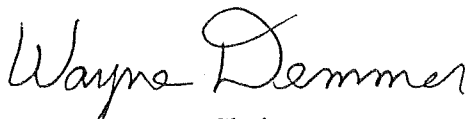
Nancy Richardson
Iowa Department of Transportation
800 Lincoln Way
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson;

We are contacting you in regard to the Iowa Passenger Rail proposal for the implementation and development of passenger rail service from Chicago to Dubuque and the related request for local Iowa entities providing a \$275,000 annual operating subsidy.

At our meeting today, the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors took formal action to contribute \$90,750 from Dubuque County to partially fund the subsidy in fiscal year 2014. We are looking forward to partnering with our local, state and regional entities to obtain this significant transportation priority.

Sincerely,



Wayne Demmer, Chairperson
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

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cc: Dubuque County Auditor



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March 9, 2011

Nancy Richardson, Director
The Iowa Department of Transportation
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Re: Commitment for Amtrak operating funds

Dear Ms. Richardson:

On behalf of the City of Dubuque, the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors, and local governments of DMATS, please accept this letter as a pledge of our collective commitment to provide a portion of the required operating funding needed for the proposed Chicago to Dubuque Passenger Rail Project.

We are aware the Illinois Department of Transportation has committed \$60 million in the Illinois State budget to reconstruct intercity passenger rail service from Chicago to Dubuque. The City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study, the Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce, local colleges, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, and nearly 30,000 tri-state citizens and organizations have indicated their support for the return of passenger rail to Iowa on the Chicago-Dubuque route.

This project will allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanded passenger rail service, as documented in the State's Rail Plan, the State Transportation Plan, and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. The completion of this project will also achieve one of the ten Envision 2010 goals - the return of passenger rail to Dubuque. For the past 10 years, one of the top 5 goals of the City Council has been *Improved Connectivity*. In 2010, under the City's Management Agenda, support of Passenger Rail was listed as a High Priority.

It is our understanding that Governor Branstad has requested there be a local financial commitment to the ongoing operation costs for the passenger rail service project in order for the project to proceed. Please accept this letter as a demonstration of our commitment to the financing proposal that was outlined by the Iowa Department of Transportation wherein the local governments were asked to provide 50% of the subsidy cost for the Chicago-Dubuque route. We are prepared to meet this financial commitment. This commitment is being made several years before the actual passenger rail service (FY2014) will be implemented.

We government entities, the City of Dubuque, Dubuque County, and the local governments of Dubuque County will invest in the operation of the passenger rail service to Dubuque, Iowa.

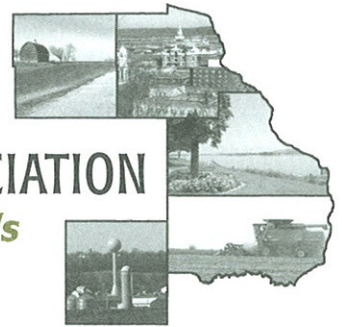
Sincerely,

Roy D. Buol
Mayor

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EAST CENTRAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATION

A Regional Response to Local Needs



March 11, 2011

Nancy Richardson, Director
The Iowa Department of Transportation
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Ames, IA 50010

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Dubuque, IA 52002

Dear Ms. Richardson:

On behalf of Dubuque Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (DMATS), I respectfully request you to consider this letter as a Letter of Support by our Board for installing passenger rail service to Dubuque, Iowa. On March 10, 2011, the DMATS Policy Board unanimously approved the support for 50% of the subsidy required by Iowa for Chicago to Dubuque routes. The Board recommended local governments to create a plan to support 50% of the subsidy amount.

DMATS leaders have long supported the development of passenger rail service between Chicago and the City of Dubuque as this project will fulfill transportation needs by connecting the tri-state area to Chicago with passenger rail and will also improve connectivity among transportation modes within the region.

We are aware the Illinois Department of Transportation has committed \$60 million in the Illinois State budget to reconstruct intercity passenger rail service from Chicago to Dubuque. This project will allow Iowa to fulfill its vision for expanding passenger rail service as documented in the State's Rail Plan, the State Transportation Plan, and the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. The completion of this project will also achieve one of the ten Dubuque's Envision 2010 goals - the return of passenger rail to Dubuque.

It is our understanding that Governor Branstad has requested there be a local financial commitment to the ongoing operating costs for the passenger rail service project in order for the project to proceed. Please accept this letter as a letter of commitment by the DMATS board and requesting local government entities to pledge their support with a financing proposal that was outlined by the Iowa Department of Transportation asking to provide 50% of the subsidy cost for Chicago-Dubuque route.

The DMATS Board supports the idea and assures support from local governments to invest in the operation of the passenger rail service to Dubuque, Iowa.

Sincerely,

Roy D. Buol
Chair Person
DMATS Policy Board