

Chicago to Council Bluffs-Omaha Regional Passenger Rail System Planning Study

PUBLIC SURVEY

1. When traveling to destinations in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, which of the following transportation options do you use most often? (Select only one.)
 Bus Car Passenger rail Plane I don't know

2. When traveling to destinations in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska, which of the following transportation options would you prefer to use? (Select only one.)
 Bus Car Passenger rail Plane I don't know

3. If improved regional passenger rail were available from Chicago, Ill., to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., including four to five round-trips during the day with greater than 90 percent on-time performance and travel times similar to a car, would you use the service?
 Yes No Maybe I don't know

4. If improved regional passenger rail were available from Chicago, Ill., to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb., why would you use rail service?
 Business Travel Personal travel Both I would not use the service

5. Do you think there will be a positive economic impact on Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska associated with regional passenger rail service?
 Yes No Not sure

6. Do you currently use passenger rail service?
 Yes No

7. Which of the following would be the most important consideration when planning a regional passenger rail system from Chicago to Council Bluffs-Omaha? (Select only one.)
 Cost of Transportation Accessibility Convenience Cost to taxpayers
 Economic development Job creation Environmental benefits
 Increased travel options Other (please specify) _____

For questions 8 and 9, rate importance by checking the appropriate box.

Not at all Moderately Extremely No opinion

8. How important are the following elements in selecting a passenger rail route alternative?

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a. Train speed	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Costs to residents in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Costs of travel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Impacts to the natural environment (<i>wetlands, streams, air quality, etc.</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Impacts to the built environment (<i>homes, towns, businesses, schools, etc.</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. If regional passenger rail service were available to you, how important would the following factors be in choosing passenger rail service in place of other modes of travel?

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a. Travel times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The cost of travel options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The experience of traveling by train	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Opportunities during travel to work or socialize	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Decreased environmental impacts versus other travel modes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Reliability of service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Frequency of use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Proximity of service to your home, destination, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Other (please specify)				

10. Do you support the establishment of regional passenger rail service from Chicago through Iowa to Council Bluffs-Omaha?

Yes No Not sure

11. Would you like to join our mailing list to receive more information on the study?

Yes (**Complete form below**) No

First name _____ Last name _____

Mailing address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Thank you for completing the survey.

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The Iowa Department of Transportation, in cooperation Federal Railroad Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation, is studying the feasibility of expanding existing passenger rail service and developing a new regional passenger rail service from Chicago, Ill., to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and Omaha, Neb. The study will determine a preferred Chicago to Council Bluffs-Omaha regional passenger rail route alternative and is a major step in assessing the viability of a regional intercity passenger rail system serving Iowa and the Midwest.

Public comments provide valuable input and contribute to the development of a complete environmental analysis. Comments will be collected throughout the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement development phase.

All comments received will be reviewed and considered.

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What do you think?

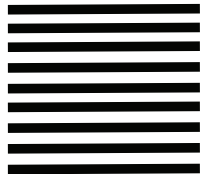
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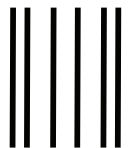
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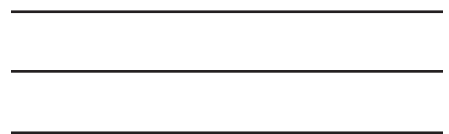
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