

Fast Trains Support Illinois Colleges

Include passenger rail expansion in capital bill

Amtrak and Metra trains already play an important role in supporting higher education. Faster and more frequent trains would expand that role.

Existing state rail and transit plans list projects that would create a web of connectivity throughout the state. It is time to coordinate and fund those plans to support higher education:

- **More attractive to students:** A convenient and affordable trip by train would make in-state colleges more attractive to Illinois residents over a long drive to out-of-state schools.
- **Student Safety:** Less potential for sleepy (or intoxicated) weekend drives home
- **Staff retention:** Improved access to statewide amenities and employment opportunities to spouses would make it easier to attract and retain professors and staff.
- **Reduced operating costs:** More trains (and buses) means fewer cars on campus, and a reduction in their carrying costs.

Learn more at MidwestHSR.org/Illinois-Fast-Track-Initiative

Illinois Colleges and the Nearest Train Stations

Alton	SIU Edwardsville Principia College	Chicago	Northeastern Illinois University North Park University Robert Morris University Illinois Saint Xavier University	Lisle	Benedictine University
Aurora	Aurora University	Decatur*	Millikin University	Litchfield*	Greenville University
Bloomington-Normal	Illinois State University Illinois Wesleyan University	Deerfield	Trinity International University	Macomb	Western Illinois University
Carbondale	Southern Illinois University	DeKalb*	Northern Illinois University	Naperville	North Central College
Carlinville	Blackburn College	Elgin	Judson University	Peoria*	Eureka College Bradley University
Champaign	U of I at Urbana-Champaign	Elmhurst	Elmhurst College	Quad Cities*	Augustana College WIU - Quad Cities
Charleston*	Eastern Illinois University	Evanston	Northwestern University	Quincy	Quincy University
Chicago	School of the Art Institute of Chicago University of Chicago Illinois Institute of Technology DePaul University Roosevelt University Loyola University Chicago University of Illinois at Chicago Columbia College Chicago National Louis University Chicago State University	Galesburg	Knox College Monmouth College	River Forest	Concordia University Chicago Dominican University
		Palos Heights	Trinity Christian College	Rockford	Rockford University
		Jacksonville*	Illinois College MacMurray College	Romeoville	Lewis University
		Joliet	University of St. Francis	Springfield	SIU School of Medicine University of Illinois at Springfield
		Kankakee	Olivet Nazarene University	St. Louis	McKendree University Lindenwood University-Belleville
		Lake Forest	Lake Forest College	University Park	Governors State University
		Lincoln	Lincoln College Lincoln Christian University	Wheaton	Wheaton College

*Potential Station

Illinois colleges served by potential long-term network

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