

The Intercity Passenger Connectivity initiative explores options to better connect the Columbus Region with major metropolitan regions of the Midwest such as Cleveland, Dayton, Cincinnati, Chicago and Pittsburgh. A multi-phased planning effort will examine the feasibility for passenger railroad and modern technologies. The project builds on the Midwest Connect Hyperloop and Chicago to Columbus Passenger Rail studies.

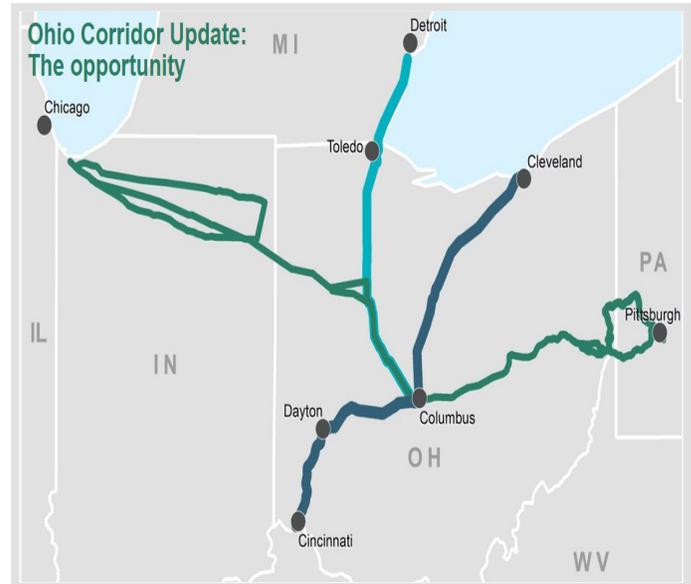
Prioritized as a project of
**REGIONAL
SIGNIFICANCE**

Project Type:
Strategic Planning for Implementation

Lead Agency:
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

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Partner Agencies:
Columbus Partnership, JobsOhio, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Rail Development Commission, Multiple Cities & Counties, numerous public and private partners along the corridor



Project Location

Three routes are being explored to better connect Central Ohio to the Midwest

Project Benefits

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by exploring diverse transportation technologies for the region and state
- Ohio's three biggest metro areas are among the least well-served top fifty metro areas, Intercity Passenger Connectivity helps remedy this
- Creates opportunities to create a Midwest megaregion by linking major cities with intercity rail transportation
- Links major business, institutional, logistics, and sports destinations along the corridor
- Provides an opportunity to transform and improve the movement of freight and cargo



A conceptual image of what a downtown passenger rail station could look like in Columbus.

CONGRESS

HOUSE

2 - Wenstrup

3 - Beatty

4 - Jordan

12 - Balderson

15 - Carey

SENATE

Brown

Vance

Ohio's Passenger Rail Potential

3C&D (Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati)



Additional Stops in Ohio Communities

- CLE Airport
- Mansfield
- Crestline/Galion
- Delaware
- Hilliard
- Hamilton/Middletown
- Sharonville

Midwest Connect (Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh)



Additional Stops in Ohio Communities

- Lima
- Bellfontaine/Kenton
- Marysville
- Dublin
- CMH Airport
- Newark
- Connecting to Toledo/Detroit



Current Federal Funding Considerations

USDOT FRA - Corridor Identification and Development Program

Planning Study of Full Corridor

Potenital Applicants: State of Ohio, MORPC,
and other regional organizations



Current Federal Funding Considerations

USDOT FRA - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements

(CRISI) Program

Maglev/Hyperloop Planning Study

60 mile segment (Marysville through Columbus to Newark)

Request: \$7 million of projected cost of \$8.75 million

Applicant: MORPC

USDOT FRA - Corridor Identification and Development Program

Applicant: City of Ft. Wayne, IN