

# Missouri State Rail Plan



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## Purpose

- 20-year strategic framework
- Identify and prioritize rail programs and projects
- Guide long-term policies



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## Goals



- Improve movement of passengers and freight
- Identify greater intermodal connectivity
- Enhance local, state economic development
- Strengthen communities
- Promote environmentally and socially responsible rail development
- Promote safety and security





# What Missourians Think



- Two online surveys
- Meetings with community leaders, public
- Interviews with railroads





# What Missourians Think



*"Rail can get more trucks off the highways."*

- Comment from Kansas City public meeting

*"How can revenues be increased for rail improvements?"*

- Comment from Hannibal public meeting



*"Passenger rail relieves traffic from our highways, provides a more environmentally friendly way to travel, encourages development and stimulates activity in town centers."*

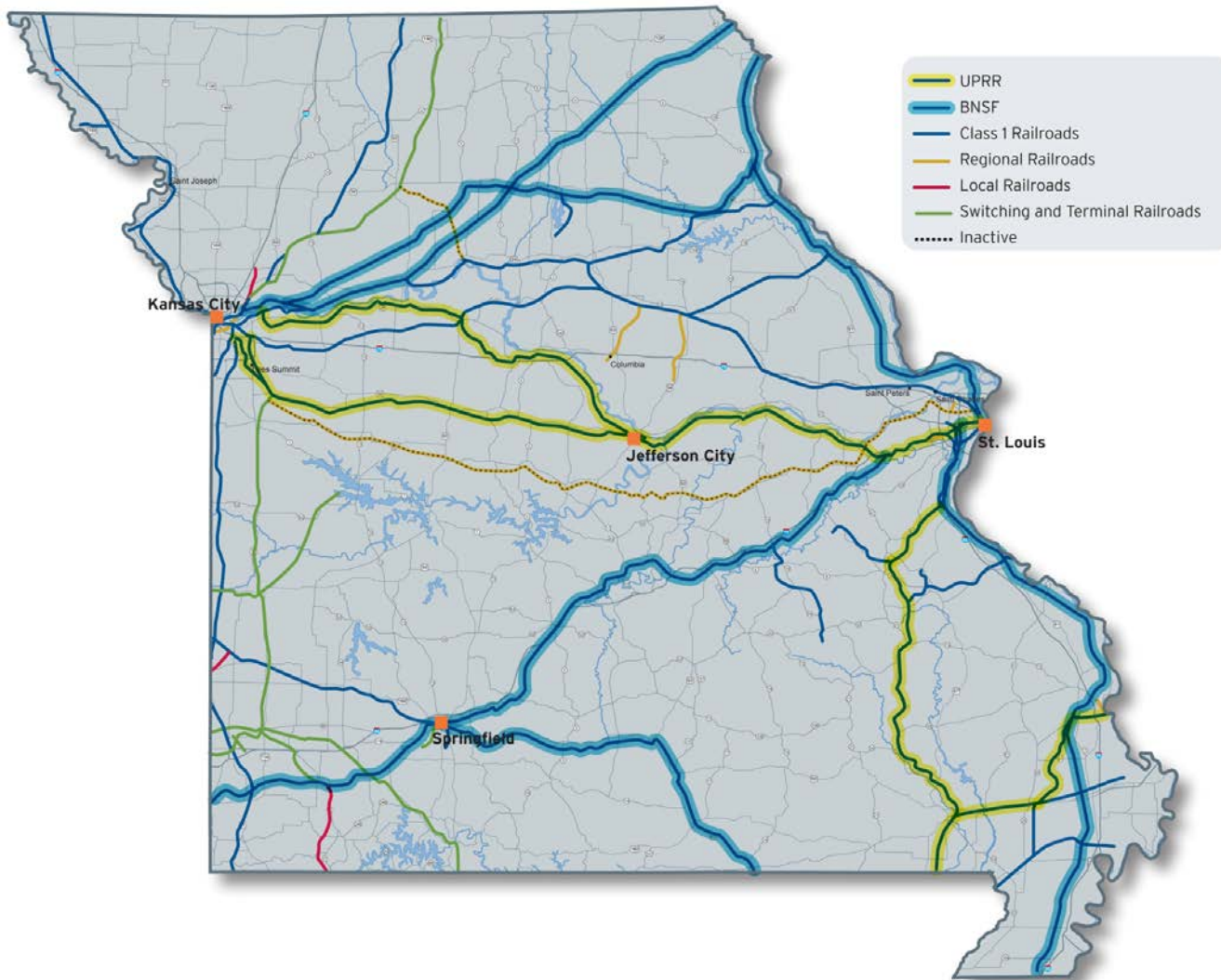
- Web comment from Crestwood citizen



# Freight and Passenger Rail Today



# Current Missouri Rail Network



# Current Funding

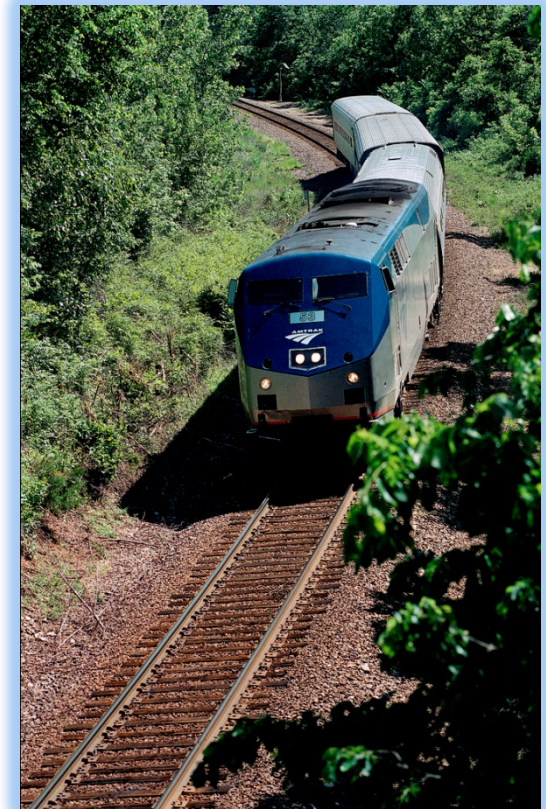
- Passenger Projects
  - More than \$53 million in federal grants
  - \$268 million multi-state grant for new train cars
  - \$25,000 annually in state funds for station improvements
- Safety Projects
  - \$5.9 million federal and \$909,000 in state funds
  - \$665,800 in railroad assessments







# Findings and Draft Recommendations





# Benefits of Rail Service



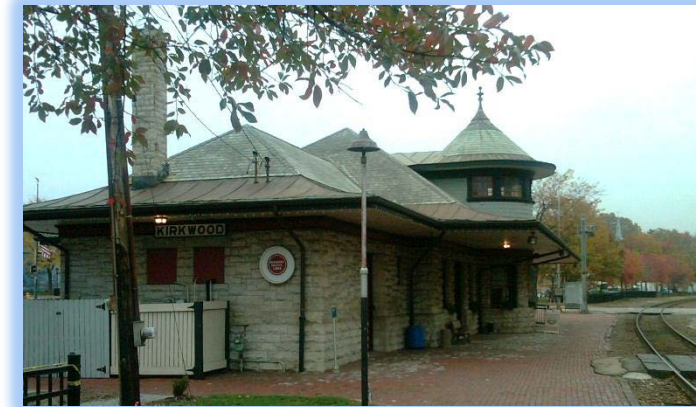
- Economic benefits
  - Current rail service preserves
    - 1,000 jobs
    - \$1.9 billion in economic output
    - \$643 million in personal income
  - Overall benefits of proposed passenger service range up to more than \$2 billion over 20 years
- Environmental benefits
  - Rail consumes less fuel and emits less pollution than other modes





# Benefits of Rail Service

- Transportation benefits
  - Passenger service provides competitive travel alternatives for 100 – 500 mile trips
  - Faster, cheaper and more reliable freight movements
- Community benefits
  - Rail infrastructure encourages local business investments
  - Passenger service supports increased local development at stations





# Freight Rail Strategies



- Implement rail policies and programs that support state economic development
- Increase capacity of existing tracks, industrial spurs and sidings
- Provide rail access to new industrial development
- Improve intermodal port access





# Passenger Rail Strategies



- Preserve and increase service on the existing 79 mph Missouri River Runner Service
  - Stabilize state operating support
  - Market and increase public support
  - Increase reliability and performance
  - Improve comfort and efficiency with new rail cars



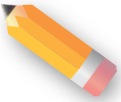
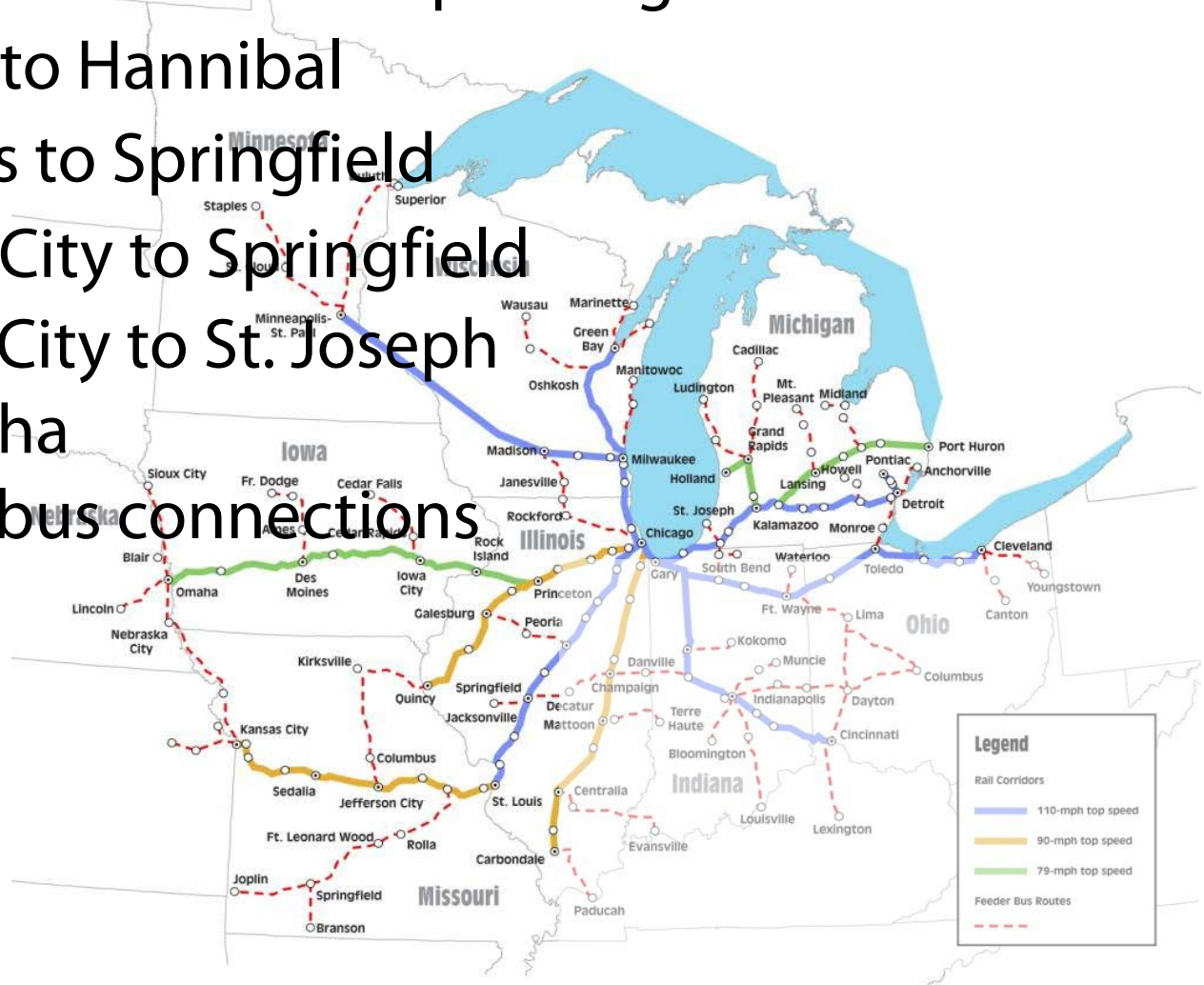
# Passenger Rail Strategies

- Improve St. Louis - Kansas City service in a staged approach
  - Position Missouri to leverage federal funding
  - Pursue federal funding for engineering and environmental studies for faster, more frequent service
  - Begin mapping and right of way purchase
  - Identify state, local and private funding sources



# Passenger Rail Strategies

- Analyze/prioritize future passenger rail corridors.
  - Quincy to Hannibal
  - St. Louis to Springfield
  - Kansas City to Springfield
  - Kansas City to St. Joseph to Omaha
  - Feeder bus connections





# Passenger Policy Recommendations



- Seek federal funding to stabilize Missouri River Runner service
- Seek federal funding for required studies
  - To enhance St. Louis – Kansas City service
  - To study feasibility of service in other corridors
- Initiate targeted marketing program
- Organize St. Louis - Kansas City Corridor Coalition
- Consider a state bonding program to support passenger rail development





# Freight Policy Recommendations



- Expand the State Transportation Assistance Revolving Fund (STAR)
- Develop a freight rail development grant program
- Expand the MoDOT Port Capital Improvement Program





# Proposed 20 Year Program



Description	20 Year Cost (in Millions)
Ongoing support for current passenger service	\$179
Projects enhancing current passenger service	\$330
Planning for future high speed rail service	\$620
Continue current grade crossing safety program	\$137
Proposed freight grant and loan funding programs	\$105
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,371</b>



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