



WISCONSIN RAIL PLAN 2050

A blue silhouette of the state of Wisconsin with a white outline of a train engine and cars overlaid on the right side.

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About the Plan

Wisconsin Rail Plan (WRP) 2050

- Adopted in July 2023
 - Officially accepted by FRA on September 29, 2023
- Meets requirements in 49 U.S.C. 22705 and FRA's 2013 State Rail Plan Guidance
- Sets WisDOT's policy for Wisconsin's rail transportation system
- Ensures Wisconsin is competitive in applying for federal rail funding



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Relationship to other WisDOT plans

- Works with:
 - 2023 State Freight Plan
 - Wisconsin Highway-Railway Grade Crossing Safety Action Plan (2022)
 - Wisconsin Strategic Highway Safety Plan (2023)
 - WisDOT ADA Transition Plan (2023)



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WRP 2050

- Addresses passenger, freight, and commuter rail
- Provides an overview of rail in Wisconsin
- Identifies priorities, policies, and actions
- Proposed short-term and long-term projects
- Capital and operating financial plans

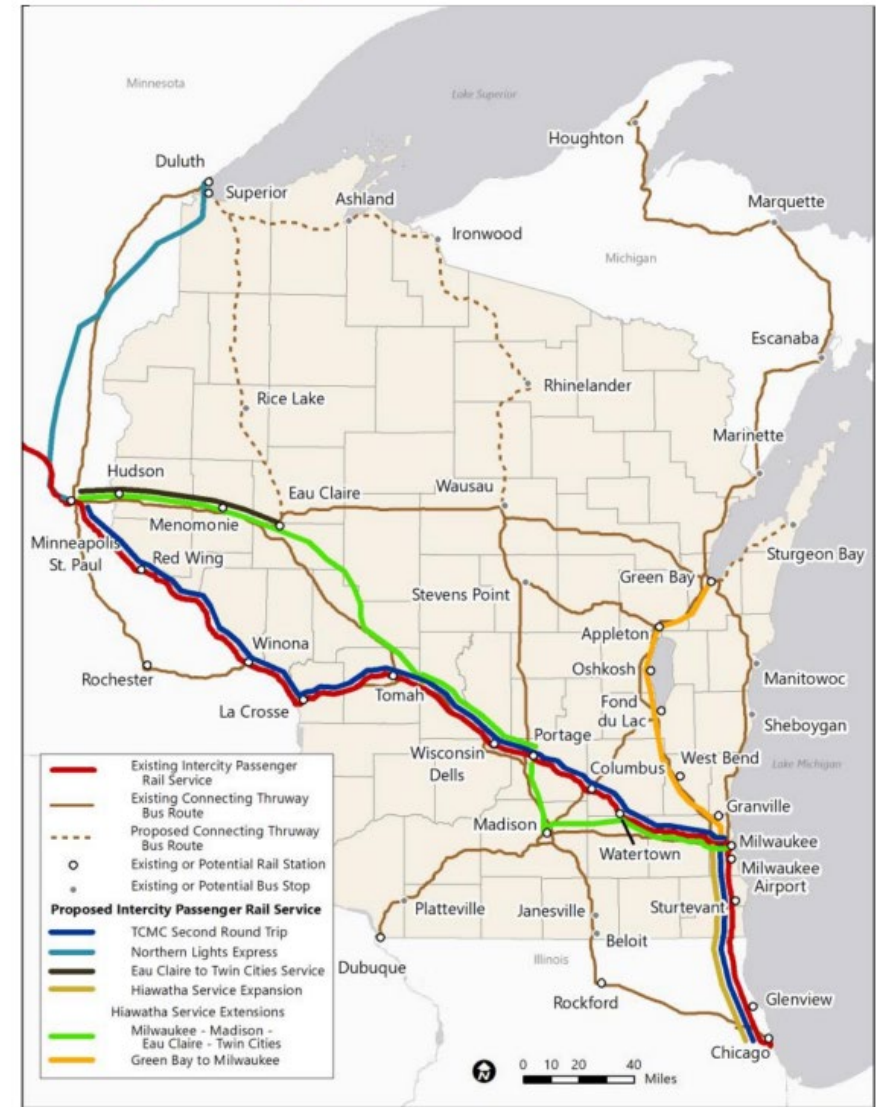


Figure 3-1: Wisconsin 2050 Potential Intercity Passenger Rail System

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Chapter 3: Proposed Passenger Rail Improvements and Investments

- Likely locations passenger rail service will be available in 2050
- Many of these projects are currently planned or underway



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Chapter 4: Proposed Freight Rail Improvements and Investments

- Generally, WisDOT's freight rail projects are focused on:
 - Ensuring local business access, especially in smaller communities.
 - Improving at-grade crossing safety.
 - Increasing vertical and horizontal clearances, where warranted.
 - Addressing rail line and bridge weight restrictions.
 - Resolving bottlenecks.



Policies and Actions

7 Objectives

13 Policies

53 Action Items

Goals:

- Enhance safety, security, and resiliency,
- Ensure system preservation and enhancement, and
- Enhance mobility, operations, reliability, efficiency, and connectivity.

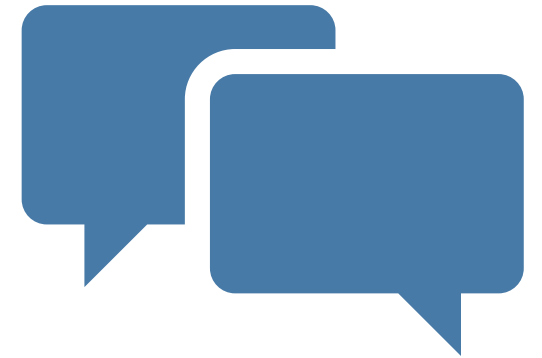
Objectives:

- Enhance Rail Safety and Security
- Support Freight Rail
- Ensure the Long-Term Viability of Rail Corridors
- Ensure the Long-Term Viability of Branch and Short Line Networks
- Encourage Intercity Passenger Rail Network Investment
- Support Commuter Rail
- Plan for Intercity Passenger Rail and Commuter Rail



Public Involvement

- Two public comment periods
 - 553 comments total
- Virtual public meetings: 231 attendees
- Recorded presentation: 152 views (3/2023)
- Virtual PI Tools



Thank You

<https://www.wisdotplans.gov/plan/wrp2050>

