Passenger Rail – From Good to Great

Amtrak Summit, August 21, 2013
Goal 6: Enhance Connections Between Greater Lafayette, Chicago, and Indianapolis

- People want to live in smaller communities with urban amenities
- They want to be near cities like Indianapolis and Chicago
- They want ease of access to the big city
- This is especially true of the next generation of creators, inventors, and change agents
Understanding the Next Generation of Doers, Inventors, and Creators

- Millennials are unlike their Gen-X parents and Boomer Grandparents
- Born between 1982 and 2004
- 80 million strong
- Big events
  - September 11, 2001
  - The great recession
- Coming of age purchase: Smart Phone
The Millennial Lifestyle Differs from Xer’s & Boomers

- They are heavily indebted (college loans)
- They’re prone to rent/live at home
- Desire a high sense of community
- Largest income gap vs. older workers
- Social media and connectivity are very important
**Millennials and Transportation Choices**

- The slowest generation to buy a car in 60 years
  - 1982: 80% of 18’s drove
  - 2012: 60% of 18’s drive
- Prefer car pooling, cycling, transit, and rail
- Choose to live near transportation centers
- US annual miles driven have not increased since 2004
What Others Say About Millennials & Transportation

- “...the issues are economic insecurity and climate change, and they're telling us, in every way they can, that they are not as interested in cars.”

- “Intermetropolitan passenger rail is a vital component of the country’s national transportation network.”

- “Transit may capture even more millennials — and keep them as they age — as agencies tap into millennials’ smart phone addictions.”
Improving Passenger Rail Transportation

- Preserve 7-day Indianapolis to Chicago route
- Improve on-time performance
- Improve ride experience
- Improve schedule and reduce trip time
- Additional trains
Survey of Passenger Rail Transportation

- Rail usage is a hallmark of developed countries
- Emphasis on commuter and high speed development
- Safety and on-time performance is a matter of national pride
- Emerging countries embrace high speed rail
Countries Developing and Operating High Speed Rail

- Algeria
- Morocco
- China
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- South Korea
- Saudi Arabia
- Republic of China
- Uzbekistan
- Turkey
- United States
- Austria
- Bulgaria
- Denmark
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Italy
- Norway
- Portugal
- Spain
- Sweden
High Speed Rail Examples

- France; 1,735 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- China; 12,625 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- Morocco; 217 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- Saudi Arabia; 278 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- Turkey; 1,506 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- Bulgaria; 531 miles
High Speed Rail Examples

- Japan; 2,141 miles
United States High Speed Rail

- California HSR: San Diego to San Francisco/Sacramento
- Northeast Corridor: Boston to Washington DC
- Midwest High Speed Rail Initiative
## Funding Midwest Passenger Rail Transportation

Changing priorities toward passenger rail

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