

## IPRA Is Reaching Out to Indiana NARP Members

By Donald Yehle

As spring turns to summer, *All Aboard Indiana* is taking a recess. Meanwhile, our organization is stepping up its efforts to reach out to Hoosiers concerned with the condition of passenger rail services in the state of Indiana.

There are many Hoosiers who support the National Association of Railroad Passengers (NARP), but who may not be in touch with the Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance (IPRA). We feel that supporters of passenger rail would find they can leverage their energies by active participation in both organizations.

A letter similar to the one below will be sent out in the coming month:

"At this time, it is still uncertain how passenger rail will fare in the next Federal budget. However, as we wait for decision-makers in Washington, D.C., to work out the nation's budget, there is still passenger rail advocacy that can be done, right here, in Indiana.

"Your state has had some very big passenger rail wins, including:

- Support for the **Hoosier State** has been included as a line item (for the first time) in the biennial budget, just passed by the General Assembly.
- The South Shore commuter railroad expansion continues, with the extension to Dyer, and double tracking to Michigan City.
- The initial preliminary environmental study for the Northern Indiana (Chicago - Fort Wayne - Columbus, Ohio) corridor has begun.

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Passengers board the Hoosier State at the Amtrak platform in Lafayette.  
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*The Crawfordsville Amtrak Station.  
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## For More Information

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- The *Hoosier State* needs more frequencies to be truly economically viable.
- There is the question of a seven-day *Cardinal*, and how it would best fit into the scheme of things in our state.
- The extension of train service beyond Indianapolis to Louisville and Cincinnati is yet to be considered.

"And everything is political. What happens in Washington has a great effect on what happens here, but much also depends on what happens in Indianapolis and numerous other communities around the state.

"One highly effective way to have a voice is to support the Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance (IPRA) in our efforts to bring modern, 21st Century, passenger rail development to Indiana. While NARP continues to do valuable work at the national level, IPRA provides an effective channel at the state and local level. Would you consider joining IPRA to help move the rail fight forward in our home state?

Join IPRA online by going to:

<http://www.indianahighspeedrail.org/join.html>. Our dues are only \$30 per year. Or, if you prefer, checks may be sent to: Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance, Membership, 3951 North Meridian Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46208

If you would like to know more about IPRA, visit our website at: [www.indianahighspeedrail.org](http://www.indianahighspeedrail.org) Find us on Facebook at "Hoosiers for Passenger Rail." Or, send questions to [info@indianahighspeedrail.org](mailto:info@indianahighspeedrail.org)

Best regards,  
The Indiana Passenger Rail Alliance

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