



- Fortunately we can meet the future regional travel needs through building on our already impressive state rail infrastructure that is currently carrying 160 million tons of freight annually. Working with our host railroad partners and operators we will improve the level and quality of regional passenger rail service for a projected 9.6 million travelers annually.
- The Midwest Regional Rail Initiative is an important part of my commitment to delivering transportation options by providing a comprehensive system that includes Light Rail Transit, and commuter rail and is consistent with my administration's role in "Moving Minnesota."
- This project is a huge benefit to all of Minnesota especially the smaller communities in the southeastern part of the state who would see increased options for travel connectivity.
- Currently we are putting together a funding proposal for the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative. Details of the proposal will be available later.