



*Creating jobs with the cleaner, safer
and energy-efficient transportation
options Americans want.*

OneRail
America's future is riding on it.

Rail keeps America's economy moving forward by creating jobs here at home, easing traffic congestion, and delivering people and products.

Rail is the future — a safe, efficient and climate-friendly transportation option — and it's here now!



Despite its benefits, rail has historically taken a back seat to federal and state funding for highways and airports. Lacking a dedicated financing system and funded inconsistently, passenger rail has been unable to realize its potential as a full partner in the transportation system.

OneRail supports a stable and reliable revenue source for high-speed and intercity rail, as we currently have for highways and air travel, and public policies that facilitate — not frustrate — private investment in improving and expanding rail infrastructure.

HIGH-SPEED AND INTERCITY

Implementing a high-speed and intercity rail network could create as many as 1.6 million construction and manufacturing jobs

Amtrak's conventional and high-speed rail service has captured more than half of the air-rail market in the Northeast

As of January 2010, states have requested seven times more money for passenger rail improvements than was allocated by the federal government under the first economic stimulus bill

A 2009 survey found that if cost and travel times were equal, 54% of people would take a train for intercity trips, 33% would drive, and 13% would fly

Passenger and freight rail account for more than 300,000 well-paid, trained jobs in America — jobs that cannot be sent overseas

The U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that every \$1 billion invested in rail directly creates 20,000 jobs

Locomotive fuel efficiency has improved by 94 percent since 1980

COMMUTER RAIL

Regions have rediscovered commuter railroads as ways to link communities

Of the 26 commuter railroads in existence today, only nine existed in 1980

Commuter rail is popular with the public, with national ridership up 73 percent since 1995

FREIGHT

Freight trains haul 43% of all city-to-city freight, enough wheat to make a daily loaf of bread for every man, woman, and child in America, and enough cars and light trucks to account for 7 out of every 10 sold in America

Trains can move one ton of freight 480 miles on a single gallon of fuel

If just 10% of long-haul freight currently on our crowded highways moved by rail instead, we would save 1 billion gallons of fuel and reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by more than 12 million tons

A single freight train can take 280 trucks off the road

The Power of One Voice. The Power of OneRail.

Environmental advocates, customers, passengers, rail labor, suppliers, operators and railroads have united to raise the visibility of rail, inform lawmakers and decision makers about the value and benefits of rail transport, and recognize the larger contribution rail can make as part of a balanced transportation policy that offers real transportation choices.

This unprecedented alliance brings together voices urging the country to come together behind a vision for high-speed and conventional intercity passenger rail, commuter rail, and a strong freight rail system. With a skilled and stable workforce, freight and passenger railroads bring improved productivity, service reliability, and greater safety and security for the benefit for all Americans.

Investing in rail offers tremendous opportunities to strengthen our economy, improve our environment, create well-paying jobs, and get people and goods moving faster and more efficiently.

Learn more about the OneRail coalition at
www.onerail.org



"We're going to put more Americans to work rebuilding our infrastructure, and building our infrastructure of the future... There is no reason why other countries can build high-speed rail lines and we can't. And that's what's about to happen right here... building for the future, putting people to work."

President Barack Obama
January 28, 2010





Railroads are a critical element of our national transportation system. OneRail believes that we must increase investment in the nation's railroad infrastructure to ensure our continued mobility, economic competitiveness and job creation, as well as to meet the energy and climate challenges of the 21st Century.

A coalition of freight, passenger, transit, environmental and labor groups, OneRail advocates the following policies to strengthen our nation's rail system:

- Expanded intercity and commuter passenger train options, in order to substantially reduce vehicle miles traveled, aviation and highway congestion, fuel consumption and related greenhouse gas emissions
- A balanced transportation policy that addresses a critical missing link in our nation's surface transportation policy - rail. To ensure that both freight and passenger service are maximized in high-density corridors, public policy should envision separate rights-of-way for freight and passenger operations when necessary
- Secure an ongoing, dedicated funding source for intercity passenger rail expansion, including federal-state partnerships and cost-sharing agreements similar to those that built the nation's federal-aid highways and transit systems
- Expanded freight rail capacity to meet projected economic demand. While private investment in the nation's freight rail network has been and will remain the primary means of maintaining and expanding freight rail infrastructure, public policy must facilitate, not frustrate, this investment. OneRail coalition members know that additional investment in the nation's rail infrastructure will create American jobs, de-congest chokepoints, put more freight and passengers on fuel-efficient trains, and reduce our nation's greenhouse gas emissions.

OneRail
America's future is riding on it.

Learn more about the OneRail coalition at www.onerail.org.