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WHY HIGH-SPEED RAIL ALONG THE RIVER ROUTE BENEFITS MINNESOTA

High-Speed Rail in Minnesota:

- A high-speed rail line between Union Depot in Saint Paul and Chicago will ultimately lead to 15,000 construction jobs and 57,000 permanent jobs in the Midwest.
- In Minnesota alone, there would be up to \$2.3 billion in economic benefits for businesses, passengers and residents.
- A high-speed rail line will provide up to \$180 million in economic development opportunities close to each Minnesota stations.

Along the River Route:

- The proposed River Route along the Mississippi River reduces the total travel time between the metropolitan areas by over two hours.
- Rail along the River Route is a three for one investment in future high-speed, commuter and freight rail opportunities, including the Red Rock Corridor.
- High-speed rail will improve at-grade crossings and lead to less accidents and collisions.
- For businesses located along the River Route, shipping and receiving products will be more economical through better freight service, contributing to up to \$2.3 billion in financial benefits for the state of Minnesota.
- High-speed rail will encourage businesses to expand their operations more widely across the region and spur economic development.
- Due to the technology and enhanced performance provided by high-speed rail trains, lines will be scheduled efficiently to allow for reliable, on-time arrivals and departures.