

Hoosier State Passenger Rail Service Study Stakeholder Meeting

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PRIIA Section 209

- Federal Government will support long-distance networks, States to support short-distance Amtrak corridor service beginning in Fiscal Year 2014 (October 1, 2013).
- Final policy approved by the Surface Transportation Board (STB), Indiana did not participate.
- Indiana did not agree to the final negotiations by the STB and other states because, fundamentally, Indiana disagrees with this unfunded mandate.



Hoosier State Rail Line Status

- 196-mile corridor from Indianapolis to Chicago with stops in Crawfordsville, Lafayette, Rensselaer and Dyer
- \$23 per ticket for a 5 hour 5 minute one-way trip from Indianapolis to Chicago
- Fiscal Year 2012: 36,669 riders
 - Average of about 180 passengers per day
- \$52 per train mile in operating costs
- \$10 per train mile in revenue



Cost to Retain the Service

- \$2.963 Million Total 209 State Payment
 - \$3.442 Million in operating costs, \$429,000 in equipment costs, offset by a projected \$907,000 in revenue
- = **\$80.08 in state subsidies per passenger**
- The Hoosier State Passenger Rail Service does not currently present a good business case to warrant a state subsidy without any local participation.

