

#### WHY MORE PASSENGER TRAINS FOR MINNESOTA?

#### THREE GREAT REASONS!

## One: Generates economic growth

- For every dollar invested in passenger rail, three dollars are generated within the communities served
- The proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Train frequency between the Twin Cities and Chicago alone would generate economic returns eight to ten times for Minnesota's spending on the service (total economic benefit of \$25M, cost \$2-3M, estimated)\*

## Two: Passenger trains reduce highway congestion and costs

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> train would take an estimated 90,000 riders out of cars, which:\*
  - O Reduces highway trips by 15M car miles in this corridor
  - Reduces \$32M in highway maintenance costs
- Trains are 17 times safer than cars; the region will save \$1.8M from traffic accidents avoided\*

# Three: Passenger trains offer greater mobility, and efficiency

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Train will drive an additional fourteen thousand trips each year, called induced demand, i.e. trips that otherwise would not be taken\*
- Induced demand travel will inject \$2.9M of new revenue into Minnesota's economy each year through mainly new visitor spending\*
- Passenger trains are 33% more energy efficient than cars, 12% more efficient than commercial aviation
- Trains connect urban to outstate communities, and offer options for those who can't or prefer not to drive or fly, such as college students, families with children, elderly, etc.

For more information about the benefits of passenger rail or to contact us, visit: AllaboardMN.org

<sup>\*</sup> Source-Impacts from a Second Train to Minnesota. View this full paper on: AllAboardMN.org