



Chicago – St. Louis

Increased speeds in Illinois are cutting journey times between Chicago and St. Louis.

In November of 2012, The Illinois Department of Transportation initiated 110-mph service on a 15-mile segment of the Chicago-St. Louis Corridor between the cities of Dwight and Pontiac as part of the nearly \$1.4 billion federal investment in the corridor.

A Record of Decision (ROD) issued by FRA in December 2012 approved a corridor program aimed to decrease trip times through increased speeds (up to 110 mph) on additional segments of the corridor. Through the corridor program's first five construction seasons, crews have upgraded 18 bridges, installed or replaced 4 sidings, and completed improvements to 35 grade crossings.



Planning

The 2012 ROD enabled the completion of more detailed planning and engineering, a crucial step before construction can begin on the final upgrades.



Ridership

Instituting 110-mph service is projected to attract approximately 601,700 annual riders, of which 31% may be diverted from other modes of travel.



Increased Speed/
Reduced Trip Time

Trains will be able to journey from Chicago to St. Louis in 4 hours, 45 minutes—a 55-minute (16%) reduction in trip time.

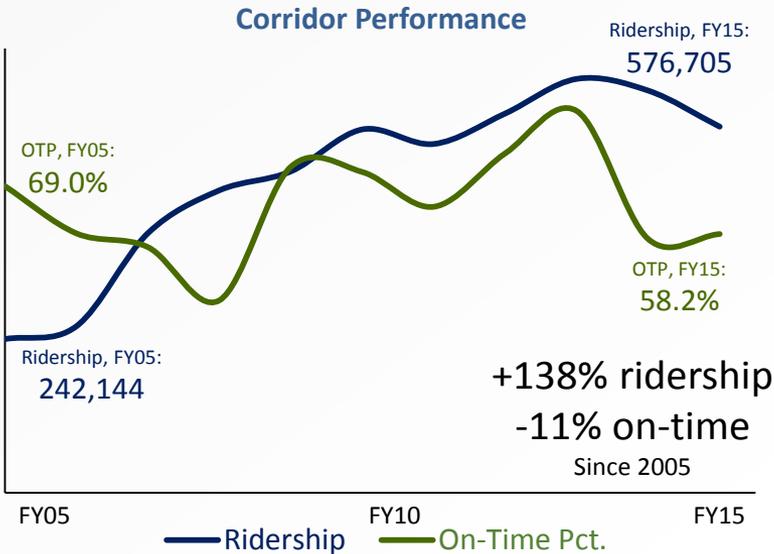
Corridor Characteristics

Length	States	Population
285 miles	IL, MO	13 million





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Grade crossing improvements near Dwight, IL

Corridor Projects (FY09-Present, \$M)	Program	Fiscal Year	Year Complete	Completion Status	Federal	Non-Federal	Total
Corridor-wide Investments							
Chicago-St. Louis Full Build-Out Tier-1 EIS	HSIPR	2009	2012	Complete	\$1.2	\$1.2	\$2.4
Equipment Pool*	HSIPR	2009	2017	Construction Underway	\$268.0	\$0	\$268.0
Targeted Investments							
Springfield Rail Improvements – Carpenter Street	TIGER	2013	2016	Construction Underway	\$14.4	\$5.5	\$19.9
Chicago- St. Louis Corridor Improvement Program: Dwight-Joliet	HSIPR	2009	2017	Construction Underway	\$1,142.3	\$60.1	\$1,202.4
Corridor Improvement Program: Dwight-Joliet	HSIPR	2010	2017	Construction Underway	\$186.3	\$62.1	\$248.4
CREATE – Western Avenue Corridor	TIGER	2012	2016	Construction Underway	\$10.4	\$7.3	\$17.7
Normal Multimodal Transportation Center	TIGER	2009	2012	Complete	\$22.0	\$25.4	\$47.4
Ash Street Underpass	HSIPR	2016	TBD	Not Underway	\$2.0	\$2.0	\$4.0
Alton Regional Multimodal Station	TIGER	2011	2016	Construction Underway	\$13.9	\$3.5	\$17.4
Merchants Bridge West Approach Structure	HSIPR	2009	2016	Construction Underway	\$13.5	\$9.0	\$22.5
TOTAL					\$1,406.0	\$176.1	\$1,582.1