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Mr. Amit Bose  
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose,

I am pleased to support the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's (WisDOT) application for Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) program funding through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). If awarded, funding will help to support the extension of Amtrak *Hiawatha Service*, which currently operates between Chicago, Illinois and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Green Bay-Milwaukee-Chicago intercity passenger rail service was envisioned as part of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative, a plan for a 3,000-mile regional high-speed rail system in the Midwest developed by nine Midwest states. The service will extend the popular *Hiawatha Service* along one of the most densely populated transportation corridors in the state and will build upon successful intercity bus service that currently operates two round trips per day between Milwaukee and Green Bay. The service will also provide all-weather mobility options for cities and communities across this Corridor.

WisDOT has worked with Amtrak on their Wisconsin Corridor Development Study, which identified the *Hiawatha Service* extension to Green Bay as an important link to business headquarters and educational opportunities in the Green Bay area. In studying the potential development of this Corridor, WisDOT proposes to work with the FRA, Illinois, Tribal and local governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Amtrak, hosts railroads, and other interested parties in detailing local routing, service plans, and service options. Local needs and conditions across the corridor will be considered.

I strongly support projects that help to improve our regional transportation infrastructure for all users. For this reason, I request full and fair consideration be given to WisDOT's application for Corridor ID program funding. Please keep my staff informed on the progress of this application by e-mail at [projects\\_grants@baldwin.senate.gov](mailto:projects_grants@baldwin.senate.gov). Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Tammy Baldwin  
United States Senator