

Create a Dedicated, Multi-Year Federal Funding Source for Intercity Passenger Rail

What's Best for Michigan

Identify and implement a dedicated funding source to address the capital and operating assistance needs of the intercity passenger rail system, including proper maintenance of infrastructure and rolling stock.

Provide funding from a variety of sources, including a user fee, in a manner which would not adversely affect funding for the other modes.

Create a national oversight entity responsive to the needs of states to play a national role in establishing design criteria, providing the needed funding, and monitoring system development and operations.

Why

Intercity passenger rail is the only transportation mode without a dedicated source of long term funding.

A multi-year funding authorization with a dedicated funding stream, similar to highways and transit, would allow for adequate budgeting for maintenance, infrastructure improvements, equipment acquisition, and sustainable operating schedules.

When coupled with a reasonable state/local match, a dedicated federal funding source will help preserve, improve, and expand intercity passenger rail services.