### MPRC Universities & Colleges Passenger Rail Survey

#### Summary of Responses from all Participating Winona, Minnesota Schools

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<th>Question</th>
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<td>1. My permanent residence is (pick one):</td>
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<td>184 In the town or city where my university/college is located</td>
<td>27.71%</td>
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<td>205 In a different state from my college/university</td>
<td>30.87%</td>
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<td>273 In the same state where my college/university is located</td>
<td>41.11%</td>
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<td>0 Outside the U.S.</td>
<td>0.30%</td>
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<td><strong>664 Total</strong></td>
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<td>2. How often do you travel back and forth between your permanent residence and your school in a typical year?</td>
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<td>10 Once a year</td>
<td>1.51%</td>
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<td>149 2-4 times a year</td>
<td>22.44%</td>
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<td>223 Once a month</td>
<td>33.58%</td>
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<td>73 Weekly</td>
<td>10.99%</td>
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<td>95 Daily</td>
<td>14.31%</td>
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<td>114 N/A (I live in the town/city where my college/university is located)</td>
<td>17.17%</td>
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<td>3. What do you consider to be your primary mode of transportation between your permanent residence and your college/university?</td>
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<td>466 By my own car</td>
<td>70.08%</td>
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<td>92 By car-pooling with others</td>
<td>13.83%</td>
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<td>3 By local bus service</td>
<td>0.45%</td>
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<td>4 By intercity bus service</td>
<td>0.60%</td>
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<td>0 By light rail/transit</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>71 By Amtrak</td>
<td>10.68%</td>
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<td>0 By commuter rail (not Amtrak)</td>
<td>0.00%</td>
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<td>13 By air</td>
<td>1.95%</td>
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<td>16 Other</td>
<td>2.41%</td>
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<td>4. Have you ever used passenger rail service (Amtrak) to travel to or from your college/university?</td>
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<td>273 Yes</td>
<td>41.30%</td>
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<td>388 No</td>
<td>58.70%</td>
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<td>4B. [If answered &quot;yes&quot; to question 4] In the past 12 months, how many times have you used passenger rail service (Amtrak) to travel to or from your college/university?</td>
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<td>55 One to two</td>
<td>63.22%</td>
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<td>8 Three to four</td>
<td>9.20%</td>
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<td>9 Five to nine</td>
<td>10.34%</td>
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<td>15 Ten or more</td>
<td>17.24%</td>
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<td>4C. [If answered &quot;no&quot; to question 4] In the past 12 months, has a family member or friend visiting you at your college/university ever used passenger rail service for travel either to or from your college/university?</td>
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<td>54 Yes</td>
<td>13.99%</td>
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<td>332 No</td>
<td>86.01%</td>
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<td><strong>386 Total</strong></td>
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4D. [If answered "yes" to Question #4C] In the past 12 months, how many times has a visiting family member or friend ever used passenger rail service as a mode of transportation either to or from your college/university?

- 17 One to two 73.91%
- 3 Three to four 13.04%
- 1 Five to nine 4.35%
- 2 Ten or more 8.70%

23 Total 100.00%

5A. [Follows question 4B] Why did you decide to use passenger rail service to/from your college/university? (please check all that apply):

- 99 Taking the train was cheaper than other modes of transportation 36.26%
- 135 I do not have a car 49.45%
  - Taking the train is convenient and comfortable compared to driving
- 134 or flying 49.08%
- 30 For environmental reasons 10.99%
- 40 Other 14.65%

438 Total

273 # of respondents (total who responded "yes" to Question 4) 160.44% *

5B. [Follows question 4D] Why did your family member or friend decide to use passenger rail service to/from your college/university? (please check all that apply):

- 20 Taking the train was cheaper than other modes of transportation 37.04%
- 28 They don’t have a car 51.85%
- 25 It is convenient and comfortable compared to driving or flying 46.30%
- 2 For environmental reasons 3.70%
- 2 Other 3.70%

77 Total

54 # of respondents (total who responded "yes" to Question 4C) 142.59% *

6. [If answered YES to question 4] How important a resource is the Amtrak service for you to be able to attend college/university?

- 38 Not at all important 14.45%
- 48 Not very important 18.25%
- 88 Somewhat important 33.46%
- 58 Very important 22.05%
- 31 Extremely important 11.79%

263 Total 100.00%

7. [If answered NO to Question 4] Why haven’t you used passenger rail (Amtrak) as a mode of transportation to and/or from your college/university? (check all that apply):

- 53 I do not know how to buy a ticket 13.66%
- 49 I do not know where/how to catch a train near my school 12.63%
- 103 There is not an Amtrak station close to my home 26.55%
- 62 I cannot rely on Amtrak trains to run on time 15.98%
- 77 Train departure/arrival times are not convenient 19.85%
  - The Amtrak route available from my home to my college/university is not convenient: there is not a direct route from near my home to my college/university 18.56%
  - The Amtrak route available from near my home to my college/university is not convenient: it would take a lot more time than my chosen transportation mode 19.33%
- 68 A train ticket is too expensive 17.53%

559 Total

388 # of respondents (total who responded "no" to Question 4) 144.07% *
8. [If answered NO to Question 4] Which of the following might motivate you to use Amtrak to travel to/from your school in the future?

- More frequent service: 25.00%
- Better arrival/departure times: 27.06%
- More/better discounts for ticket purchase: 35.05%
- Information provided by my college/university on how to take the train: 20.62%
- Transportation provided by my college/university to get to the closest Amtrak station: 13.40%
- If there was a station close to my permanent residence: 32.99%
- Nothing could persuade me to take the train: 15.72%

Total # of respondents (total who responded "no" to Question 4): 169.85% *

9. How likely are you to use Amtrak for travel in the future?

- Not at all likely: 11.04%
- Not very likely: 23.70%
- Somewhat likely: 32.14%
- Very likely: 18.02%
- Extremely likely: 15.10%

Total: 100.00%

10. If Amtrak provided more frequent service to and from your college/university, would you be more likely, less likely or equally likely to travel by Amtrak as you do now?

- Much less likely: 4.58%
- Somewhat less likely: 3.63%
- Equally likely: 36.81%
- Somewhat more likely: 30.02%
- Much more likely: 24.96%

Total: 100.00%

11. How important do you consider passenger rail service to the United States' transportation future?

- Not at all important: 2.48%
- Not very important: 6.60%
- Somewhat important: 29.04%
- Important: 33.50%
- Very important: 28.38%

Total: 100.00%

12. How aware are you of the role that state and federal government play in funding passenger rail, including increasing the number of trains and route options?

- Not at all aware: 56.48%
- Somewhat aware: 34.72%
- Very aware: 8.80%

Total: 100.00%

13. You are a:

- Student: 74.34%
- Staff: 14.80%
- Faculty: 10.86%

Total: 100.00%

14A. (if student): Are you a full time or part-time student?

- Full time student: 93.79%
- Part time student: 6.21%

Total: 100.00%
14B. (if student): Are you an international student?

- Yes: 1.55%
- No: 98.45%

Total: 100.00%

15. (if student): How much will access to public transportation options effect your decision to stay in the Midwest after graduating?

- Not at all: 27.90%
- Not very much: 25.45%
- Somewhat: 27.68%
- Quite a bit: 12.50%
- Very much: 6.47%

Total: 100.00%

16. Would you be interested in helping advocate for an improved passenger rail system in our region/country?

- Yes: 25.75%
- No: 74.25%

Total: 100.00%

1 Three four-year colleges and universities in Minnesota participated in the survey, which was conducted between November 2016 and February 2017: Minnesota State College-Southeast; St. Mary's University of Minnesota; and Winona State University.

* Total does not equal 100% since respondents were allowed to choose more than one response.