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Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail Service

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The project seeks to implement a second daily round trip passenger train on the *Empire Builder* route to improve mobility and increase reliable travel options between Minnesota and Illinois, while minimizing capital investment.

The proposed service would follow Amtrak's existing long distance *Empire Builder* route with termini at Chicago Union Station and Union Depot in Saint Paul — serving all existing stations on the Empire Builder route plus the Milwaukee Airport Rail Station. The service would operate at conventional speeds (79 m.p.h.).

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