

The Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative project explores options to better connect the Columbus Region with major metropolitan regions of the Midwest, including Chicago and Pittsburgh. A multi-phased planning effort will examine the feasibility for railroad technologies including hyperloop and traditional rail. The study builds on the Midwest Connect Hyperloop and Chicago-to-Columbus Passenger Rail efforts.

Prioritized as a project of
**REGIONAL
SIGNIFICANCE**

Project Type:
Strategic Planning

Estimated Cost: \$2.5 million

Lead Agency:
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

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Partner Agencies:
Columbus Partnership; JobsOhio; Ohio Department of Transportation; Ohio Rail Development Commission; cities of Columbus, Dublin, Lima, and Marysville; and numerous public and private partners along the corridor (e.g., business groups, local governments, regional planning agencies, etc.)

Jobs Supported:
TBD

Project Benefits

- Maintains competitive infrastructure by exploring diverse transportation technologies for the region and state
- Adds value to the transportation system by creating additional transportation modes on a corridor without redundant highway or passenger rail facilities
- Creates opportunities to create a Midwest megaregion by linking major cities with high-speed transportation
- Links major business, institutional, logistics, and sports destinations along the corridor
- Provides an opportunity to transform and improve the movement of freight and cargo



Project Location

Although alignments have not been finalized, the route is expected to connect Chicago, Ft. Wayne, Lima, Columbus, and Pittsburgh



Conceptual rendering of hyperloop technology through Columbus

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3 - Beatty

4 - Jordan

7 - Gibbs

12 - Balderson

15 - Stivers

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Portman