RAPID SPEED TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

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.

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

Prioritized as a project of REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Regional Significance

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Conceptual rendering of hyperloop technology through Columbus