

Northern Lights Express High Speed Passenger Rail

The citizens of Northwest Wisconsin request:

- **That the DOT work closely with communities, counties, the State of Minnesota, and our federal elected representative on these high speed passenger services.**

Recently, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation approved approximately \$150,000 for an environmental study on the Northern Lights Express High Speed Rail. The Superior Days delegation would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the DOT for this grant.

Comfortable, accessible, affordable rail service between Minneapolis and Superior/Duluth has been a vision of federal, state, and local leaders. That vision has made significant progress toward reality. The proposed action offers an opportunity to provide reliable and competitive passenger rail service as a viable alternative to vehicular travel by:

- Decreasing travel times;
- Providing safe and reliable transit service;
- Providing amenities to improve passenger travel quality and comfort; and
- Providing economic benefits to Northwest Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Confirmation of the corridor's economic viability in the Northern Lights Express (NLX) Feasibility Study in 2007 supported funding for the next stage of the project. Over the next year, concept-level engineering plans and environmental review of NLX will be completed, facilitating completion of plans to begin construction in the next five years.

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