

Braley Announces New Train Set for Dubuque Intercity Rail Line

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Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (*IA-01*) announced that Dubuque, Iowa will receive a new intercity passenger train set from the \$268 million in passenger rail funds awarded to six Midwestern states earlier this year.

“This train set will provide better service for thousands of passengers on the Dubuque to Chicago line,” said Rep. Braley. **“Passenger rail is critical to the continued economic development of the region. This is one more step to create jobs in the short term and put Iowa’s economy back on track.”**

The award allowed for the purchase of 7 train sets for 8 corridors in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Michigan and Wisconsin. These new trains sets will be able to travel up to speeds of 125 mph to comply with the PassengerRail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008. The new equipment is set to replace aging Amtrak equipment and increase capacity, improve operational reliability and reduce operating costs.

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