

KRM Commuter Rail

Connecting the Milwaukee-Chicago economic corridor
with 9 stops in Wisconsin and connecting to 25 communities and Chicago in NE Illinois.



Link people and jobs
Attract jobs and talent
Spur economic growth
Improve tax base
Clean our air and water
Build regional economy

Connect and enhance urban transit systems

Quick Stats of KRM Route

- 33 miles • 9 stops are proposed.
- Uses upgraded existing railroad.
- 14 daily weekday round trips and 7 weekend round trips are planned.
- 1.71 million passengers projected per year.
- Fares are similar to a bus.
- Meets a critical need in connecting densely populated or rapidly developing communities along the SE WI lakefront between Kenosha and Milwaukee, with Chicago and NE Illinois.
- Access to nearly **1 million existing jobs** within 1 mile of the 32 Milw.–Chicago stations.
- Bi-directional service
- Highly reliable in all weather and traffic conditions.
- Transit serves all but 2 proposed stops.
- Wheel chair accessible.

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Economic Impacts

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KRM Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Commuter Rail

Essential Support for a Strong Economy

- **Link people & jobs**
- **Spur urban revitalization**
- **Attract jobs & talent**
- **Enhance local transit systems**
- **Clean our air & water**
- **Improve property values and tax base**

KRM can play a pivotal role in our growth as a vibrant economic region and state, and our success in competing in the global marketplace.

- **Job growth** and local economic impacts of KRM:
Support long-term development around stations: **up to 71,000 jobs**.
KRM construction: **over 3160 jobs, and \$425 mil. impact on area economy**.
KRM operations/maintenance: **126 jobs, and \$24 mil. annual impact on economy**.
- Reliable and affordable **link to nearly 1 million existing jobs** within 1 mile of stations between Milwaukee and Chicago. Improved employment can reduce state and local social services costs.
- Direct **access to 1.97 million people** within 3 miles of the 9 Wisconsin stations and 25 NE Illinois stations on the rail line. Local transit serves most stations.
- Support planned development near KRM stations of up to **21,100 residential units • 12.13 mil. sq. ft. retail and office space**
- Economic impact of potential development within 1 mile of the KRM stations: **Increase in property valuation of \$7.8 bil.* • Increase in retail sales of \$750 mil.** Expanded tax base can support municipal services, schools, and quality of life amenities.
- Economic impact from a mere 1% **increase in tourism** would generate annually: **\$20 mil. expenditures • \$12 mil. wages • 500 jobs • \$3 mil. state/local government revenue.**
- High quality, **reliable access to a dense and diverse workforce market.** Commuter rail is a powerful talent attractor that can help reverse the “brain drain”. Businesses look to locate in areas that can attract talent and are well connected to a large and diverse regional labor force.
- A dynamic bi-state link joining the metro Milwaukee and mega metro Chicago economy, amenities, resources, and research/educational institutions that will help **build a vibrant globally competitive economic region.**
- An essential urban economic infrastructure. Of the top 50 cities in U.S. just a few do not have, or are not developing, rail transit. **Without regional rail connections we are at a disadvantage in attracting and retaining business, jobs, and talent.**
- An **economic development and environmental win-win**: KRM will expand our mobility and spur economic development, while **reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, energy use, and urban sprawl.**
- Connections to a regional mega-market that will **expand arts and culture participation, and provide easy access to artistic, technical, and support talent.**
- Critical regional mobility: **over 23% of households near the urban KRM stations in Wisconsin do not have autos.** Under-employed populations have good access to train station locations. Shuttles are planned, and transit serves most stops.
- **Reduce transportation costs**, decreasing business costs, and increasing household discretionary income.



**KRM: building wealth
in communities and
neighborhoods**

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