



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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***Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding today's announcement by Governor Walker that the State will apply for Federal High-Speed Rail Funds:***

“Governor Walker’s decision to apply for this transportation funding makes sense, and I support it.

“This is an important step forward toward improving the rail connection between Milwaukee and Chicago. The Hiawatha is a popular route with a growing number of riders, and it provides a valuable economic link between Illinois and Wisconsin.

“Milwaukee will also benefit from the location of the maintenance facility at Century City. Milwaukee residents will be employed at the maintenance facility, and the work will continue there for decades.

“I will be in contact with the U.S. Department of Transportation to endorse the application and to encourage the Federal government to fund these improvements.”