

# Session Title:

Thoroughbred Rail  
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# NOTES:

want to  
connect to  
the airport

importance of regionalism for economic development  
- interconnections

Will work on existing short rail line (RS Comm) Commuter (heavy) rail — not high speed

11 Stations 100+ miles

You can text while commuting! Have a glass of bourbon!

4 month feasibility study about to start

THIS WILL BUILD COMMUNITY — GET OUT OF YOUR CAR

Qs — if Amtrak can't pay for itself → SOCIALIZE!  
how will this work?

last mile Qs — how to get around from train station to destination?

• We don't have immediate answers, but solutions can come up — Zipcars, Lextran, Shuttles, pedicabs!

• Transit oriented development opportunities opening up

• 6-7000 State employees WORK (but don't live) in Frankfort

□ Question about convenience + cost — if less than driving, convenient

The cost (\$ or time) has to be worth it

\$5 ticket  
throughout  
the system

- 5 min stops per stop; bus links for places like Georgetown

□ Question about economics

- affordable b/c don't have to purchase right way or do

environmental impact ~~requirements~~. will need to do new construction out to airport. (2)

- want to get up to 67 mph, will require straightening out lines, bolster bridges, etc ~\$90M — just construction
- will have co-benefits for freight rail system too — increase speed → ↑ capacity
- buy 9 cars, 3 diesel engines to run on LNG — total to \$150M
- \$8-9M annually O&M costs

• every transpo sys in US is subsidized, but we think this rail system can be built w/o subsidies

• bifurcated highway trust fund \$ — we miss out on about \$90M/yr currently in KY

• Railroad rehab & improv. fund (federal loan fund)

• small State funds for sys \$250M

• feas. study will help identify funding sources, logistics, stops / configuration

— think ~7.5M from ticket sales is reasonable estimate

Coerman — build community support first but supportive

@ all whether planned stops reinforce sprawl and strengthen bedroom communities rather than densification in urban core

— this goes to the heart of existing cities

concerns/questions about revenue projections being based on full capacity trains at \$5 tickets which seems much lower than ~\$80 mile trips on other train systems ie NJ Transit \$17 for same distance

42,000 commuters — aiming for 4,200 (10%)

Facebook.com/thoroughbredrail — like it!  
write state senators/ reps, mayors

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# NOTES:

- Need for a good name to recognize links btwn Louisville & Lex (like Bay Area)
  - Bluegrass region?
- talk/write to federal reps too!
  - McConnell's office supportive so long as don't ask for earmarks
- \$ 300,000 feas. price tag needs to be funded
  - Lex/Louisville
  - special collectors edition pass pre-sales