

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF KRM COMMUTER RAIL
IDENTIFIED BY KRM LEADRESHIP COMMITTEE**

1. Faster And More Convenient Service – quantification of travel time savings compared to bus service and automobile travel.
2. Increased Reliability – discussion of reliability of commuter rail compared to bus and automobile.
3. Effect on Highway System – estimation of reduction in automobile use and highway traffic and congestion from increased transit ridership.
4. Environmental Benefits – estimation of reduction in transportation air pollutant emissions and energy consumption.
5. Increased Safety of Travel – quantification of fewer property damage accidents, injuries, and fatalities for commuter rail travel compared to bus and automobile travel.
6. Travel Alternative During IH 94 Freeway Reconstruction – discussion of the benefits offered by exclusive right-of-way commuter rail during the reconstruction of the IH 94 freeway.
7. Station Area Land Development and Redevelopment – estimation of potential land development and redevelopment around rail stations, and attendant additional employment, property tax, and sales tax. Discussion of benefits of encouraging more efficient higher density development. Discussion of benefits for neighborhoods adjacent to station areas.
8. Improved Access to Jobs and Labor Force – connection of population and jobs. Quantification of population and labor force within one mile and three miles of stations, and jobs within one mile of station.
9. Improved access for minority and low-income populations – estimation of minority and low-income population within one mile and three miles of rail stations.

10. Benefits of Increased Use and Flight Schedules at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)¹ – discussion of improved accessibility to GMIA from northeastern Illinois with commuter rail and potential increased use of GMIA by northeastern Illinois residents.
11. Improved Accessibility to Arts, Culture, and Entertainment¹ – discussion of benefits to area arts, culture, and entertainment -- and restaurants and hotels -- of improved access within southeastern Wisconsin and connection to northeastern Illinois (potential increase in out-of-state visitors, tourists, attendance, and spending), and also benefits to area residents of improved access to northeastern Illinois arts, culture, and entertainment.
12. Improved Accessibility to Colleges/Universities¹ – discussion of benefits to area colleges/universities of improved access within southeastern Wisconsin and northeastern Illinois, and of benefits to southeastern Wisconsin residents and businesses of improved access to northeastern Illinois colleges/universities.
13. Economic Impact of Commuter Rail Construction and Operation – estimate of potential jobs created in person years from construction, vehicle manufacture, and operation (net with possible reduced bus service). Also, estimate of total regional economic benefit through application of regional multiplier.
14. Regional Economic Benefits¹ – discussion of the potential increase in attractiveness, economic development, and regional growth of Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee Counties, the remainder of southeastern Wisconsin, and northeastern Illinois by more closely connecting through commuter rail northeastern Illinois and southeastern Wisconsin, and reducing travel time between these areas. This would include benefits of more closely linking with northeastern Illinois, and benefits of creating a larger combined Chicago-Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee metropolitan area.

¹ *Quantification of these benefits will not occur in the KRM Corridor Transit Alternative Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Study, and would require the conduct of additional study.*