APTA Roundtable
On Commuter Rail
On Time Performance

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Public Benefits of Freight Rail

- Energy efficiency
- Reduced congestion
- Lower emissions
- Cost-effective cargo transportation for shippers and consumers
- Trucks off the highways
- Private investment in the nation’s infrastructure.
Freight railroads have an obligation to protect

• Safety
• On-demand operation of freight trains
• Competitive freight service in the marketplace
• Great service to existing and future customers

Railroads own all the existing capacity.
Designing for Passenger On-Time Performance

• RTC modeling is the standard for determining capacity requirements
  – However, RTC outputs are “a sunny day on the railroad”

• Additional public investment is likely needed to achieve performance targets or accommodate growth

• Public must fund all incremental safety and capacity requirements

• Adjust passenger schedules to accommodate changing conditions.
  – Maintenance Curfews
  – Capacity Construction
  – Weather (seasonal)
  – Traffic growth
Illinois Department of Transportation
High Speed Rail

Joilet, Illinois
Illinois Department of Transportation
High Speed Rail

Shipman - Before

Shipman - After
Illinois Department of Transportation
High Speed Rail

Springfield 9th Street Bridge
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Odell Crossing & Siding