



Talking Points – for travelers

3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail

In your conversations with friends, family or colleagues, and in your letters to newspaper editors, state and federal legislators and to metropolitan planning organizations (NOACA, MORPC, OKI), kindly emphasize the following points....

Fares on 3C trains will likely be between 8½-14 cents per mile. Low cost is the first priority for travelers – followed by reliability, convenient departure times and then speed. Trains will likely be the least expensive way to travel in the Cleveland – Columbus – Dayton – Cincinnati corridor:

3C Corridor travel costs

Sample round-trip costs for travel on existing 3C Corridor transportation:

3C Travel market	Miles (one-way)	Estimated rail fare*	Bus**	Air	Car*****
Cleveland, OH – Cincinnati, OH	250	\$42-\$70	\$47-\$93	\$628***	\$275
Columbus, OH – Cleveland, OH	135	\$23-\$38	\$24-\$54	\$741****	\$149
Columbus, OH – Cincinnati, OH	115	\$20-\$32	\$20-\$45	\$512***	\$138

- * 3C rail fares haven't been finalized. Estimates based on existing Midwest rail fares of 8½ -14 cents per mile.
- ** Range of Greyhound & Lakefront bus fares. Greyhound has \$5 pre-boarding fee at CLE & CIN.
- *** Delta Airlines fares as of March, 2010.
- **** Continental Airlines fares as of March, 2010.
- ***** AAA and IRS data.

Departure times for trains won't be finalized until just before service starts in a couple of years and likely will be very different from Amtrak's discussion draft. Negotiations between the track-owning freight railroads, the Ohio Department of Transportation or Amtrak have only just begun.

Speed will vary with boarding site. For example, the fastest rail travel will be between Columbus and a Cincinnati-area stop in Sharonville, and a Cleveland-area stop at Puritas-W. 150th Station. Train speeds increase with investment; travel time in cars will increase as congestion worsens:

3C travel times compared

Travel times shown in hours:minutes in the 3C Corridor (rail is estimated):

3C travel market	Rail (est.)	Bus**	Air	Car*****
Columbus – Cleveland*	2:30	2:25-3:00	54 mins***	2:25
Columbus – Cincinnati*	2:20	1:55-2:30	48 mins****	1:55
Dayton – Cleveland*	4:05	5:05-8:05	47-64 mins***	4:00
Cincinnati* – Cleveland*	4:55	4:40-5:40	65-70 mins****	4:30

- * Train data is to/from Cleveland-area stop at Puritas-W. 150th & Cincinnati-area stop at Sharonville.
- ** Greyhound & Lakefront bus schedules do not offer suburban stops except in Dayton which has only a suburban stop in Trotwood, requiring a 50-minute bus connection to Dayton.
- *** Continental Airlines schedules (not including security checks).
- **** Delta Airlines schedule (not including security checks).
- ***** Car travel assumes an average driving speed of 60 mph, plus a 10-minute break every 100 miles or a 30-minute break every 200 miles.

Train travel is the most comfortable and productive way to go. You can eat, drink, recline, put up your feet, sleep, work, study, text, surf the Web, conduct a meeting, walk around, visit the café car, socialize, listen to music, watch a DVD or just stare out the window at 79 mph (additional track/signal improvements will yield train speeds of 90 mph or better!)....



Trains are very accessible. Many rail systems allow you to bring your bicycle with you and secure it in a rack on the train. Stations will also have racks if you don't need to take your bike with you. If you're a passenger using a wheelchair, all stations will have lifts and every train car has a spot by the window where passengers can enjoy the scenery. Bathrooms on the train are designed with enough space to maneuver a wheelchair.



Above, the Puritas-W. 150th Station in SW Cleveland will host 3C trains, RTA buses and RTA trains in the same facility.

Right, Dayton's Union Station will unite 3C trains with MVRTA buses to all parts of the city. Dayton's station will be next to the convention center, hotels and downtown business district.



3C stations will have connecting local transit: The transit systems serving all communities with 3C stations have already committed to providing local bus connections. There will also likely be taxis, pay-by-hour station cars, bike rentals and even urban rail transit in some cases. Information about these transit connections will be readily available. **Initial 3C stations** will be in downtown Cleveland, SW Cleveland, downtown Columbus, Springfield, Riverside-AFB, downtown Dayton, Sharonville and Cincinnati.

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