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### Quick Facts on the 3C "Quick Start" Passenger Rail Plan

- The 256-mile 3C Corridor - stretching from Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati - will connect nearly 6 million Ohioans with 79 mph passenger trains by 2012
- There will be at least six station stops, including downtown Cleveland, Southwest Cleveland, downtown Columbus, downtown Dayton, the Cincinnati suburb of Sharonville, and Cincinnati, along with potential stops in Springfield and near the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Riverside
- There will be three trains per day arriving and departing from each station
- According to Amtrak estimates, the 3C "Quick Start" would serve more than 478,000 riders in its first year of operation, making it the 12<sup>th</sup> largest passenger generator in the nation
- An Amtrak study shows that including ticket sales, annual revenue would be at least \$12.2 million each year for the 3C passenger rail service
- Amtrak estimates \$17 million of state investment annually, of which ODOT and ORDC intend to use non-gas-tax dollars, including revenue from advertising, franchise fees and grant dollars (CMAQ Funds)
- Initial projections by Amtrak show that average ticket price would be about \$20 one-way from Cleveland to Columbus, and \$18 from Cincinnati to Columbus
- A 2009 Quinnipiac University statewide poll shows 64% of Ohioans want passenger rail – of Ohioans 18-35 years old, 73% support the 3C "Quick Start" Plan
- The 3C passenger rail line runs near 40 colleges and universities – more than 220,000 students are less than 10 miles from the six train stations
- There are 16 Fortune 500 companies along the 3C Corridor

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