



## STATE SENATOR PAT KREITLOW

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### **Passenger Rail in Wisconsin Takes a Big Step Forward**

*\$800 million in federal dollars for Madison-Milwaukee route is critical first step in Wisconsin's passenger rail plans*

**MADISON – The following is a statement from Senator Pat Kreitlow (D-Chippewa Falls) on the announcement that Wisconsin will receive over \$800 million in federal aid to begin construction of a high speed passenger rail system between Milwaukee and Madison:**

“Today’s announcement is a critical step forward in Wisconsin’s long term passenger rail plan and it should be applauded my friends and neighbors who have been working hard to bring passenger rail to the Chippewa Valley. This announcement says high speed rail is real and coming, and now that the funding is secure for the Milwaukee to Madison route, the focus turns to how best to continue that connection to the Twin Cities. I strongly believe that route should go through the Chippewa Valley. I applaud our federal legislators, including Congressman Dave Obey, and Governor Doyle for making this happen. I am excited to work with both of them to ensure that the next step in the process includes an eventual Chippewa Valley route to the Twin Cities and beyond.”

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