Improving Intercity Rail
Using location to advantage
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Union Station

- $7.5 million project;
  City invested $1.3 million
Union Station

- Utilized federal, state ISTEA grants
- Garnered about $500,000 from AMTRAK
Union Station

• Annually, Union Station hosts 250 events and 300,000 passengers
Union Station

- Home of Meridian Rail Museum
Union Station

• Spurred private development of $135 million in surrounding area
MSU Riley Center

- City REQUIRED to invest in needed infrastructure (Arts District Parking Garage), $7 million
MSU Riley Center

- Riley Foundation (private local entity) invested $17 million
- Additional federal and county funding
- Some private investment
Full Potential Possible

• MSU Riley Center is state-of-the-art performing and conference facility
Full Potential Possible

• Retail, restaurants, residential
  and commercial space revitalized in area
Further historic restoration

• City Hall, circa 1910, undergoing renovation
Hope VI Village

- $17.3 million in HUD HOPE VI grants for development of low to middle income duplex and single-family housing.
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Study Lines for Improving Intercity Rail Service
with Major Airports and Interstate Highways

Legend
- Current Amtrak Service
- Needed Intercity Service
- FRA High Speed Rail Corridors
- Interstate Highways

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- Interstate Highways
- Hub Airport
- Major Air/Rail Hub
  - MPO Population Groups:
    - MPO < 100,000
    - MPO 100,000 - 250,000
    - MPO 250,000 - 500,000
    - MPO 500,000 - 1M
    - MPO 1M+

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