

Media Release

From Mayor Mark Mallory

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Cincinnati Benefits from 3C Rail Plan Funding

Federal Stimulus Dollars to Help Cincinnati Create Jobs, U.S. Connection

Cincinnati –Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory stood with Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis and Governor Ted Strickland in Columbus today as he officially announced that Ohio's passenger rail corridor linking Columbus, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton (3C line) is slated to get \$400 million in federal money. President Barack Obama announced the \$8 billion stimulus package for high-speed rail from Tampa, Florida this afternoon.

“This announcement is a validation for rail projects in general including the important streetcar initiative, and proves that Cincinnati, along with the President and the Governor, is on the right track in thinking that rail is the future of this country. The 3C line will easily connect the people and business interests of Cincinnati to other parts of the country to spur continuing growth,” said Mayor Mallory.

This announcement compliments a string of success stories Cincinnati has had in attracting employers, convention visitors and in building big projects like The Banks development on the riverfront.

The line is expected to create nearly 11,000 jobs throughout the state.

The Ohio Rail Development Commission continues to look for the appropriate location for Cincinnati's temporary station including a site near Lunken Airport on Cincinnati's east side. The Mayor remains committed to the long-term goal of a permanent station at Union Terminal.

An Amtrak study last fall said about 478,000 passengers would ride medium-speed trains connecting Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati. The line would require about \$17 million a year in subsidies.

Ohio's rail system is one of 13 major projects to receive a share of the federal funding, with money going to projects in 31 states.

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