



East-West Rail (High Speed Rail)



INVESTMENT SCALE

High \$\$\$

DEPLOYMENT SPEED

Slow

DESCRIPTION

The *East-West Rail* connects Western Massachusetts communities with central and eastern cities via fast, frequent, and affordable passenger rail service. This rail service would increase transit connectivity across the state, enhance mobility, and reduce highway congestion.

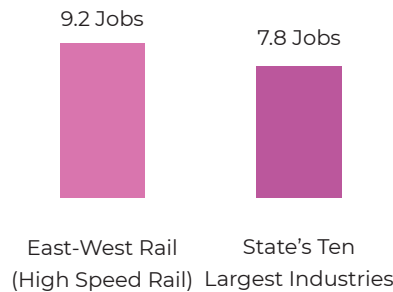
BENEFITS

An efficient, reliable high speed rail service connecting Springfield and Pittsfield with Worcester through to Boston would create substantial social and economic benefits. Investing in this long-anticipated rail service will create workforce opportunities in construction, engineering, and public transportation. The program also provides significant benefits to the public in the form of congestion reduction, cleaner air, safer roads, and healthier lifestyles.

RESULTS

Supports 9.2 jobs per million dollars invested, compared to 7.8 jobs per million dollars invested in the state's ten largest industries. Mode switching from driving to using East-West Rail unlocks \$288,300 in cost savings, traffic reduction, and public health benefits per million dollars invested.

JOBS PER MILLION INVESTED



TOP OCCUPATIONS

- 1 Construction Laborers
- 2 Carpenters
- 3 Electricians
- 4 First-Line Construction Supervisors
- 5 General and Operations Managers

BENEFITS PER MILLION INVESTED

