



**City of Madison**  
**NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**

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**Hiawatha West Webinar**

**Consider:**  
**Who benefits? Who is burdened?**  
**Who does not have a voice at the table?**  
**How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?**

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Tuesday, April 14, 2026

7:00 PM

[Online](#)

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Amtrak is working with the Federal Railroad Administration, state and local partners, and host railroads to extend daily Amtrak Hiawatha Service trains to Waukesha, Jefferson and Dane Counties. This project is referred to as Hiawatha West and it is the first phase of a larger effort to implement Amtrak service between Chicago and the Twin Cities via Eau Claire.

Initially, this service would have up to two daily round-trips with a focus on temporary stations in the Pewaukee, Watertown, and Madison areas. This is based on factors such as access to population centers and the spacing of stops, operational feasibility, and ridership potential.

No decisions are final until the end of the planning and environmental clearance process.

The first required step to advance Hiawatha West is the completion of a Service Development Plan.

Amtrak is working with its partners to complete the plan and design a project that can be implemented quickly at the lowest cost and generate a strong return on investment.

Amtrak is seeking comments and feedback, starting with a webinar, which will take place on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:00 PM. Alders have been invited to attend and a possible quorum of the Common Council may exist at this event.

If you plan on attending, please register at:

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