

the 6:53

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Cover: Dayton is planning ahead for passenger trains in Ohio's 3-C Corridor! In July 1987 The City of Dayton's Department of Planning developed several large-scale drawings of a new rail passenger station to connect directly with the Convention Center, Transportation Center, and Stouffer's Hotel. Our cover depicts a portion of one of the drawings showing the location of the proposed new train station. Courtesy: City of Dayton.

Editor's Note: With this issue we're effecting some changes in your 6:53; due in part to input we received from many of you in our questionnaire in the October 1987 issue. Though basic size, as you receive it through the mail, is still the same; things change when you open it up! We've been able to reduce our printing costs by changing the format. We're also saving postage costs by mailing to you under our USPS permit. And preparation time for a complete issue will now be less. We will still bring you the news and views just as we've always done; and hopefully this new newsletter format will be more readable for you. I solicit your input on this new format; and if there's something you don't like about it, please suggest a way to make it better (keeping cost and time constraints in mind). Let me know what you think of it.

— Tom Pulsifer

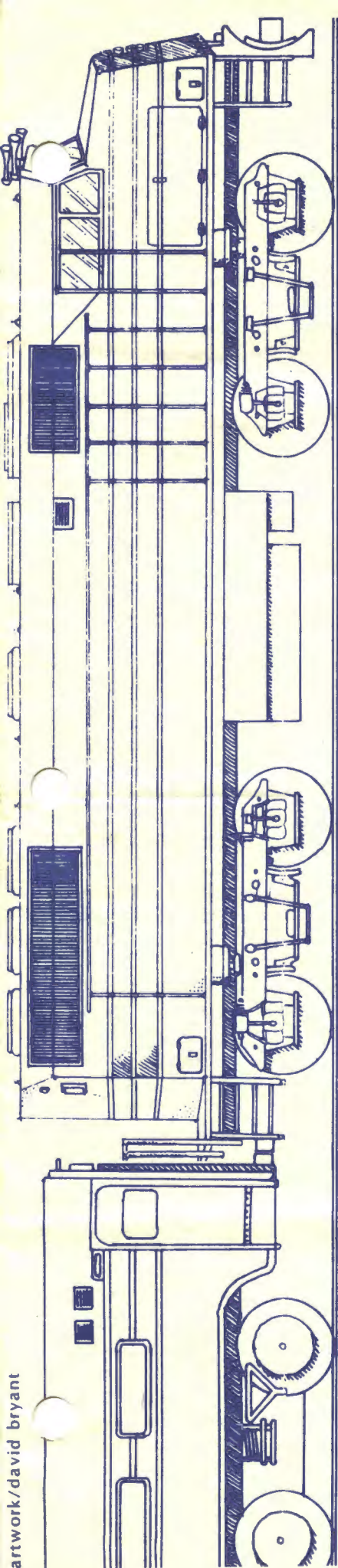
CARDINAL CONCERNS CONTINUE . . .

The December issue of the 6:53 had barely reached the membership -- and Amtrak headquarters -- when word came that the proposed Cincinnati-Chicago CARDINAL "AMBUS" was dead, along with a plan for a similar operation between Milwaukee-Chicago. It is NOT known if the article contributed to Amtrak's decision to scuttle the rubber-tired shuttle. It was indicated to OARP that Amtrak VP/Marketing William Norman does not generally favor dedicated "AMBUS" services operating directly parallel to existing Amtrak train services -- as would have been the case with both the CARDINAL and the Milwaukee Corridor.

Your OARP President regrets that some individuals misinterpreted the December 6:53 article, accusing him and OARP of being against the "AMBUS". OARP has taken no official stand on this matter. Your OARP President did raise serious concerns and questions about the proposal; concerns and questions which have yet to be addressed by Amtrak.

Your OARP President was also taken to task over reference to the CARDINAL as a weak train and costly to operate. Let's take a look at the various station on-off ridership figures tabulated elsewhere in this issue of the 6:53. A 37% drop in passengers [Maysville] is a concern. The 17% drop in ridership at Cincinnati is most definitely a concern to us.

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And let's look at some random CARDINAL train passenger counts as reported to OARP in 1988:

	#51 Jan 18	#51 Feb 03	#51 Feb 08	#51 Feb 22	#51 Feb 24
Passengers were counted:					
On board in coaches					
leaving Cincinnati.....	55	54	38	42	32
Getting off coaches at					
Chicago Union Station...	53	89	32	49	42
Getting off sleeping					
car 5100 at Chicago.....	4	2	4	3	?
Getting off sleeping					
car 5101 at Chicago.....	0	0	0	0	?

Notes from OARP's observer:

These trains ran with 2 sleepers, 3 coaches, a dining car and a lounge car on each trip. On February 3rd a large group boarded at Indianapolis that probably could not be accommodated on the HOOSIER STATE train. On February 24th both sleepers were full of Navy recruits enroute to training at Great Lakes, could not get a good head count.

It is obvious that on February 8th the entire ridership of the CARDINAL could have been accommodated in a bus -- with a seat or two left over!

Add now the following concerns...

- OARP understands that CSX will divert their through freight traffic off its Hamilton to Indianapolis line and do no further upgrading of this trackage. The only trains remaining will be Amtrak's CARDINAL and a daily local freight. Based on past history with other Amtrak routes, it will not be long before track becomes very rough-riding, maximum train speeds will be reduced and numerous "slow orders" will be implemented.
 - The shortest rail route between Cincinnati and Indianapolis is Conrail's (ex-NYC) Shelbyville Line. Several years ago a portion of this line in Indiana was brought back from the dead and upgraded with daily through freight service implemented. Now OARP has heard that there is no longer any through freight service and that the Batesville - Lawrenceburg Junction segment is, once again, in jeopardy of abandonment. If we lose this line, and the CSX line, it leaves NO reasonable rail route left to use!
- We've asked our IndARP friends to help monitor these two rail route concerns and we'll keep you posted.
- The less-than-full-crew situation with the CARDINAL (as we reported in December) is still a concern, with dangerous implications. Instead of a full five-member train crew, CSX has been known to provide only a three-member crew -- engineer, conductor and trainman. In these instances the engineer is normally all

alone in the locomotive cab. Along with this, the reliability of Amtrak's F40 diesels is also a factor. When the lone Amtrak unit assigned to the CARDINAL breaks down, the train stops and waits (sometimes many hours) until CSX round up a freight engine to couple up to front end and continue the trip.

These factors, along with a human factor, added up recently to set the stage for what could have been a most serious scenario. The west-bound CARDINAL of February 26th was at Maysville when the engineer, alone in the cab (of CSX engine #4103 as Amtrak engine #338 had conked out east of Huntington) suffered a heart attack! Unfortunately precious moments were lost before the engineer's predicament was discovered and medical help arrived. Luckily the CARDINAL was stopped at Maysville at the time. Think of what might have happened if the train had been approaching Cincinnati at 70mph and, alone in the cab, the engineer collapsed with no one else knowing what had happened. This time we were lucky. And, at last report to OARP, the engineer is recuperating in a Cincinnati hospital.

GOVERNOR IGNORES OARP MEMBER'S FORUM QUESTION

An incident involving OARP member MARK CARLSON on Governor Celeste's March 3rd public TV forum clearly shows how isolated and incompletely informed our Governor really is. Using a redialer Mark succeeded in getting through to ask "With current adverse weather conditions in mind and your drive to increase business development and travel and tourism, when are you going to throw your support behind the House and Senate bills which would create a modern, safe, all-weather conventional rail transport system linking Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton and Cincinnati?" The Governor chose to ignore the specific question, responding he was 82% in favor of high-speed rail but doesn't know where the money will come from and that Ohio needs to spend more on education. Then the phone connection was cut preventing Mark from restating his original question; which wasn't addressed! Obviously put out, Mark called the Governor's office the following morning. After several calls Mark finally reached Solomon Jackson, the Governor's Constituent Affairs person, who had no idea what was going on with trains, but corralled the Governor's Chief Legislative Aide Tom Katzenmeyer who was passing by his desk. Katzenmeyer told Jackson to relay to Mark that "Both bills are dead!" Unfortunately this incident pretty well sums up the ongoing problem OARP is having in reaching Governor Celeste on the 3-C conventional passenger train matter. He has surrounded himself with people who he thinks have the complete facts but don't, and we don't see any evidence he either reads nor directly answers any of his mail!

OARP's MIDWINTER MEETING will be held in conjunction with the NARP REGION 6 ANNUAL MEETING in TOLEDO; SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, from 10:30am until 4:00pm, at the new RADISSON HOTEL at 101 North Summit Street (at Monroe) in DOWNTOWN TOLEDO.

A special detailed mailing on this event was sent to all OARP members in mid-February. Last-minute registrations should be CALLED in to

LARRY GEORGE at 419/698-2167

The cost for the meeting is \$12.95 and you may choose Poached Halibut or Ground Sirloin as your main entrée for the Luncheon.

Featured Guest Speaker will be the Ohio State Legislative Director of the United Transportation Union, ROWLAND DEAL, who will talk with us about rail labor's perspective

on future rail service developments in this region (Ohio-Michigan-Indiana). A significant turnout is expected for this March 19th Meeting. Make certain that Larry George knows in advance you are coming so we can plan adequately for everyone's comfort. Note that checks should be made out to: "OhioARP/REGION SIX" in the amount of \$12.95 per person. No refunds can be made after March 16th. Also, if you need transportation from the Amtrak station or the Bus station to the Radisson; contact Larry George in advance.

The main purpose of this Annual NARP Region 6 Meeting is to discuss rail passenger transportation issues of concern to the Ohio-Indiana-Michigan Region, and then select which of those issues we want included on the agenda for the NARP Board of Director's Meeting in Washington in April. Ballots will be counted for the election of NARP Region 6 Directors for 1988-89. Although this is essentially NARP's Meeting, it also serves as OARP's Mid Winter Meeting and Ohio concerns will be presented and discussed throughout the day. We will have OARP materials available to all who attend. We'll plan to see YOU in TOLEDO on MARCH 19th!

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR THE DAY...

- 10:30am Registration/Coffee/Rolls.
- 11:00am Discussion of Regional Concerns.
- 12:30pm Luncheon (includes choice of Poached Halibut or Ground Sirloin with appetizer, vegetables, potatoes, beverage and rolls) at \$12.95 per person.
- 1:45pm ROWLAND DEAL, Ohio State Legislative Director for the U.T.U.
- 3:00pm Region 6 Election Results.
- 3:15pm Discussion of issues to be placed before the NARP Board of Directors' April 1988 Meeting in Washington, DC.
- 3:45pm Other business.
- 4:00pm Adjournment.

THANKS to many hours of computer work by MANFRED ORLOW and ED REILING, your Association finally has our own mailing list in our own computer, with membership records and accounting soon to be programmed into the system!

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WE DO NEED \$\$\$\$\$ HELP!

Those who've been members of OARP for a number of years know that we don't badger members for extra donations unless there's good reason for it.

AT THIS TIME WE ARE ASKING YOU TO HELP PROVIDE EXTRA MONETARY SUPPORT FOR BOTH OUR 3-C CORRIDOR SPECIAL PROJECT FUND AND FOR OUR OARP REGULAR OPERATING ACCOUNT! Balances in both are low and we must continue our efforts in as professional a manner as we are able to. Remember that your OARP is still the only statewide organization specifically attempting to get passenger trains into Ohio's 3-C Corridor!

PLEASE HELP AS BEST YOU CAN AT THIS TIME! Checks or money orders should be made payable either to "OARP SPECIAL PROJECT FUND" or to "OARP" and mailed to OARP, Box 653, Xenia, OH 45385-0653.

We MUST bolster our operating funds!

AMTRAK RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM OHIO (plus other selected) STATIONS IN FY86 & FY87

STATION	FY87	FY86	Change
Bryan, OH	4,663	5,109	- 9%
Toledo, OH (a)	56,154	63,097	- 11%
Sandusky, OH	3,412	3,465	- 2%
Elyria, OH	5,228	5,058	+ 3%
Cleveland, OH	38,497	40,078	- 4%
Canton, OH	13,575	12,444	+ 8%
Crestline, OH	8,033	7,371	+ 8%
Lima, OH	14,979	13,669	+ 9%
Fort Wayne, IN	27,560	24,684	+ 10%
Hamilton, OH	1,510	1,390	+ 8%
Cincinnati, OH	12,708	15,369	- 17%
Maysville, KY	719	1,137	- 37%
So. Portsmouth, KY	1,462	2,290	- 36%
Catlettsburg, KY	4,110	4,613	- 11%
Huntington, WV	7,152	8,969	- 20%
Charleston, WV	12,336	12,881	- 4%

(a) includes passengers getting off the LAKE SHORE LIMITED and immediately boarding the LAKE CITIES, and vice versa.

FY87 is from October 1, 1986 thru September 30, 1987.

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These statistics show passengers boarding or getting off Amtrak trains. This data was provided to OARP by Amtrak's District Supervisor Frank Stoy on February 16, 1988.

CITY OF SANDUSKY OK'S NEW AMTRAK STATION

OARP Regional Coordinator John Kempton reports that the Sandusky City Commission authorized expenditure of up to \$15,000 for a new Amtrak Station shelter to be located adjacent to Trader Jack's at 2350 Cleveland Road on the east side of the city, close to the entrance to Cedar Point. As part of the agreement, Trader Jack's owner John Pribanic will provide Amtrak passengers with an indoor waiting area, 10 parking spaces, and public restrooms for Amtrak passengers. Final approval of the plan must now come from Amtrak officials.

In a related development, a new firm called Arrow Express plans to start a shuttle-bus service this year linking Sandusky (with a future stop at the new Amtrak station) with Port Clinton, Fremont, Clyde, Bellevue and Norwalk. There are also plans to implement summertime shuttles from both the bus and train stations and area motels and hotels to Cedar Point. Although locally operated, Arrow Express is a division of Greyhound Corp.

CLAYTOR, REISTRUP WILL CHAIR THE 1988 CONVENTION ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN MAY

The president of Amtrak, W. Graham Claytor, Jr., and a former president of Amtrak, Paul H. Reistrup will head the 5th International Convention on High-Speed Rail, to be held May 31 - June 3 at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel in Washington, DC.

Billed as THE 21st CENTURY LIMITED, this convention will spotlight superconductivity and what it means to the development and operation of high-speed rail transport. Delegates will be treated to an entirely new program, including numerous "stars" of Capitol Hill, who will have a great impact on the future development of this new travel mode and learn how federal legislation, technology, social programs, the economy and many other forces are focusing on high-speed rail. And, for the first time, a trade show will be held in conjunction with this convention!

The High-Speed Rail Association's Executive Director, Robert J. Casey has announced an added incentive for OARP members and 6:53 readers who attend this 5th Annual HSR Convention; a 10% discount off your convention registration!

To receive your discount, and for complete information and proper forms to fill out, contact Robert J. Casey, HSRA, 206 Valley Court, Suite #800, Pittsburgh, PA 15237; or call 412/364-9306. To get your 10% discount you must either be a current member of OARP or be a recipient of OARP's publication, the 6:53.

Ohio State Senator ROBERT J. BOGGS is the new chairman of the 5-state Midwest High Speed Rail Compact, succeeding Roland Mross, Indiana Director of Transportation. The Compact is seeking regional action on High-Speed Rail and plans to seek assistance from the Great Lakes Governor's Conference. The Midwest HSR Compact will meet March 11 in Columbus, OH.

HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS IN SUPPORT OF S.B. #65 AND H.B. #359 ?

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF -- AMTRAK GETS \$0 in FY89 BUDGET ——— from NARP Exec. Director Ross Capon

Reagan's FY89 budget has no money for Amtrak and only \$1.5 billion in new budget authority for transit -- 54% below this year's \$3.3 billion. The Federal Air Administration would get \$6.9 billion, up 13%; Coast Guard \$3 billion, up 17%; Federal Highway Administration would be virtually unchanged at \$13.8 billion; but National Highway Traffic Safety Administration would drop 29% to \$221 million. At his February 18th budget news conference, U.S. DOT Secretary Burnley said he thinks this budget has a better chance due to the 2-year budget "summit" agreement. He thinks appropriations committees will find, as he did, that living within the budget agreement means making hard choices. He said continued subsidies for Amtrak's predominantly middle and upper middle class ridership would mean asking the FAA to give up controllers and not operate as safely as possible, and Coast Guard to tie up cutters and reduce the fight against drug smuggling. He acknowledged that, "as in any year, we will spend much more on aviation than the trust fund takes in." (Air trust fund will take in an estimated \$3.8 billion.) He said FAA's budget request was not cut and this has been true since he joined DOT. He did not mention "energy efficiency" or airport peak-hour pricing (Reagan's annual economic report to Congress DOES recommend such pricing to deal with short-term congestion -- revenues to be used on aviation of course). Burnley foresees 16,800 controllers by the end of FY89 vs. 15,500 today, but admits shortages might remain at key facilities because many controllers are reluctant to move to high-cost housing areas such as New York and Los Angeles. He used the tired old examples of Detroit and Miami rail systems to attack the entire transit program. He proposed ending discretionary transit grants, most of which have gone to 8 or 10 cities. Clearly he seeks to portray a vote for Amtrak/more for transit as a vote for drug smugglers and against air safety.

Please again alert your legislators to your opposition to these cuts and your views about what hard choices ought to mean!

Best bet is that some cuts will occur -- which is bad news for Amtrak which cannot indefinitely maintain present levels of service with a tiny capital budget.

THE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

by OARP's Government Affairs Director Manfred Orlow

March winds and weather here in Ohio are oft-times changing and very unpredictable, just as our recent 3-C Corridor activities have been. You should have received your special mailing, asking you to WRITE YOUR OHIO LEGISLATORS and GOVERNOR CELESTE about how you feel about the pending legislation. I cannot stress how important this is! ONE letter to the right person CAN make all the difference!

Our greatest enemy is still apathy among the public -- even those with whom we have communicated about passenger rail. No one seems to believe that it CAN really happen here, just as it has in other states. But, Ohio is notorious for being a "too little too late" government.

You CAN help change this! WRITE! Talk about the 3-C trains to others! Stir up interest!

Back to the March winds... We've received enthusiastic applause and an offer to help from Tom Anderson of Youngstown who is with the National Federation for the Blind. He specializes in public relations and has committed the resources of that fine organization to this cause throughout Ohio. OARP also tried to get a celebrity-type Amtrak user to head a statewide media rally planned by us for mid-March or thereabouts in conjunction with the planned hearings. Alas, it was not to be.

We are still looking for dynamite (not literally) ideas to draw attention to the pending rail legislation with the media. Send us your ideas! OARP member Mark Carlson received an enthusiastic welcome from two officials of Cleveland's gigantic International Exposition Center when he talked about intercity passenger trains traveling within a few thousand feet of this facility!

Because of our constant need for project funding, we are diligently pursuing grant and foundation resources. If you have any expertise here, please call me at the OARP office in Dayton. Your help is most welcome.

Finally, I must give you my assessment of our chances with the 3-C legislation right now -- Fair to Good. Hearings have not yet begun this spring. Our sponsors are waiting for the issue to become a little more well-known, but the legislature will recess on March 17th until at least the second week of May. If all our letter writing, telephoning, visiting, and selective media releases and contacts are successful, we MAY have a chance. We have one of the best issues ever to work with. Let's ALL do our part to help bring intercity trains to Ohio!

OARP's recent special mailing to the membership included a copy of our updated MEMBERSHIP FLYER. YOU are supposed to USE it to help bring NEW MEMBERS into the Association! Awakening interest in the 3-C legislation has already brought in a number of new members to OARP. Let's all help "keep the train rolling!"



LETTERS: OARP VP HOWARD HARDING made Newsweek [Jan. 4] with a succinct rebuttal to Robert Samuelson's anti-Amtrak editorial of November 30. Samuelson then again attacked Amtrak and "diehard railroad buffs" (!) in Newsweek of March 7th. Other pro-passenger train letters recently published from members PAT ROBBINS in both the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Columbus Dispatch, DUANE ROLLER in The Lima News, BOB BOYCE and also ROBERT KUHNS in the Columbus Dispatch. Ohio's most outspoken Amtrak foe, Thomas Dudgeon, was persuaded to take an Amtrak trip over the Holidays and, as perhaps expected, he wrote up all the negative things about his experience in a letter appearing in the Columbus Dispatch. [If YOU get published, please send OARP a copy. Thanks!]

BILL LANGUAGE: Our continuing thanks to OARP member/attorney BEN FARAH for carefully researched suggestions affecting both S.B. #65 and H.B. #359, our 3-C Corridor train legislation.

"CRACK" TRAINS: Federal Rail Administrator John Riley has expressed great concern over a rash of railroad accidents linked to drug abuse by employees, citing progressive deterioration of commitment and discipline within the railroad workplace.

DETROIT MOVE: On January 5th Amtrak moved out of the stately Michigan Central Station, across Vernor Highway to a new modular station.

GOOD NOTE: Noted pianist-composer Marvin Hamlisch recently traveled Amtrak to Crestline for a mid-January Columbus engagement and told a WBNS-TV reporter he wished Amtrak came directly to Columbus. Hamlisch has a health problem which prohibits him from flying and frequently uses Amtrak.

SAVING DEPOT: The Marion Union Station Association is raising \$190,000 to purchase and restore the 86-year-old passenger depot in Marion, OH, and turn it into a railroad museum and community center.

TRACKS GONE: The historic B&O Washington - St. Louis mainline is now permanently severed in Ohio. Crews began pulling rail from Grosvenor westward in mid-February and are expected to reach Red Diamond (near Dundas) by the time you read this. Recently listed as officially abandoned is the portion of this same line from Chillicothe west to Musselman.

OARP ALUMNI: DAVE RIDDLE, formerly of Columbus and an active OARP member, is now in Wisconsin and serves as VP of the WisconsinARP.

GOOD HEALTH NEWS: Both JIM SAUNDERS (OARP's Springfield Co-Coordinator) and well-known member AL MLADINEO are on the recovery track from recent health problems. JIM's doctor is allowing him an Amtrak trip to Tacoma this spring to visit relatives. AL reports he's been interviewed on a Cleveland radio talk show discussing rail travel and has urged Cleveland officials to replace missing and damaged "trailblazer" signs pointing the way to Cleveland's Amtrak station.

HONORS: Canton Amtrak agent Guy Bonnay and his wife were recently honored in Amtrak News for caring for five young children whose mother was rushed from the BROADWAY LIMITED by ambulance to give birth to a healthy baby boy at a nearby hospital, then arranged for the children to continue their trip to Lima where their father was waiting.

TOLEDO: Concern for the future of Central Union Terminal sparked an excellent three-part series by Hank Harvey in The Blade in late December on various Amtrak station facilities in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. Several OARP members provided input to Hank Harvey. The Blade has editorialized recently in support of both Amtrak and preserving Central Union Terminal.

TRAINS=PLANES: Member NORM BURKHARDT reports a recent issue of Travel-Holiday magazine editorialized in favor of more rail transit links directly with major airports throughout the U.S.

ARCHIVES BENEFIT: Thanks to Mrs. Betty Myers of Springfield, your OARP archives have recently been enriched with her donation of a quantity of 1940's vintage railroad passenger timetables and a 1907 Ohio Railroad Map in excellent condition.

AMTRAK BOARD CHANGE: Darrell M. Trent, former USDOT deputy secretary (1981-1983) replaces Ross Rowland. The U.S. Senate also reconfirmed Amtrak directors Charles Luna and Robert Orr to serve new 4-year terms.

ERIE: Member DON KAVERMAN reports awakening interest by individuals in the Erie, PA, area in getting additional daytime Amtrak train service to Cleveland and to Buffalo to connect with Empire Corridor trains serving New York.

RADIO TALK: OARP's DOUG HUDSON and HOWARD HARDING were interviewed on WOKG in Warren on January 12 concerning Amtrak and the 3-C Corridor Project.

HOOSIER NEWS: Gala 100th Birthday celebration for Indianapolis Union Station will be celebrated April 23 - May 1 including an Amtrak equipment display in the train shed. IndARP has been invited to participate in the exhibit. In Fort Wayne it is reported the International Cultural Education Center will renovate the former PRR depot for business education training classes and lease space for Amtrak to remain in the facility. Renovation of the deteriorating structure is estimated at \$3.5 million. Amtrak abandoned earlier plans to move into temporary trailers next to the depot and is still occupying the station building.

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and help get Ohio moving on modern passenger trains! OARP is NOT another "railfan club". We are rail transportation advocates. OARP is the statewide

voice of concerned citizens working together to help achieve better rail passenger services. We're over 700 strong and we are moving forward together for better rail transportation for Ohio. We invite YOU to get on board! A new membership in OARP is just \$10 for your first year; \$15 thereafter.

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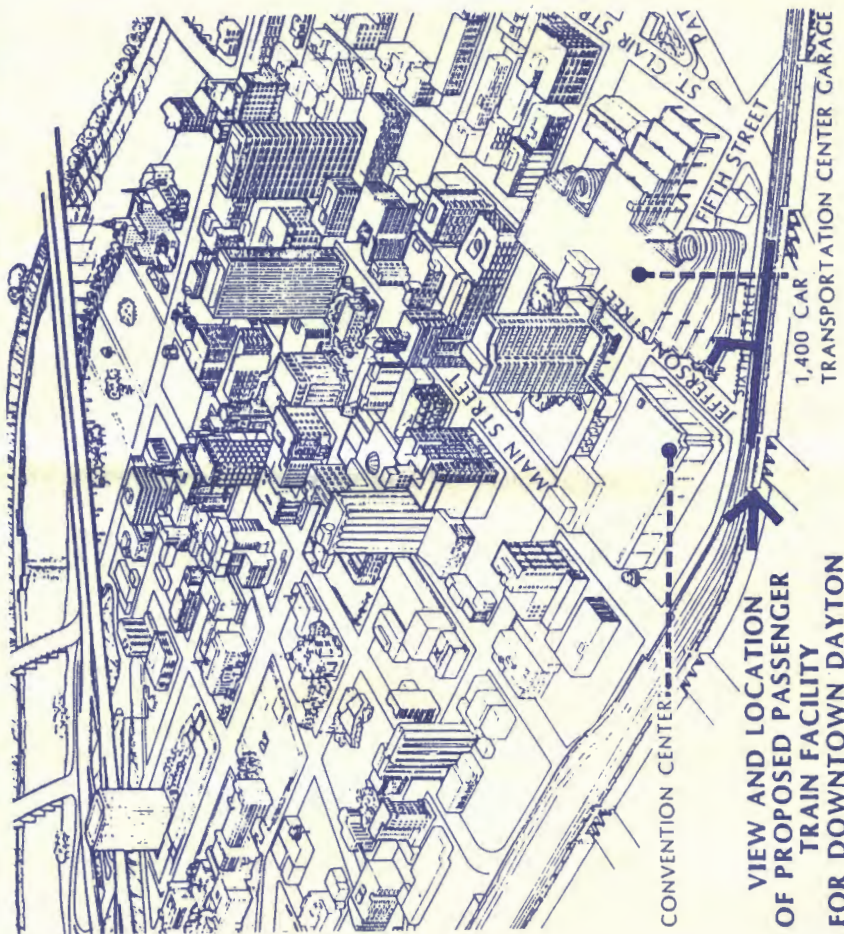
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