

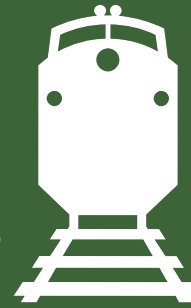
SOCIAL & HEALTH

- Necessary for aging population
(proportionately higher in Northern Ontario)
- Preferred by students
(crucial to increasing enrolment at Northern Ontario post secondary institutions)
- Accessible for people with limited incomes & special needs (physical & psychological)
- Provides access to highly regionalized healthcare
- Facilitates visitation with family & friends
- Facilitates year-round social travel

ECONOMIC

- Rail is substantially less expensive to build, use & maintain than roads
- Reduction in taxes spent on transportation
(decreased wear & tear on highways & associated maintenance expenses)
- Lower health, police & insurance costs from road accidents
- Increased accessibility to Northern Ontario for tourism
- Reduced cost of goods movement

WHY ARE PASSENGER TRAINS IMPORTANT?



- Safe & reliable all season transportation
51 passenger train accidents in Canada versus 124 000 collisions on Canadian roadways (2013)
- Connection for communities over a vast geography
- Ability to circumvent highway closures
(Statistics : November 2011 to October 2014)

ENVIRONMENT

- Rail stands alone in its ability to combine energy efficiency with economic & environmental benefits
- Reduction of carbon emissions
(fuel is saved at a ratio of up to 5-1 using rail versus roads for freight)
- Less production & laying of asphalt for road beds
- Fewer vehicles and transports on highways
- Less disturbances of natural environment by multi-lane highways

PRACTICAL

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| Highway 11 : 191 closures Average duration : 6.33 hrs | Longlac, Cochrane, North Bay & Huntsville |
| Highway 17 : 178 closures Average duration : 13.41 hrs | White River, Sault-Ste-Marie, Sudbury, North Bay & Pembroke |
| Highway 69 / 400 : 48 closures Average duration : 5.54 hrs | Sudbury, Parry Sound & Port Severn |
| Highway 101 : 30 closures Average duration : 23.45 hrs | Wawa, Chapleau, Timmins & border with Québec |
| Highway 144 : 34 closures Average duration : 12.54 hrs | Timmins, Gogama & Sudbury |