

# How Do I Help Explain the Chattanooga Rail Project?

Choose one or more answers in each section (or supply your own) that you think best describes the project

## What is it?

- ☐ A re-introduction of passenger rail transit to a city that was historically linked to rail for over 150 years
- ☐ A modern intra-city rail service than could bypass traffic congestion and connect communities and employment opportunities
- ☐ A re-use of existing infrastructure that puts rail lines back into use for public transportation
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## What are the potential benefits?

- ☐ Economic Development – connecting people with jobs
- ☐ Redevelopment, construction and private investment along the route and near stations
- ☐ Better land use, population growth and increased investment along the route
- ☐ Revitalized neighborhoods where people have access to efficient transportation
- ☐ A cleaner environment due to fewer car trips and less congestion
- ☐ A more vibrant city with a broader mix of transportation options
- ☐ Better mobility for people who visit and live in Chattanooga
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

## What happens next?

- ☐ Organize public support for this project
- ☐ Find ways to phase the project and tie to trails and bicycle facilities
- ☐ Complete technical studies and plans
- ☐ Participate in additional station area and development planning
- ☐ Identify sources for public and private funding

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Now put your sentences together in a short speech you can give to people in the community – your friends, family, co-workers, people you volunteer with, and your neighbors. You can use to advocate and get more people involved in trying to ensure that Passenger Rail can become a way for people in Chattanooga to get around.

**Example:**

*The Chattanooga Passenger Rail project is a modern intra-city rail service than could bypass traffic congestion and connect communities with employment opportunities. I'm excited about this project because it has a great potential to connect people with jobs in our city that otherwise might not have access. It can also help revitalize some of our neighborhoods by encouraging new development in blighted areas. The City just finished a study and are deciding whether or not to pursue this project. They need to hear from us that it's important. Will you ensure our voice is heard by your neighbors and community leaders that this is a need for our city?*

**Write your own speech below:**

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