

Dakota Pathways: Rails and Other Roads Glossary

Coach: A railroad passenger car

Freight: Cargo, goods, stuff

Freight train: A railway train that carries only cargo, not passengers

Gauge: The distance between railroad tracks

Highway: Main public roads connecting cities and towns

Interstate: A system of large highways connecting states, cities and towns

Line: A railway track or system of tracks

Locomotive: An electric- or diesel-powered engine that pulls or pushes railway cars

Stagecoach: A four-wheeled vehicle pulled by horses

Ties: The timbers laid across a railroad bed to support the tracks

Tracks: A set of parallel rails upon which a train runs