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Flapan, Howards, Lawrence and Mellor showed that a graph is intrinsically linked in an arbitrary 3–manifold if and only if it is intrinsically linked in  $S^3$ . We study intrinsically linked graphs in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$ , using a stronger notion of intrinsically linked. For us, a 2-component link in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  is *splittable* if one component can be placed inside an embedded 3–ball, with the other component contained in the complement of the 3–ball. A graph is *intrinsically linked in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$*  if it contains, in every embedding into  $\mathbb{R}P^3$ , at least one pair of disjoint cycles that do not form a splittable link. With this definition, any graph that has a projective planar embedding is not intrinsically linked. We are able to fully characterize minor-minimal intrinsically linked graphs in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  with connectivity 0, 1 and 2. We also show that only one Petersen-family graph is intrinsically linked in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$  and prove that  $K_7$  minus any two edges is minor-minimal intrinsically linked in  $\mathbb{R}P^3$ . (Received February 14, 2008)