Greater Northwest Rail Summit

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Amtrak Network Development's Role

Guide and facilitate network development and expansion initiatives from planning through implementation



Primary Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Program point of contact with FRA and external stakeholders



Engage and coordinate multiple contributors across Amtrak



Amtrak Overview & Existing Service







Who is Amtrak?

Amtrak connects 500+ destinations in 46 states, the nation's capital, and three Canadian provinces



Operating 300 trains daily



Over 21,400+ route miles



30+ host railroads



10+ tenants





We welcomed **32.7M** customers in FY 24 -+14.8% YoY growth from FY 23





Amtrak Service Lines

15 Long Distance Routes

28

State Supported Services

21

State & Local Partners



Intercity Rail Types

Intercity Rail

Connects multiple cities and regions over long distance (typically >100 mi)

Regulated by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

Faster travel

time

More

amenities

Greater distance between stations (>25 mi)

- sponsors

Long Distance Service

- government

Amtrak offers two national intercity rail service models:

State-Supported Service

• Routes under 750 miles operation funded by state/local

• Routes over 750 miles Operation funded by federal



Greater Northwest Service Summary

Amtrak Cascades

Vancouver, BC - Eugene STATE SUPPORTED

- Core service 6 RTs daily Seattle-Portland
- 18 Stations (17 in WA/OR)
- FY23 ridership was 668.4K, FY24 ridership (thru July) was 742.2K
- June 2024 was busiest month on record for Oregon stops, 36% increase in ridership from June 2023

Coast Starlight

Seattle - Los Angeles LONG DISTANCE

- Daily service
- 30 Stations (12 in WA/OR)
- FY23 ridership was 337.4K, partial FY24 ridership (thru July) is 295.7K

3 stations are served by all 3 PNW services, including Portland, Vancouver (WA), and Seattle



Empire Builder

Chicago - Seattle/Portland LONG DISTANCE

- Daily service
- 46 Stations (12 in WA/OR)
- FY23 ridership was 349.0K, FY24 ridership (thru July) is 316.1K



Future Service & Benefits





Greater NW Future Expansions

Corridor ID Program



Amtrak Cascades (Eugene - Portland - Seattle - Vancouver)

Cascadia High Speed Rail (UHSGT) (Portland - Seattle - Vancouver)

Big Sky North Coast Corridor (Portland - Seattle - Vancouver)











FRA Long Distance Service Study



Amtrak-led CID Awards







Daily Cardinal Service

Daily Sunset Limited Service

Amtrak to Long Island



Amtrak Texas High Speed Rail



Benefits of Intercity Rail







Travel Time vs Productive Time



Train time is 100% productive while driving is lost time







Key Takeaways











Passenger rail benefits are real

Many Greater NW opportunities



Amtrak has tools to help!

