“A CONNECTED AMERICA”
AMTRAK SERVED COMMUNITIES
PART OF “A CONNECTED AMERICA”

+ REMEMBER, WHEN IT COMES TO INVESTING IN PASSENGER RAIL, IT’S “NATIONAL OR NOTHING.”

The National Network of long distance passenger trains is important to our region’s mobility and economic vitality. These trains connect small and medium sized towns and cities to our larger regional cities, and they often provide the only non-highway link to the Amtrak served communities along the train route. All Americans, young or old, rich or poor, school age, retired, or working, benefit from living in a linked and competitive region. And like all Americans, citizens in our region deserve good transportation choices. The long-distance trains that serve our region connect multiple city pairs along the route, allowing one train to serve multiple markets simultaneously. Remember, everybody likes trains, but we love what trains can do to bring jobs to our home town…it’s “Our Town, Our Train.”

+ OUR TOWNS, OUR TRAINS DEPEND UPON OUR SUPPORT FOR:

1. A commitment to operate Amtrak’s Long-Distance network as daily, full-service trains. These trains should provide coach and sleeping class, along with meal service and lounge space and baggage service at each station served. These National Network stations should be safe, welcoming gateways to the communities they serve. They should be linked to their region with intermodal choices that extend the reach of these trains to Americans who depend on a “Connected America.”

2. Continued investment in established and emerging corridors. These important regional corridors connect major population centers and can serve as economic growth engines for the regions they serve. We fully support investment in these important corridors, but not at the expense of the daily long-distance network. (Remember, it’s “National or Nothing.”)

3. An equipment order to ensure America’s long-distance trains have new, modern trains for efficient operation of daily, full-service, long distance trains. These new trains will also allow targeted service expansion in the future. Modern corridor trains on order today combined with an equipment order for enhanced long-distance trains create synergy with “A Connected America” uniting our country today and in the future as part of a comprehensive 21st Century Transportation System.

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