

All Aboard
NORTHWEST

Building Local Support for Improved
Seamless Mobility through Community
Interactions

T4A TransportationCampDC
January 7, 2023

Our Message

We need a seamless, door-to-door transportation network that lets people get from here to there.

Connections Between Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Transit...



And, Of Course, Trains!



World-Class Transportation Benefits All Passengers

30% of Americans do not drive

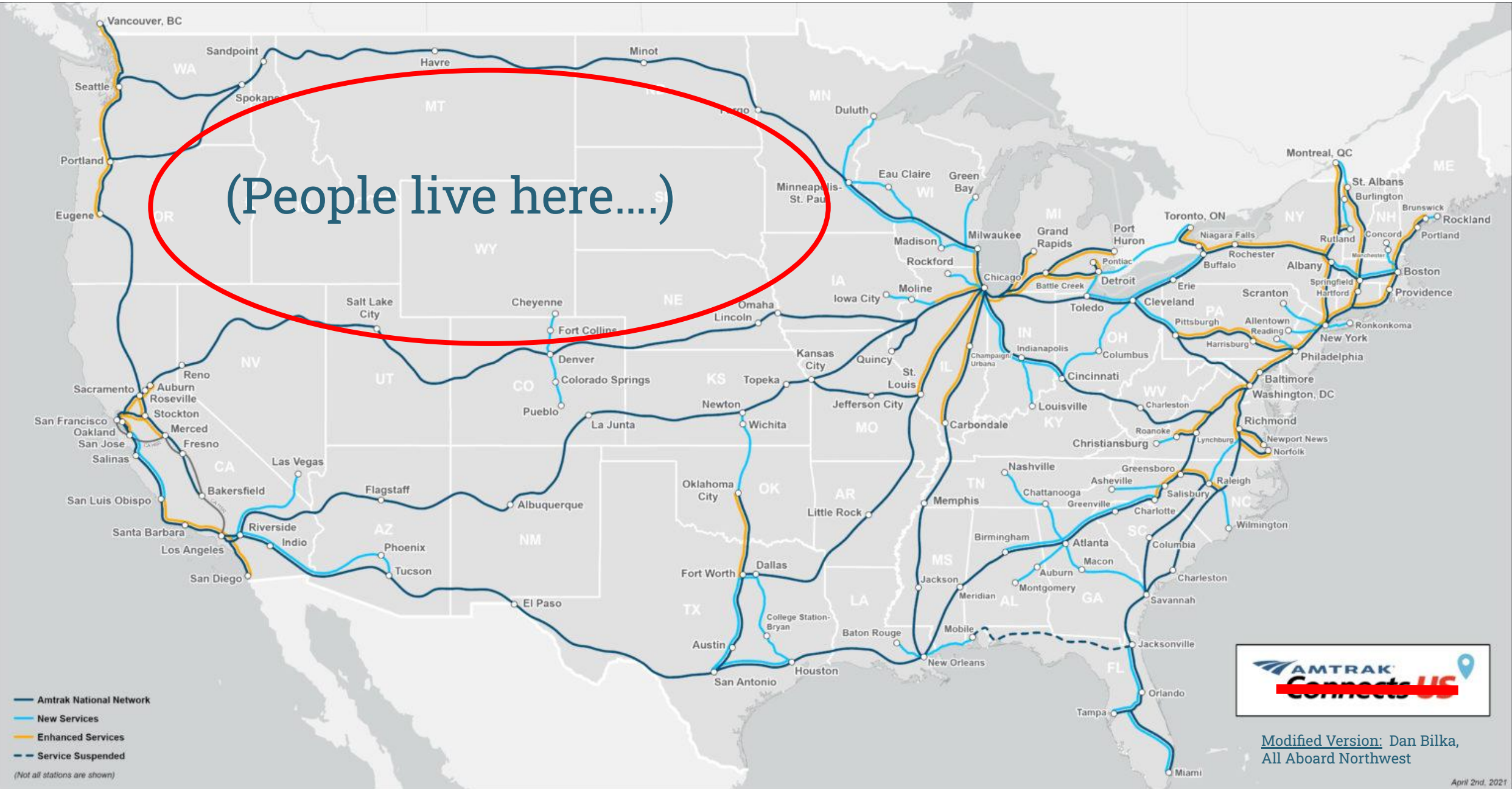
because they are

- too young
- too old
- too poor
- disabled
- living in places where weather limits mobility
- or choose not to drive because of concerns about the future of the planet.

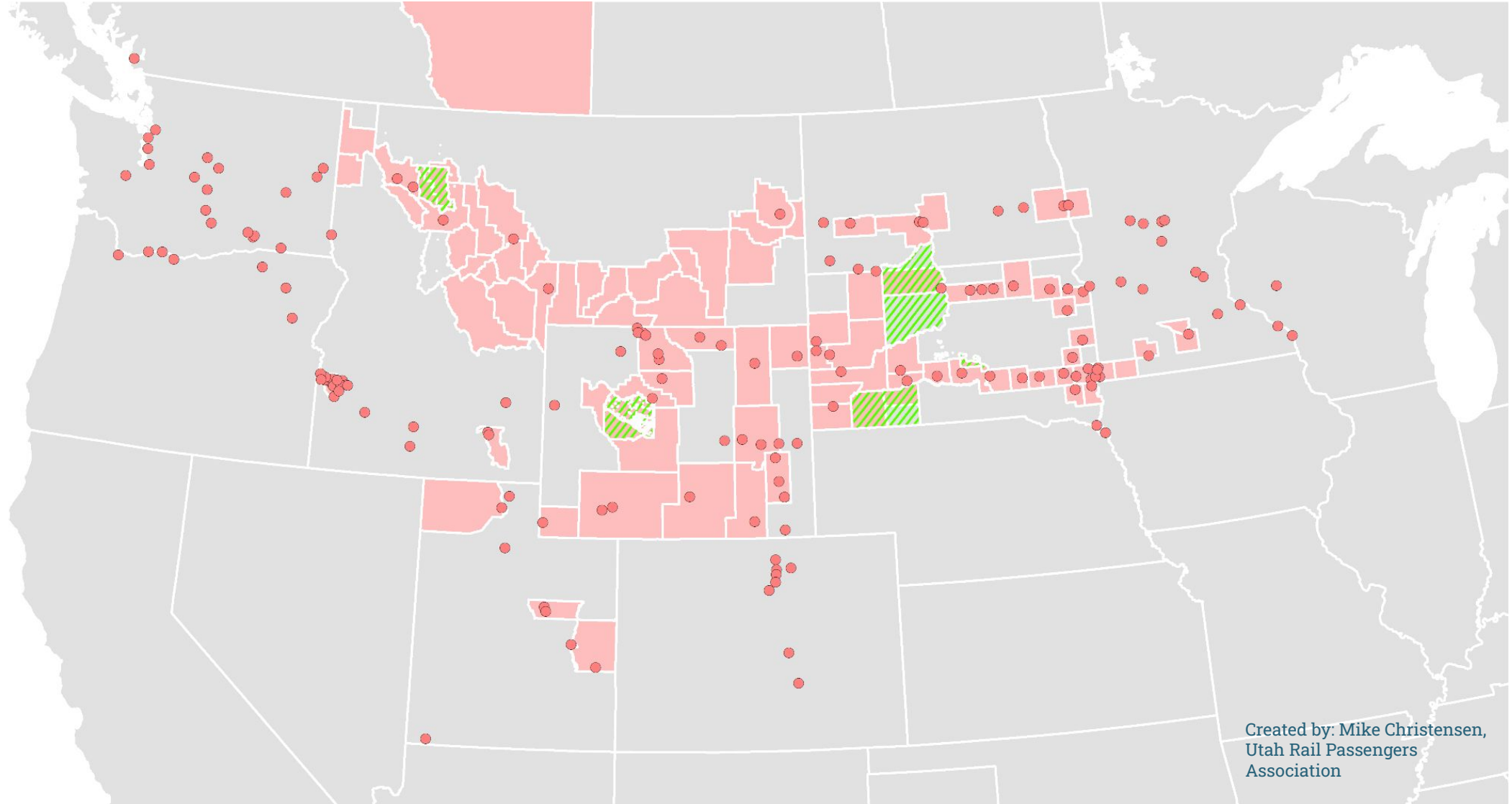
This population is growing.

We will always need cars, especially in rural areas. But we need to ensure that our communities provide transportation access to those for whom driving is not an option.

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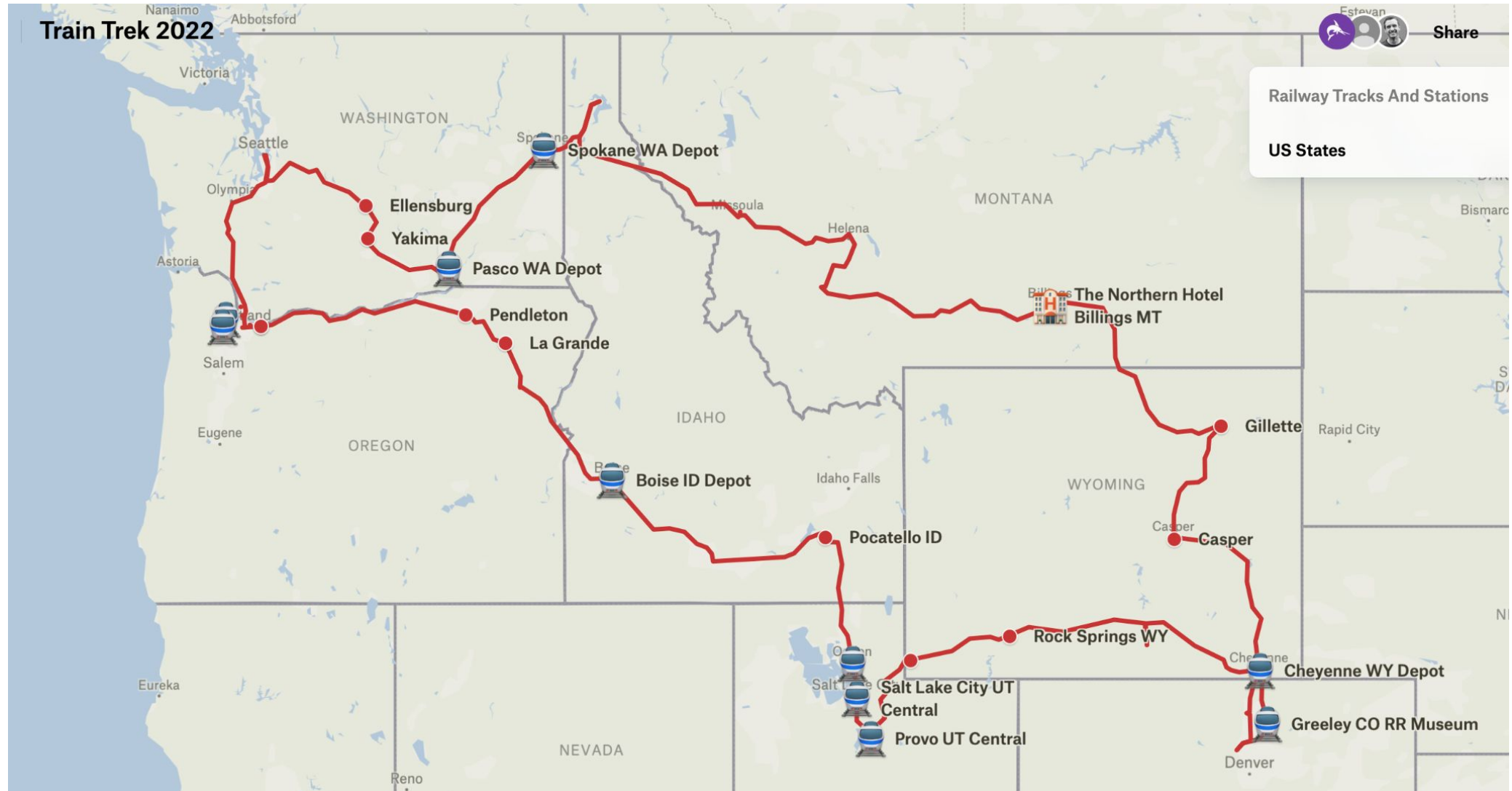


Our Community Outreach So Far



Created by: Mike Christensen,
Utah Rail Passengers
Association

Train Treks



Presentations to Legislators



Presentations to Community Organizations

The screenshot shows a Zoom meeting grid with the following elements:

- Top Row:** Three individual video feeds. From left to right: Stephanie (a woman with glasses in a room decorated for Christmas), Charles Hamilton (a man with glasses and a headset in a train car), and John Crowley (a man with a white beard and headset in a snowy outdoor setting).
- Middle Row:** A large dark grey tile labeled "Bev's Ipad" on the left, a central tile showing a collage of photos from a "UKC Rotary" event, and a large dark grey tile labeled "Jess Wigley, MMFS PM" on the right.
- Bottom Row:** Two large dark grey tiles labeled "Michael" and "Lydia Weis-Inland Cell...".

Participant names and status are visible in small text at the bottom of each tile, including "Bev's Ipad", "UKC Rotary", "Jess Wigley, MMFS PM", "Michael", and "Lydia Weis-Inland Cellular".

Making the Point that Transportation Options are Limited

		Time By Car	Time By Transit
Seattle to Walla Walla	Wineries	4 hours 31 minutes	14 hours
Seattle to Pullman	Washington State U.	4 hours 30 minutes	11 hours
Portland to Ashland	Shakespeare Fest.	4 hours 33 minutes	7 hours 21 minutes (tomorrow)
Portland to Boise	Boise State U.	6 hours 42 minutes	19 hours 27 minutes (day after tomorrow)
Boise to Salt Lake	Stargazing	4 hours 58 minutes	8 hours 40 minutes (tomorrow)
Pendleton to Billings	Rail Summit	10 hours 59 minutes	18 hours 48 minutes (tomorrow)
Salt Lake to Billings	Rail Summit	8 hours 31 minutes	12 hours 38 minutes (overnight)
Fargo to Billings	Rail Summit	8 hours 52 minutes	11 hours 59 minutes (overnight)

“3 Es” Benefits to Communities



Economy

Intercity passenger trains help strengthen local economies across the Northwest.



Environment

Intercity passenger trains provide low-emissions regional transportation.



Equity

Intercity passenger trains connect communities small and large.

Include **low-income, tribal, disability and rural communities**, locations where transportation alternatives are limited, and those who cannot drive.

Economic Benefits for Smaller and Rural Communities

Meridian, MS, with 39,000 residents on the Mississippi/Alabama line, invested \$7.5 million in a new Amtrak Intermodal Station. Over **\$200 million has been invested** within 3 blocks of the station in the last 20 years.

	Kansas	North Carolina	North Dakota	Missouri
Direct Benefits				
	\$5,026,437	\$48,050,334	\$11,566,713	\$19,116,790
Indirect Benefits				
	\$7,388,863	\$70,633,992	\$17,003,068	\$28,101,682
Total LDR Benefits				
	\$12,415,300	\$118,684,326	\$28,569,781	\$47,218,472

[For a full breakdown of the economic benefits of long-distance routes, visit RailPassengers.org/Econ for detailed outputs across 32 states.]

Benefits to the Environment

Rail is the optimal low-impact freight and passenger ground transportation option.

- Less Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- More Fuel Efficient
- Reducing Highway Congestion & Pollution
- Rail does not contribute to salmon die-off related to tires.

Equity Benefits

A good freight and passenger rail network contributes to high quality of life in our region to all, including **low-income, tribal, disability and rural communities**, locations where transportation alternatives are limited, and those who cannot drive.

“Equity” (as it applies to passenger rail), is included in the BIL Corridor Identification and Development Program, §25101(c)12. Criteria 12 of the 14 criteria contained in this section states:

*“the “Secretary shall consider...whether the corridor would enhance the regional **equity** [emphasis added] and geographic diversity of intercity passenger rail service”*

In this context, the term “equity and geographic diversity” means fair and impartial consideration of the needs of citizens **regardless of their geographical location** within the United States.

Passenger rail service is back! Trains roll through Vergennes, Middlebury after 69 years



Well-wishers and passengers lined both sides of the track in Middlebury on Friday morning to greet the first Ethan Allen Express passenger train as it stopped in town on its way to New York City. Independent photo/John S. McCright

<https://www.addisonindependent.com/2022/07/29/passenger-rail-service-is-back-trains-roll-through-vergennes-middlebury-after-69-years/>

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Success Stories

“ADDISON COUNTY, Vermont, **July 29, 2022** — With a toot of its horn and cheers of local rail enthusiasts, the first Amtrak train rolled through Addison County this morning.

“The Ethan Allen Express left Union Station in Burlington at around 10:30 bound for New York City...A large crowd gathered at the train stop to welcome the return of passenger rail service to Addison County. **The last passenger train to stop in these parts was in 1953.**

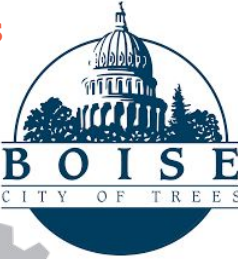
“The energy was high among the 200 people who waited at the train stop in Middlebury..

“A lot of the track and right of way had to be upgraded. Some \$117 million — **\$88 million in federal money and \$29 million in Vermont money** — was spent on upgrades.”

Work Together: Greater Northwest Coalition

Transportation Advocates

Communities



Environment, Labor, Disability, Health Care



Outreach: Publicity

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Enthusiasts push restoring passenger service

By Scott Davis
The Journal

Ritzville, Cheney host community meetings

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tracks across the region.

The route could potentially utilize Ritzville and Cheney at an estimated cost of \$430 million.

"Our transportation network across the entire state, whether it's on the west side or the east side, is woefully inefficient; it's woefully insufficient for the needs that we have," All-Aboard Co-Executive Director Patrick Carnahan said.



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THE NORTH COAST HIAWATHA

When the North Coast Hiawatha line was inaugurated in the early 1970s, it connected Seattle and Chicago via six states. It ran for 10 years before budget cuts shuttered the line in 1980. In recent years, however, there has been a push to restore the corridor, which The Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority estimates would generate more than \$270 million in economic benefits.

360 at 6:30

Montana Train Derailment Highlights Train Safety

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WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

Wyoming Public Radio
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LISTEN PODCASTS NEWS ARTS & CULTURE MUSIC ABOUT SUPPORT

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Politics & Government

A non-profit organization is advocating for the return of passenger rail service in rural regions

Wyoming Public Radio | By Hugh Cook
Published May 5, 2022 at 12:35 PM MDT

Spokane, Washington Est. May 19, 1883

Washington Idaho

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Pandemic relief bill would restore daily Empire Builder train service — and advocates push for more

Wed., March 10, 2021

Easy Asks for Communities: Support Letters



Yellowstone Country
MONTANA

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Re: Letter of Support of Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully submit this letter of support on behalf of the Yellowstone Country Montana Tourism Region's (YCMD) Board of Directors regarding the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority's (BSPRA) effort to restore the former North Coast Hiawatha route.

Establishing safe, reliable, and affordable inter-city, long-distance passenger rail through southern Montana will be a transformational project for Montana. Reintroducing service following the same route used during the eight-year period passenger rail services were offered between 1971 and 1979, will provide multi-faceted life and economic benefits in a very heavily traversed corridor across the southern region of Montana.



September 9, 2021

Senator Mark Schoesler
PO Box 40409
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Representative Schmick,

The City of Ritzville is writing in support of an East-West intercity passenger rail project. The state conducts a benefit-cost and economic impact analysis.

There is a lack of transportation options as the East-West trains via Stampede in 1981 and the Seattle Empire Builder was rerouted over Stevens Pass. Greatly declined in many communities throughout the state.



Governor Doug Burgum



February 24, 2022

Amit Bose, Deputy Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590


Dear Deputy Administrator Bose,

With the passage of Section 22214 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), the Secretary of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are empowered to convene working groups to assist with the Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Study. Efforts are currently underway to explore the possible restoration of the former North Coast Hiawatha passenger rail line that once serviced North Dakota communities along Interstate 94. The State of North Dakota requests that the FRA formally recognize the Greater Northwest Passenger Rail Working Group.


<https://allaboardnw.org/our-work/resolutions-and-letters-of-support/>

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