



September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

The Honorable Amit Bose  
Administrator, Federal Rail Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590



Dear Administrator Bose:

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing today to express our shared interest in the restoration of intercity passenger rail service specifically between Boise, ID and Salt Lake City, UT. Upon passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which includes significant investments in ensuring an enhanced national rail network, we have been working to identify the best opportunities to restore passenger rail service to the Mountain West, including service throughout Idaho through the former Pioneer and Hiawatha lines. The newly established Corridor Identification and Development Program has encouraged our region to consider how we might better connect residents to the economic, educational and recreational opportunities that exist between this important city pair.



Intermountain and Greater Northwest area residents lack the intercity rail service that connect metropolitan areas in other parts of the country. As our region continues to grow, our residents look to us as local leaders to ensure that there is a diverse offering of transportation methods to ensure safe, reliable, and affordable movement between communities in our state and neighboring regions. We feel strongly that intercity rail service between the Boise area and Salt Lake City provides our residents just that opportunity at a time when local elected officials, state leaders, transportation stakeholders, the business community and education leaders have come together to explore and champion this cause.



On behalf of leaders across Southeastern Idaho, we respectfully request Boise, ID and Salt Lake City, UT be studied as a future city pair for passenger rail service as described in Docket No. FRA-2022-0031-0001. We stand ready to work with U.S. DOT, FRA and our Idaho partners to move this opportunity forward, in addition to ongoing conversations about restoring long distance service throughout Idaho.



If you need more information about our interest and transportation needs, please connect with Bre Brush, Mayor's Transportation Advisor, at [bbrush@cityofboise.org](mailto:bbrush@cityofboise.org).





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