

All Aboard
NORTHWEST

How to Revive Passenger Rail in Your Community

June, 2022

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(People live here....)

- Amtrak National Network
- New Services
- Enhanced Services
- - - Service Suspended

(Not all stations are shown)



Modified Version: Dan Bilka,
All Aboard Northwest

Why Isn't Passenger Rail Expanding?

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 - Provides **seamless, door-to-door connectivity** to everyone in the region; and...

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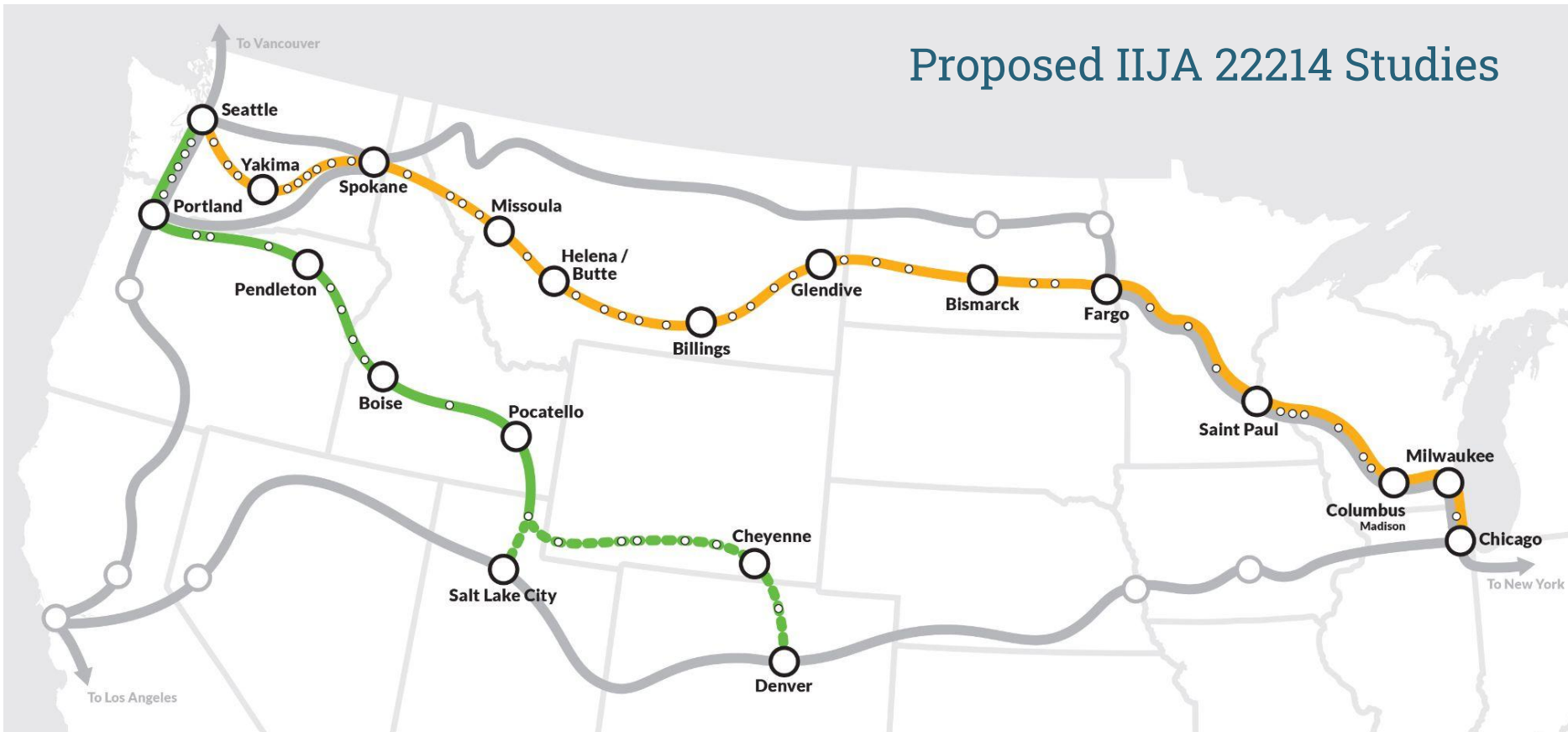
- Offers **economic, environmental and equity** benefits to all, including **low-income, tribal, disability and rural communities**, locations where transportation alternatives are limited, and those who cannot drive.

Let's Make It Happen!

- There is:
 - **Unprecedented federal funding** available for transportation alternatives
 - **Growing state and local interest** in rail and active transportation
 - **Climate, local economic development, and equity** pressure
 - **Existing rail, road, and urban infrastructure** available

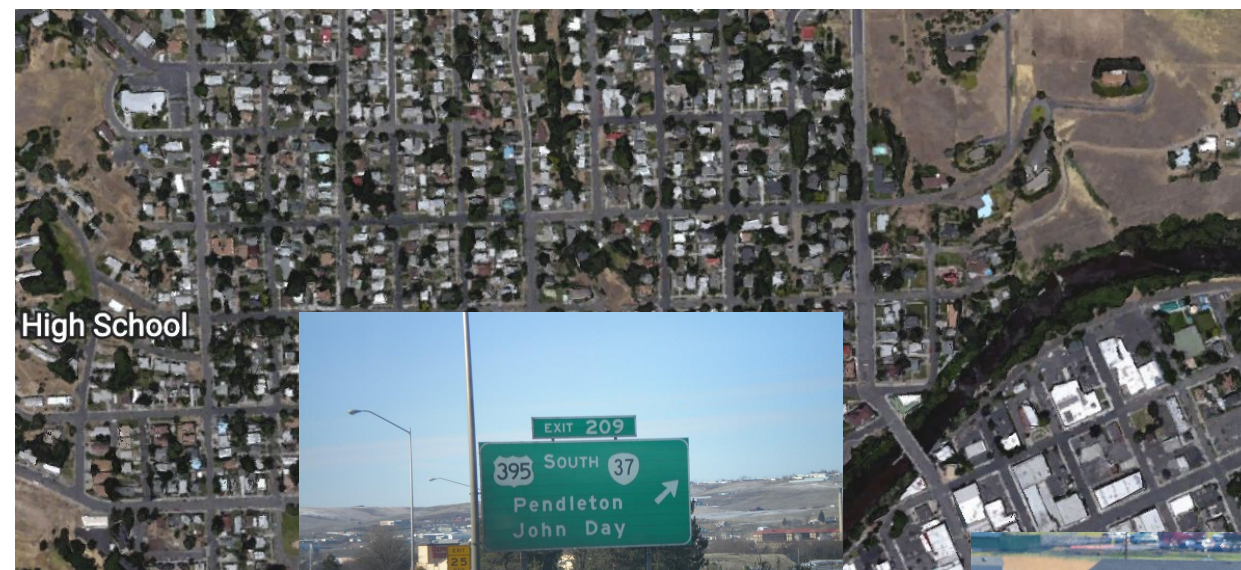
Federal Passenger Rail Opportunities

- Communities can apply for competitive grants.
- Funding will require local support.



We must work together to ensure the needed local and state government support.

Overcome What Some Decision-Makers See



Rail Passengers See Our Communities As They Really Are



Next Steps: Meetings

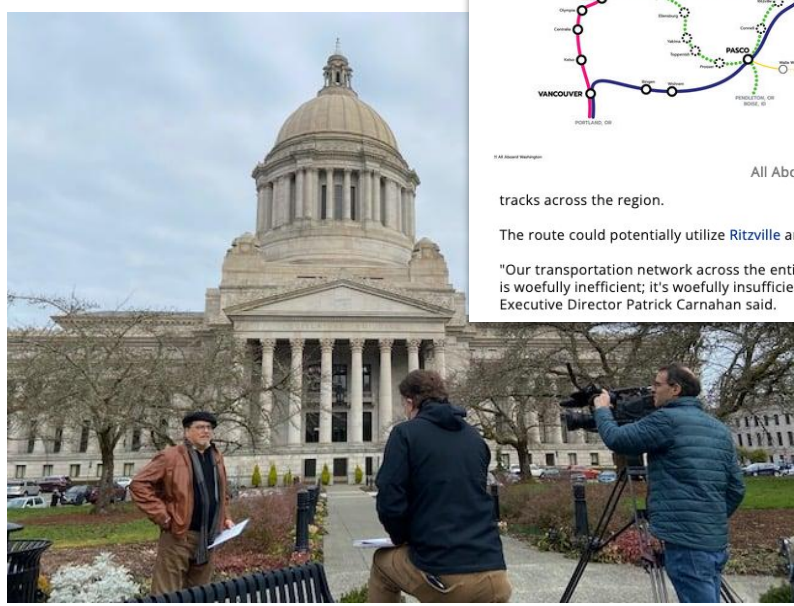
Discuss with city councils, chambers of commerce, service clubs, and the public



Next Steps: Publicity

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Community Sports & Rec **News** Sports Opinion Entertainment Neighbors Obit

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

Pacific Northwest

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WYOMING PUBLIC MEDIA

Wyoming Public Radio Science Friday

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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

THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Spokane, Washington Est. May 19, 1883

Washington Idaho

NEWS > PACIFIC NW

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

Wed., March 10, 2021

Next Steps: Support Letters



Yellowstone Country
MONTANA

313 W. Mendenhall St. | P.O. Box 3048 | Bozeman, MT 59722

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 service through southern Montana will be a transformational project for Montana. Reintroducing service following the same route used during the eight-year period when passenger rail services were offered between 1971 and 1979, will provide multi-generational 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 Pass 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

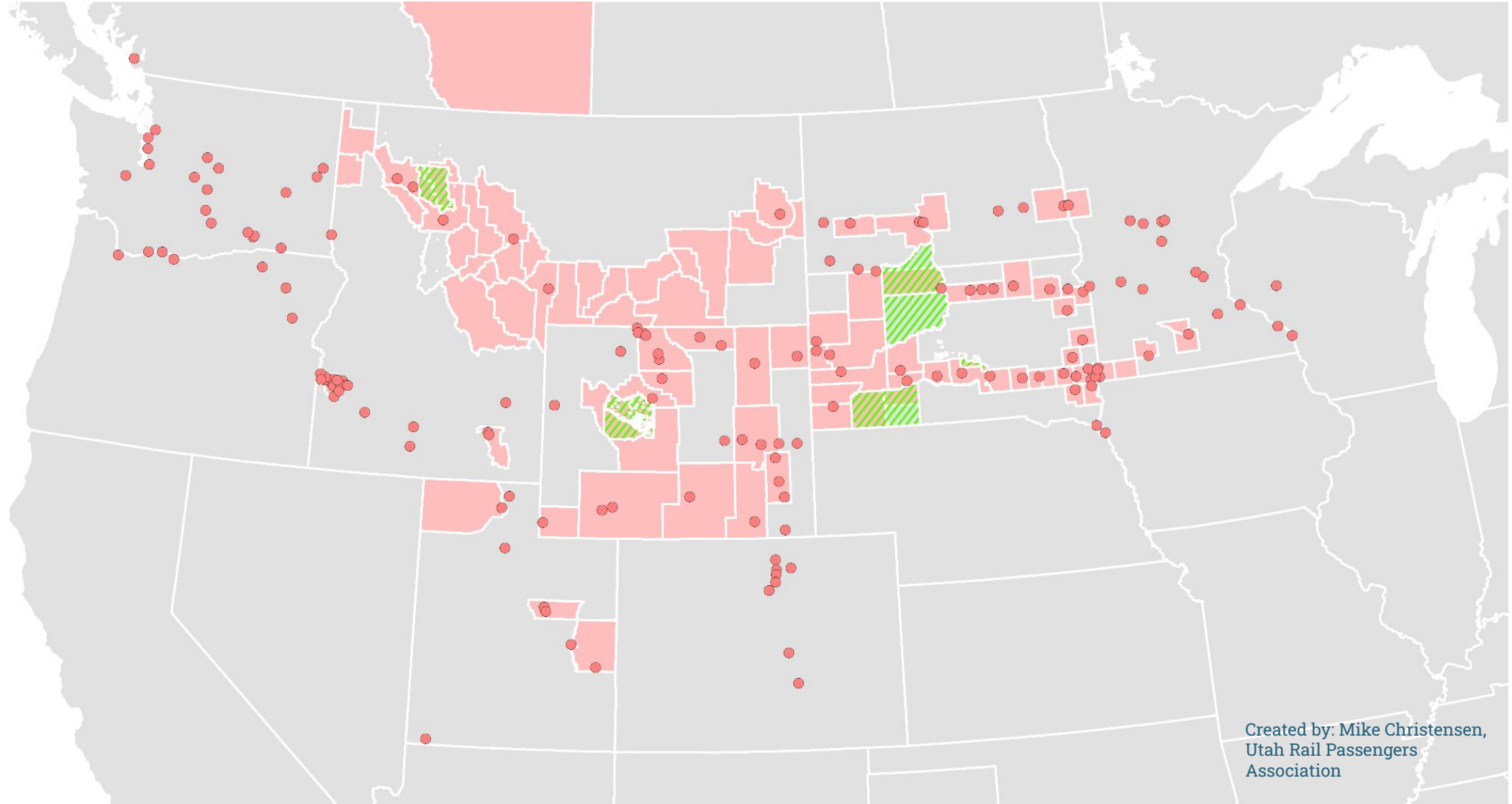
Amit Bose, Deputy Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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/>

Our Community Outreach So Far



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Be a Stop on AANW's Train Trek

- We can lead discussions focusing on passenger rail benefits to your community
 - Available August 1-21, 2022
 - In person, remote, or hybrid
 - Available remotely at other times
- Needed:
 - Local co-sponsor (government, economic development organization, service club, media outlet)
 - Logistical support (meeting venue, lodging if needed)
 - Local keynote speaker
 - Advance publicity
 - Sponsors and donations to cover costs

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- All Aboard Northwest is a region-wide 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization that supplements, not replaces, existing rail advocacy organizations.

Join Our Greater Northwest Coalition



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