



# State-Supported Corridor Development

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39

→ New routes

25

→ Enhanced routes

160

→ New stops

20 million

→ More riders

All 50

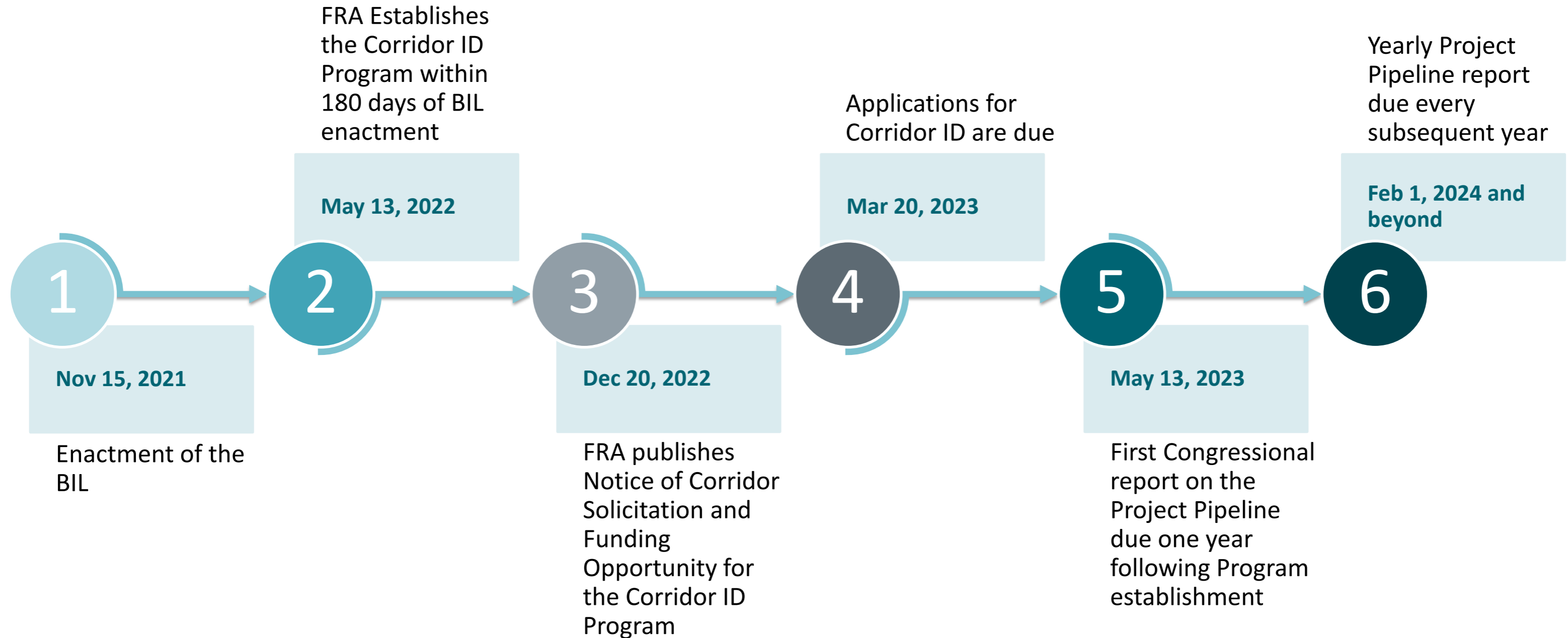
→ Largest metro areas served



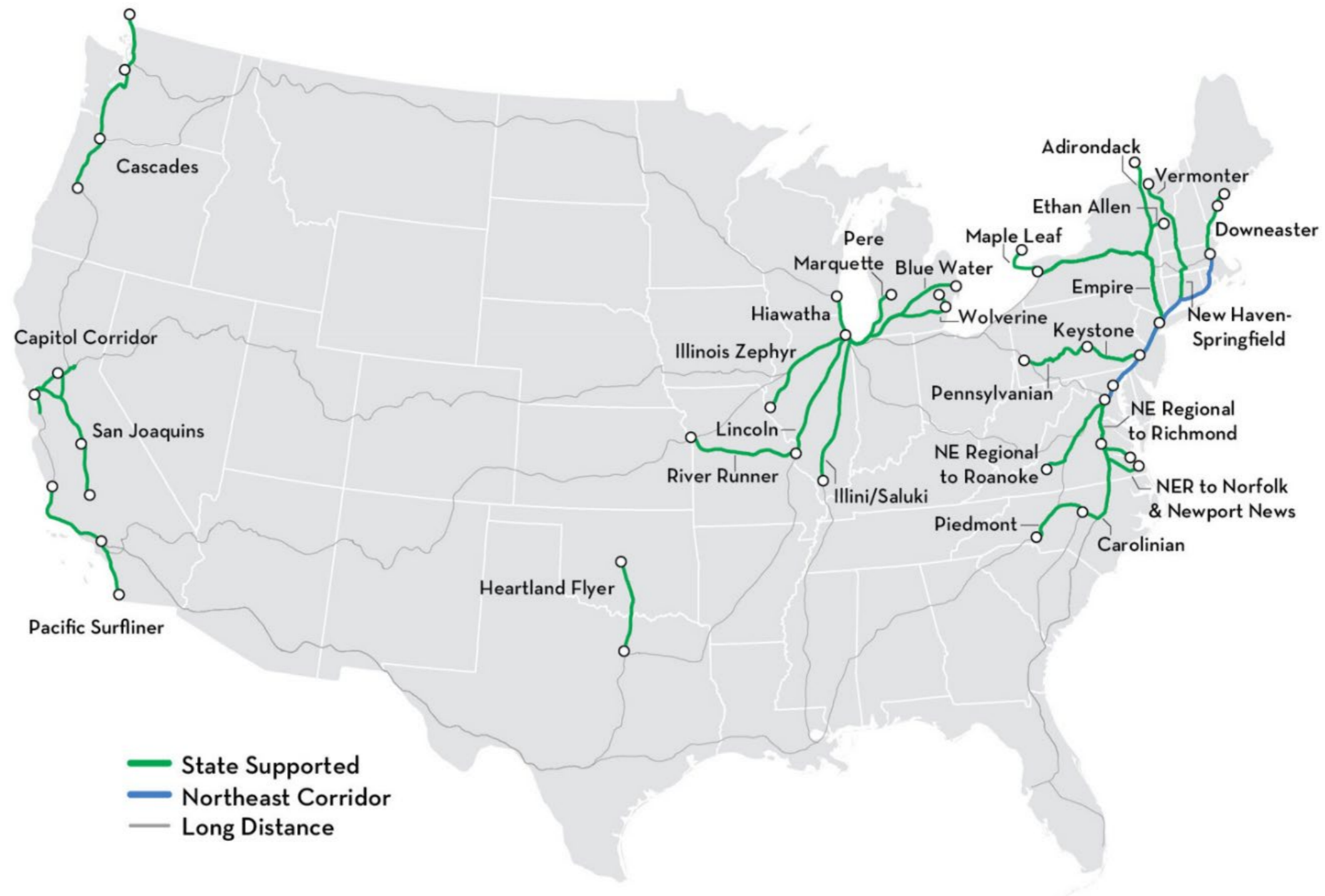
**This vision was just a starting point – Amtrak is eager to work with states and other eligible entities to advance new and improved corridors**

# FRA Corridor ID

## Corridor ID Timeline

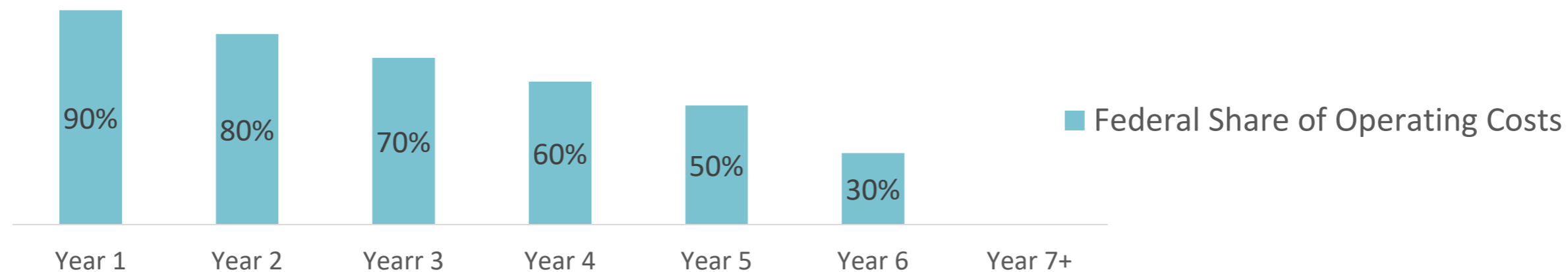


# Existing State-Supported Services



# How Section 209 State Subsidy Works

- Calculation of state's financial operating responsibility
  - Amtrak estimates ridership, revenue, operating costs and state subsidy
- 209 cost categories include
  - Third Party Costs that are typically based on actuals (fuel, and host RR expenses)
  - Direct Route Costs
  - Shared Costs (e.g., if there is also Amtrak long distance service on all or part of the route)
  - Additives for overhead and other items
  - Equipment Capital Charge for use of Amtrak owned equipment
- FRA Rail Restoration & Enhancement program

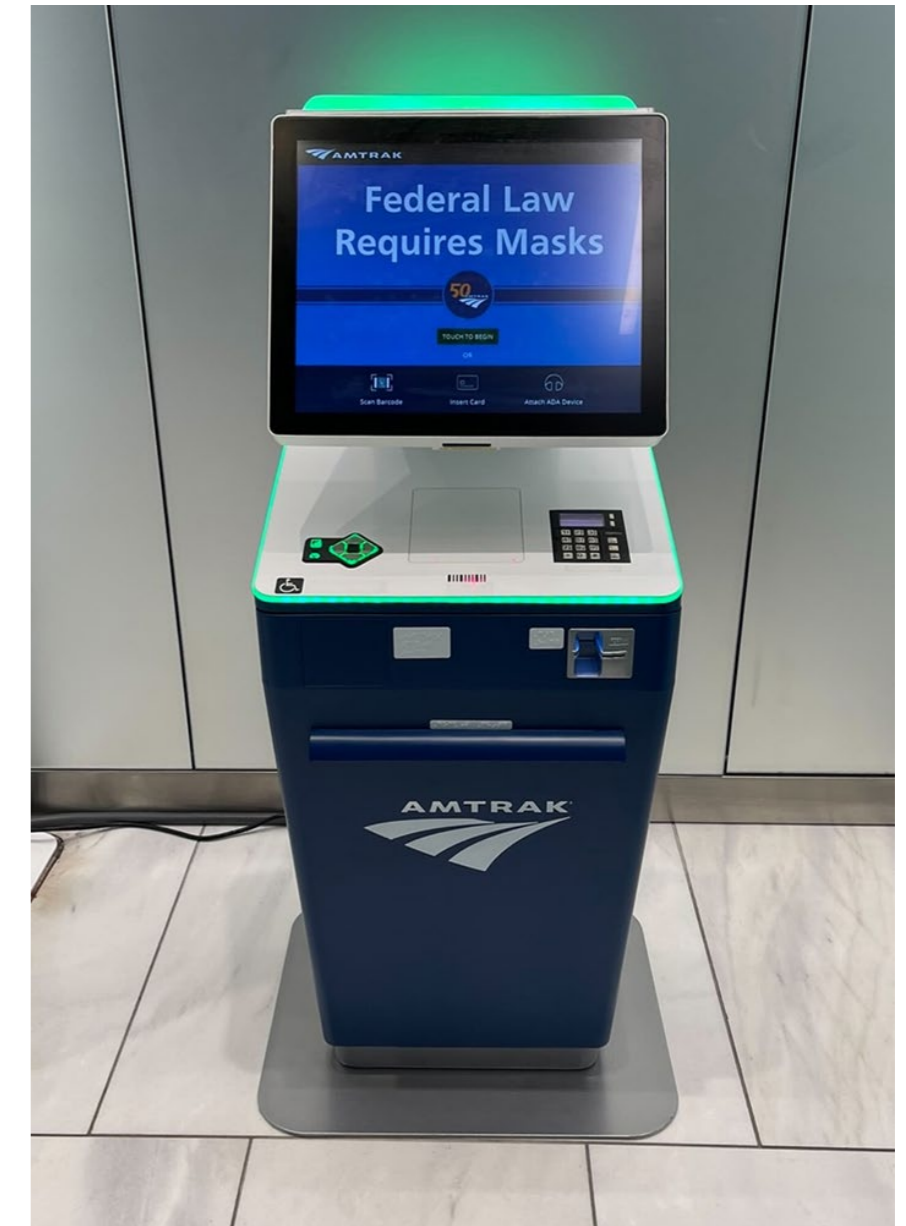
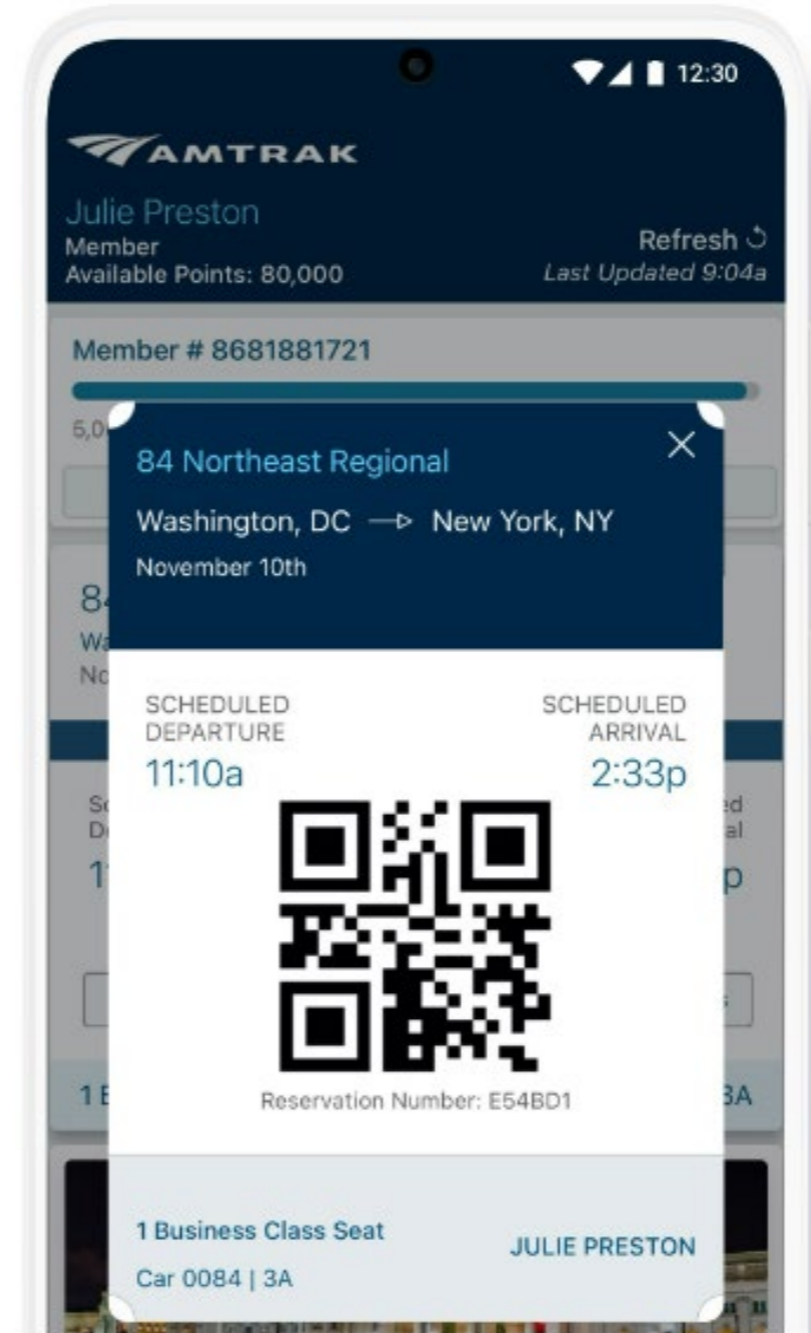


*State sponsor pays remainder of operating costs as allocated pursuant to Section 209 of PRIIA*



# How Amtrak Addresses Pricing and Ticketing

- State driven strategy to address state's goals and priorities
- Amtrak systems can support different strategies



# Benefits of Amtrak as an Operator & Partner

- Statutory access to national network
- Access to Airo trainset options
- Access to existing rail facilities
- Access to R&E grant funding
- Ability to run demonstration trains





## Amtrak can leverage our expertise and resources to support Corridor Development

- Support and develop Service Development Plans
- Develop detailed service, fleet and financial plans
- Support environmental reviews
- Develop and negotiate state, Amtrak, host railroad agreements
- Design, plan, and construct upgraded rail lines and stations, acquire trainsets, and other necessary capital investments
- Create operating plan and launch service
- Support public outreach, advocacy, and stakeholder engagement throughout process





# 2023 Near-term Service Expansion

Route	Launch
Fourth Piedmont Train	Spring 2023
Great River (Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago)	Summer 2023
Fifth & Sixth Cascades Trains	Late 2023
Gulf Coast	TBD





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