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Amtrak Long-Distance Rail Overview & Study

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Amtrak Long-Distance Service Overview

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What are Long-Distance Routes?

Statutorily Defined

Routes 750 miles or longer, between endpoints that Amtrak operates, as of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008.

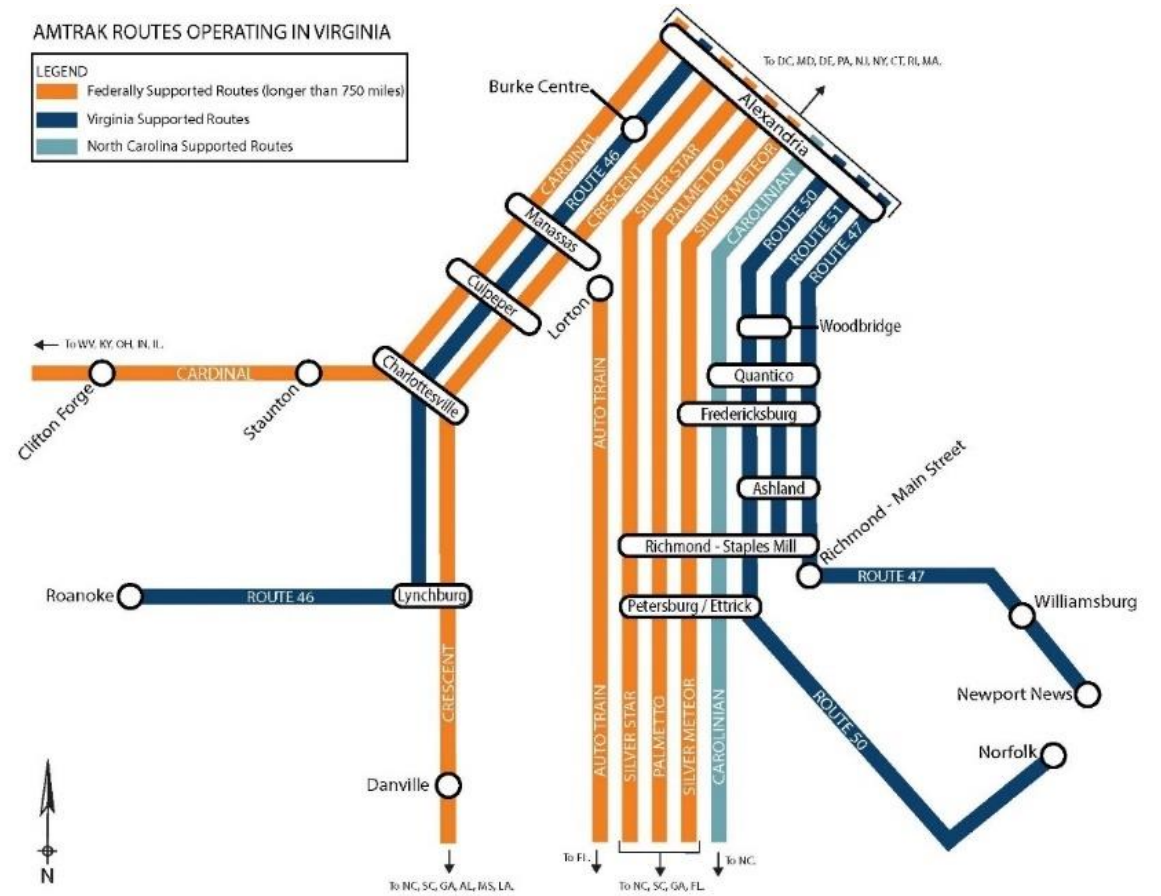
Practically Applied

Amtrak operates 15 long-distance trains, ranging from approximately 760 to 2,500 miles. Long distance trains provide service at nearly half of the train stations in the Amtrak system.

What are Long-Distance Routes?

Where do they run?

Some states have long distance service adjacent or connecting to state-supported service, which generally runs more frequently.



What are Long-Distance Routes?

Connections

In FY21, over 17 percent of Long-Distance customers connected to another Amtrak route.

Service Line / Route	Acela	Long Distance	Northeast Regional	State Corridors	Total - Connecting to Another Route
Acela	0	904	3,112	4,961	8,977
Long Distance	904	125,222	31,565	237,681	395,372
Northeast Regional	3,112	31,565	0	153,486	188,163
State Corridors	4,961	237,681	153,486	520,895	917,023
Total	8,977	395,372	188,163	917,023	1,509,535

Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study

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About the Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 requires the FRA to conduct a study to evaluate the restoration of daily intercity rail passenger service along —

- any Amtrak long-distance routes that were discontinued; and
- any Amtrak long-distance routes that occur on a nondaily basis.
- FRA may also evaluate potential new Amtrak long-distance routes, including with specific attention provided to routes in service as of April 1971 but not continued by Amtrak.

Considerations for Potential New Long-Distance Routes



Link and serve large and small communities as part of a regional rail network

Advance the economic and social well-being of rural areas of the United States

Provide enhance connectivity for the national long-distance passenger rail system

Reflect public engagement and local and regional support of restored passenger rail service

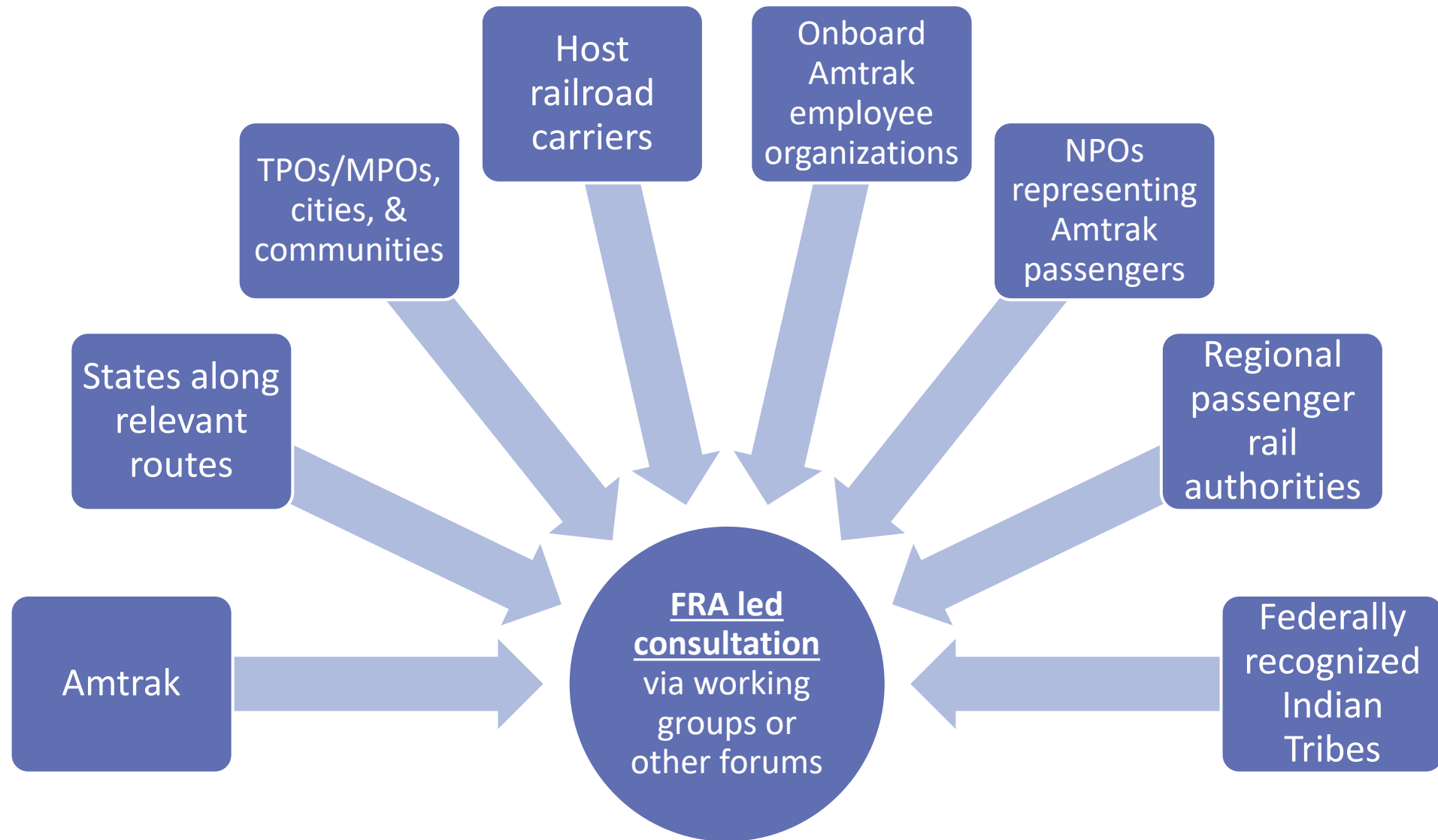
Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study - FRA's Preliminary Vision

Common long-term vision for long-distance passenger rail service, and capital projects needed to implement that vision, based on existing conditions, future travel demand, and the role of long-distance services in the linking communities across the country.

Potential institutional arrangements, financial requirements, and planning and development activities needed to implement the vision.

Strategies for Amtrak and other key stakeholders for implementation and coordination in development of long-distance routes, including potential opportunities and efficiencies in Amtrak's management and implementation of long-distance services.

Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study Stakeholder Consultation



Long-Distance Study Scope of Work

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Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study - Scope of Work

1: Detailed Work Plan

2: Agency, Stakeholder, Public Engagement

3: Previous Long-Distance Services

4: Current Long-Distance Services and Travel Market

5: Methods and Tools

6: Restoration and Expansion Concepts

7: Preferred Options and Prioritization

8: Costs, Benefits, Financing

9: Recommendations for Implementation

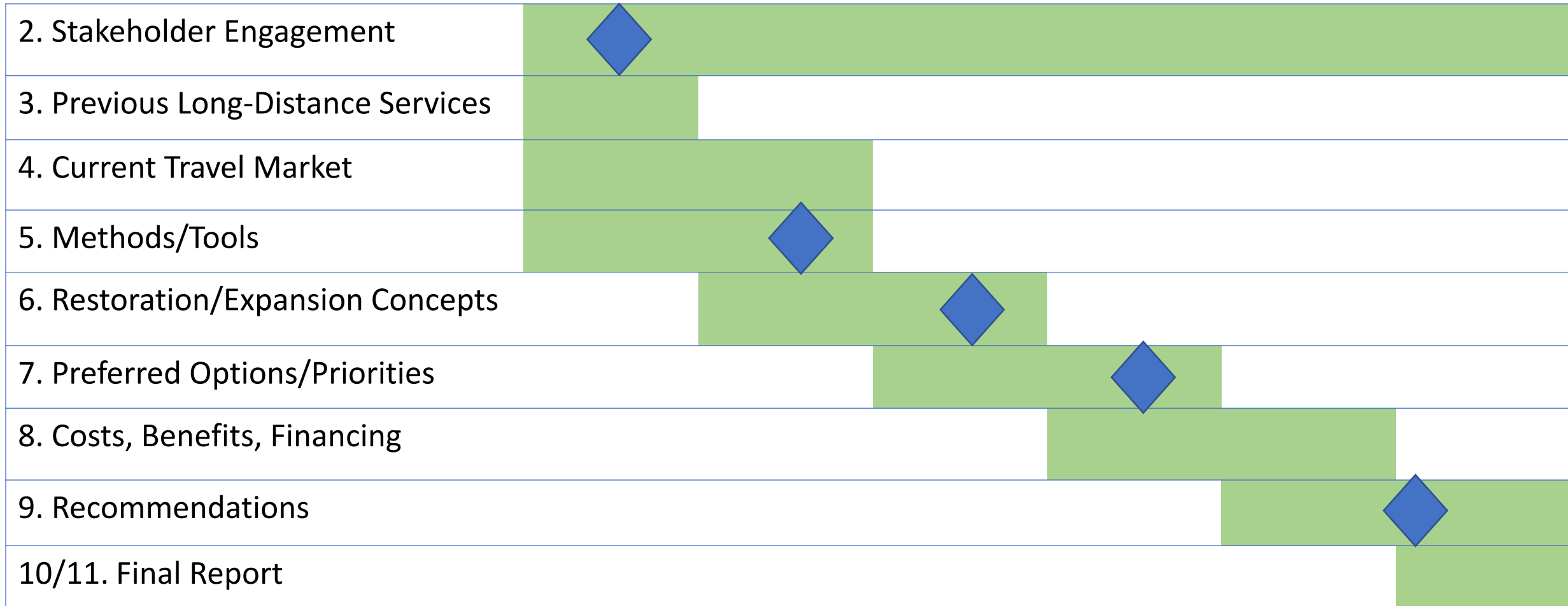
10: Draft Report

11: Final Report



Engagement

Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study - Schedule



 Engagement Point

Long-Distance Study Workshop Preview

At Thursday's Workshop, we are hoping to learn more from our partners about:

- Stakeholder priorities for the study – building on those identified in the BIL
- How stakeholders want to be involved and communication preferences
- Discuss best practices for encouraging the use of long-distance rail

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