

PASSENGER RAIL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIO IN 2023

RAIL GRANT PROCESS



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WHY RAIL?

*For a
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Midwest!*

- Rail travel is safe, affordable, reliable, environmentally conscious, and comfortable.
- Travel with your laptop out and WiFi on. Rail is made for comfort and ease!



WHAT IS ALL ABOARD OHIO?

CITIZENS ADVOCATING FOR BETTER PASSENGER RAIL

- Advocate for the innovation and development of a balanced, viable transportation system
- Support objective, nonpartisan research
- Educate the public about passenger rail in Ohio
- We are building a passenger rail coalition in Ohio

IMAGINE WITH US

FREQUENCY

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ROUND TRIPS DAILY
CLEVELAND-CINCINNATI

TRIP TIME

~2.5 HOURS

COLUMBUS TO CLEVELAND OR
COLUMBUS TO CINCINNATI

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$130 MILLION ANNUALLY

PLUS \$2.6 BILLION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY FROM ONE-TIME CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

Source: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR OHIO:

\$250 MILLION

NATIONAL FUNDING FOR
OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT

\$50 MILLION/YR

NATIONAL FUNDING FOR
OPERATIONS FOR 5 YEARS



BUT FIRST WE
NEED TO SAY

YES!



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WHAT IS THE PROCESS?

The Federal-State Partnership
for Intercity Passenger Rail
Corridor Identification and
Development Program

ELIGIBILITY

- Who can apply?
 - Amtrak
 - States
 - Groups of States
 - Interstate Compacts (like MIPRC)
 - Regional Planning Orgs
 - Political subdivisions of a State
- What corridors are eligible?
 - New and existing routes <750 miles
 - Ex: Cleveland-Columbus-Dayton-Cincinnati
- There is a separate program for improving existing and restarting discontinued long-distance routes
 - Ex: Chicago-Toledo-Cleveland-NYC
 - Ex: Chicago-Cincinnati-DC-NYC



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- Ohio 3C&D
 - Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati
 - Additional stations at CLE Hopkins airport, Crestline, Delaware, Springfield, Hamilton, and Sharonville



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- Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo
 - Potentially continuing on to Albany and NYC
- Cleveland, Pittsburgh
 - Potentially continuing on to Philly and NYC



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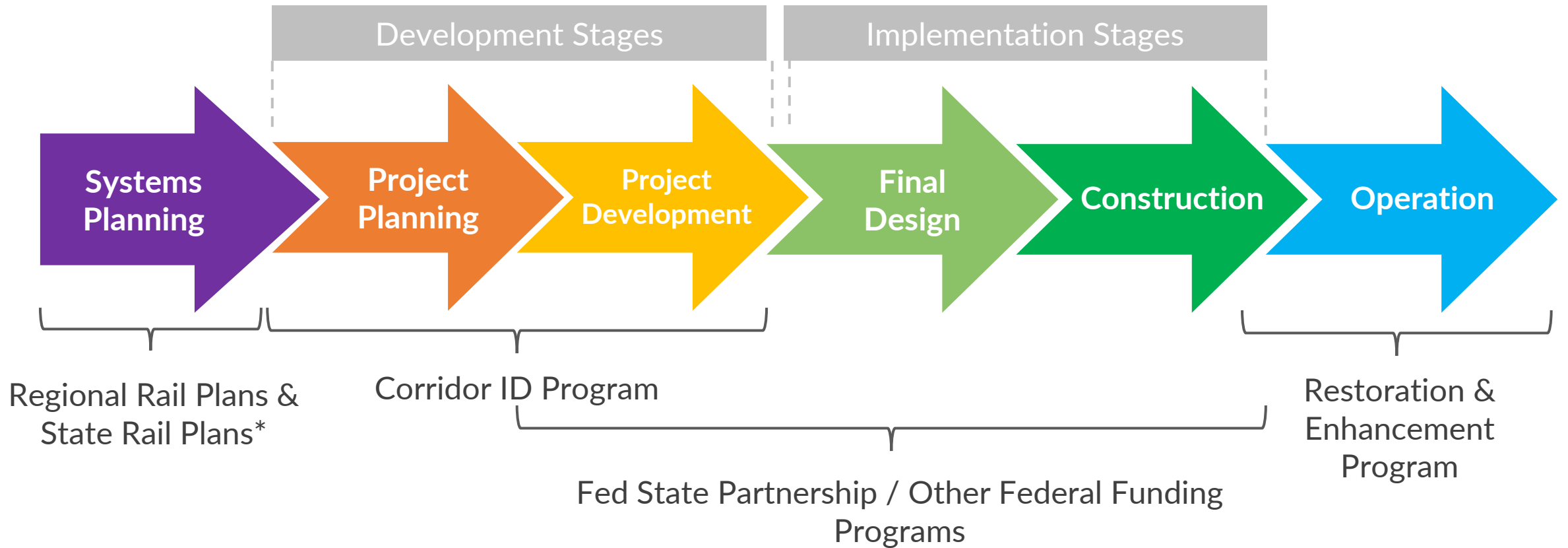
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FRA PROJECT LIFECYCLE STAGES – CORRESPONDING FRA FUNDING PROGRAMS



*Regional Rail Planning and State Rail Plans may be funded through other FRA funding programs.

PROJECT STAGES

Stage 1

Project Planning

Stage 2

Project Development

Stage 3

Final Design/Construction





STAGE 1

PROJECT PLANNING

- Once a corridor is selected, sponsor develops scope, schedule, and budget for PLANNING effort

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| Typical Cost | ~\$500k |
| Federal Share | 100% |
| Local Share | 0% match |



STAGE 2

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- Create Service Development Plan (SDP)
 - Preliminary Engineering
 - Environmental Review
 - Detailed project schedule and cost estimate

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| Typical Cost | \$XX determined by Stage 1 |
| Federal Share | 90% |
| Local Share | 10% local match |



STAGE 3

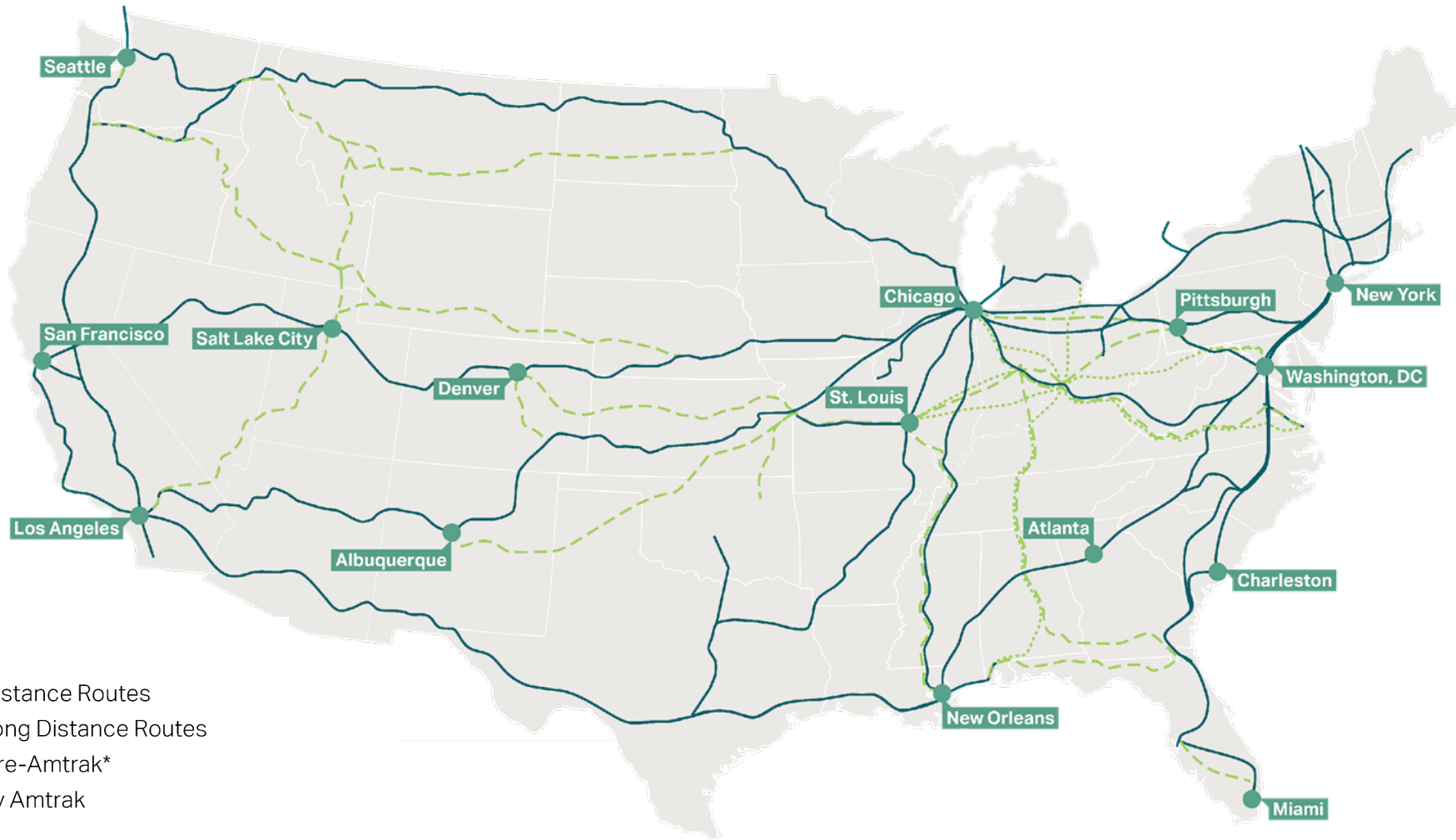
FINAL DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION

- Design is finalized
- Construction starts

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| Typical Cost | \$XX determined by Stage 2 SDP |
| Federal Share | 80% |
| Local Share | 20% local match |

AMTRAK DAILY LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE STUDY

EXISTING AND DISCONTINUED LONG-DISTANCE ROUTES



Rail Services

- Existing Amtrak Long Distance Routes
- - - Discontinued Amtrak Long Distance Routes
- Discontinued Service Pre-Amtrak*
- Major Cities Served by Amtrak

**Initial findings—to be evaluated after full identification of these routes*

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Amtrak Daily Long-Distance Service Study

Website: www.fralongdistancerailstudy.org

Email: contactus@fralongdistancerailstudy.org

Corridor ID Program:

Email: PaxRailDev@dot.gov

Detailed Solicitation Presentation: https://railroads.dot.gov/sites/fra.dot.gov/files/2022-10/Corridor-ID-Webinar_Solicitation-Preview-092722.pdf

Solicitation Webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSW9DOco13s>

FRA Grant Programs: <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/grants-loans>



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