

## WHY PASSENGER SERVICE NOW?

- Passenger rail services are engines that feed all parts of Maine's economy, including tourism, and rural economic development. They transport workforces.
- Passenger Rail transforms and revitalizes major downtowns, increasing property values. They create development opportunities.
- Rail dramatically reduces roadway congestion.
- Rail uses less fuel per unit carried than other transport modes, helping to meet Maine's climate action plan.
- Investments in rail outlast investments in highways by decades and paybacks are multi times over the original costs.
- Rail is the safest, most reliable, comfortable and time-efficient way to travel between cities. There is on board food services, bike storage, and Internet / Wi-Fi opportunities.
- Restoring this railway through Maine's state capitol provides opportunities for commuter and connecting services to Portland, Boston and beyond.
- With Wi-Fi, power outlets and tables, be productive on the train, instead of stuck in traffic!

## RESTORATION WILL COORDINATE WITH:

- Amtrak's **Downeaster**; linking with other potential passenger rail services to Maine's Mid-coast and the Lewiston / Auburn region.
- Freight service will be run at night, between daytime passenger trains.
- Investing in rail brings many construction jobs, and permanent jobs to operate the services.



**The Brunswick Station complex includes restaurants, medical offices, retail shops, a visitor center and a 52-room hotel along with the train station adjacent to the train platform.**

- Rail transit breaks down economic and social barriers across the state, bringing development opportunities to cities, towns and regions.

## PUBLIC SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL!

**A wide range of public outreach is essential to educate and earn support from Maine citizens for the project during the Feasibility and Service Development stages.**

With positive public support, **MaineDOT** will enter the **Project Development Phase** of the **Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) "New Starts Program"**, which includes an environmental review, options review. This, final option will be integrated into Maine's transportation plan.



Electrified passenger rail cars can operate on Maine owned Solar, Wind and Hydro green energy. It will be carbon free forever!

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## GOALS:

The Maine Rail Group believes that passenger rail service extending from Brunswick to Bangor is a strategic investment in Maine's future. We want these 3 goals met in 2021-2022.

1. **Preserve Maine's state owned rail corridor** from Brunswick to Augusta. It is currently inactive, with minor breaks in continuity in Richmond, Hallowell and Augusta and is legally reserved for rail use. We want is legislatively protected as a rail corridor!
2. **A professional feasibility study** to be completed to determine the scope, costs and advantages of passenger rail through Augusta onto Waterville and Bangor. We envision this study would not exceed \$300,000, shared two-thirds by the State of Maine and one-third by major municipalities and private sources.
3. Begin work on a service **development plan** for the restoration of rail service between Brunswick and Bangor, coordinated with the Downeaster Service. This will open rail travel options for down-east Maine and southward to Portland and Boston. Also coordinate with other proposed rail services between Portland and Lewiston/Auburn.

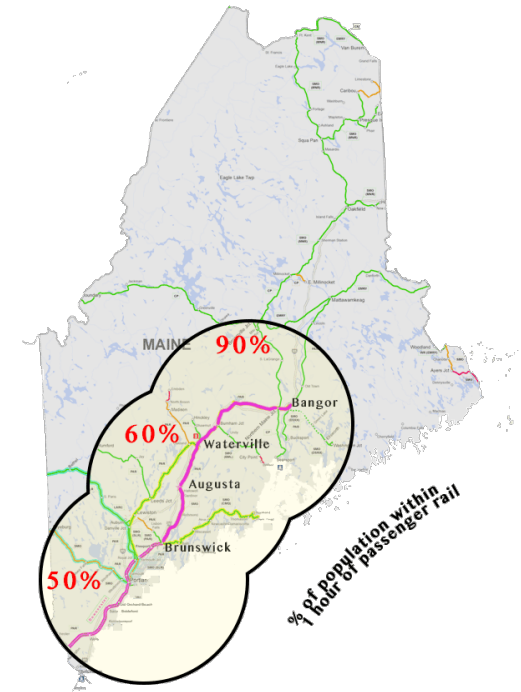
## INVEST IN MAINE'S FUTURE!



Maine has great potential to develop a first rate economy while protecting the environment.

- Coupled with high speed internet dependable all weather rail transportation will enable people to enjoy Maine's environment while living and doing business throughout Maine.
- Better transportation will keep and grow young people to stay and succeed in today's economy.
- Mainers (including young people and Seniors) will be able to take advantage of activities in urban areas and return home without having to drive and find parking in urban areas.
- Commuting by rail will alleviate congested, accident-prone commuter corridors along Rt. 95 & 295.
- Restoration of passenger rail will promote new economic development in the communities and regions that it serves.
- This process will bring Federal Money to pay for the majority of the project.

## Bring Passenger Rail To Augusta, Waterville & Bangor.



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