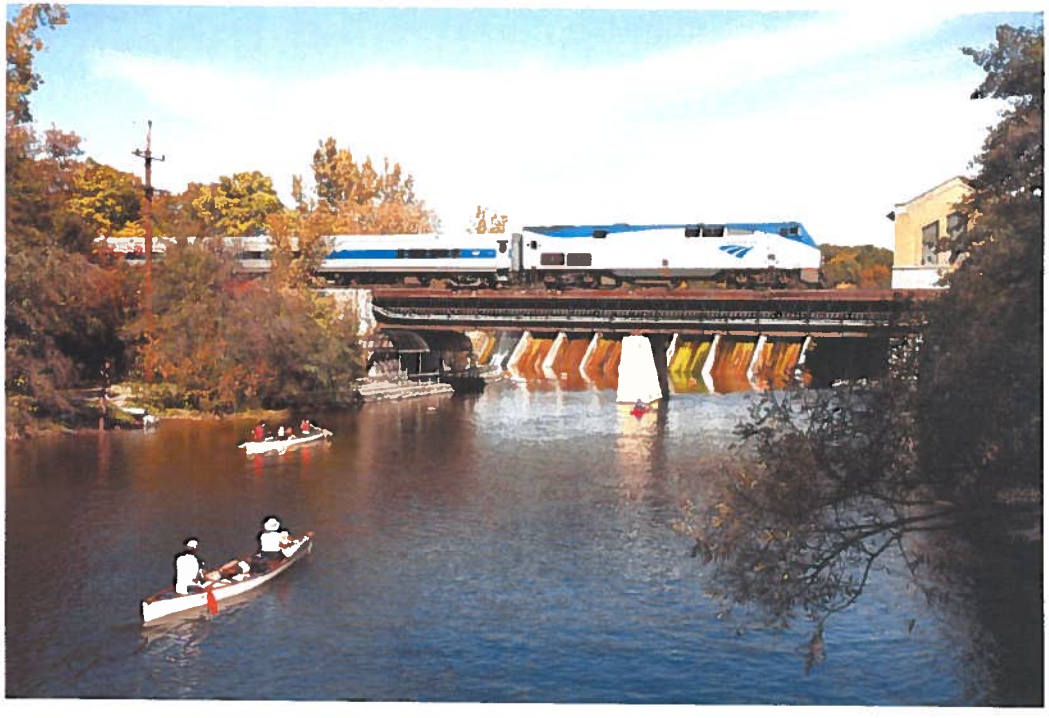

Amtrak in Michigan

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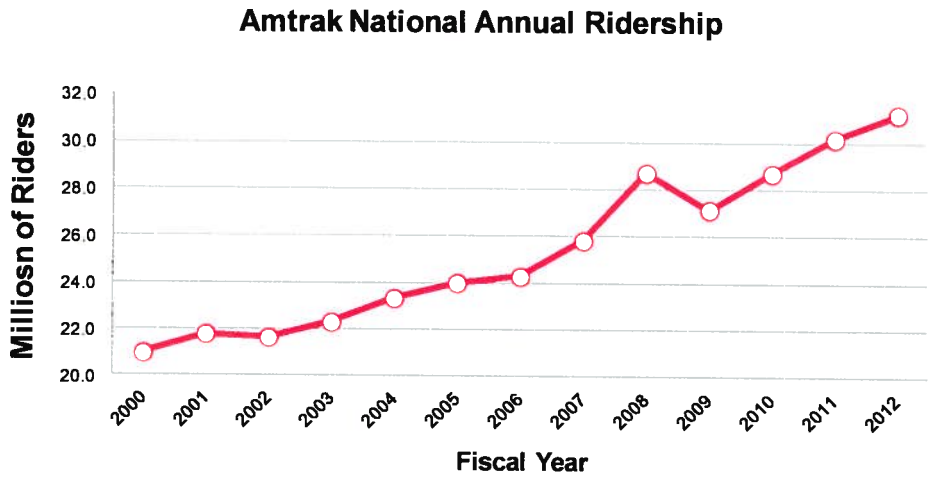
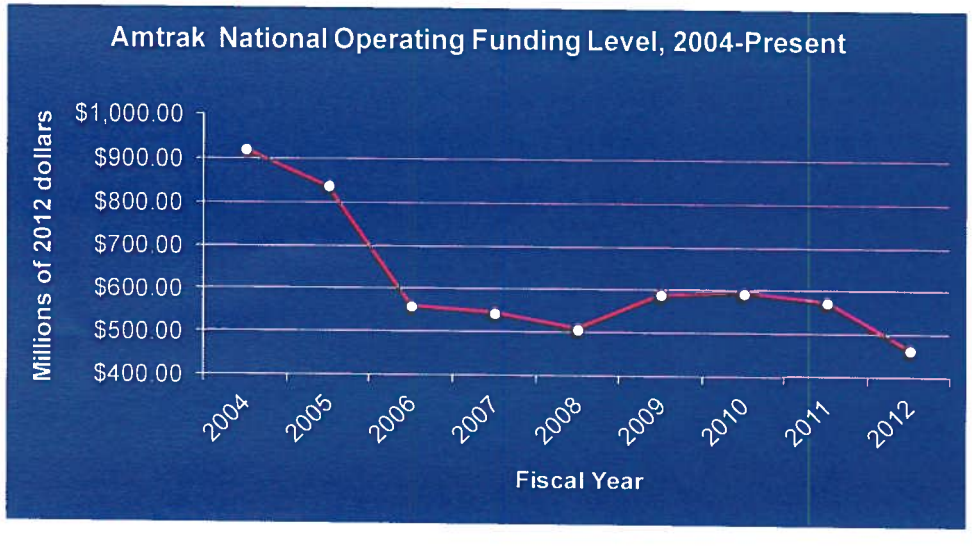
System Overview



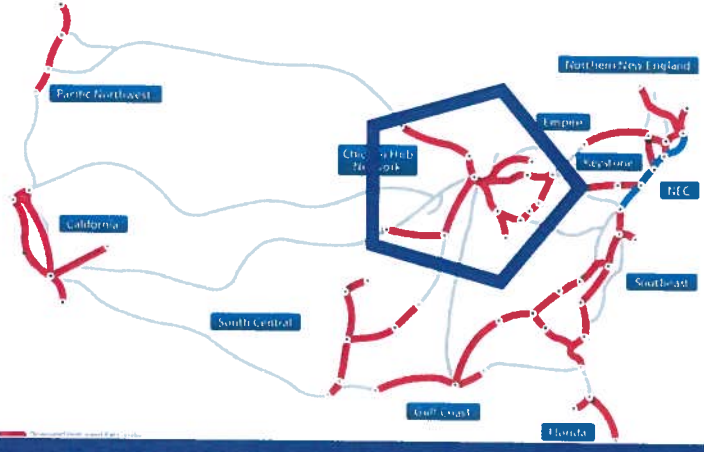


- The system and the region
- Projects in Michigan
- Projects in other on-corridor states
- Amtrak's contribution to the Michigan economy

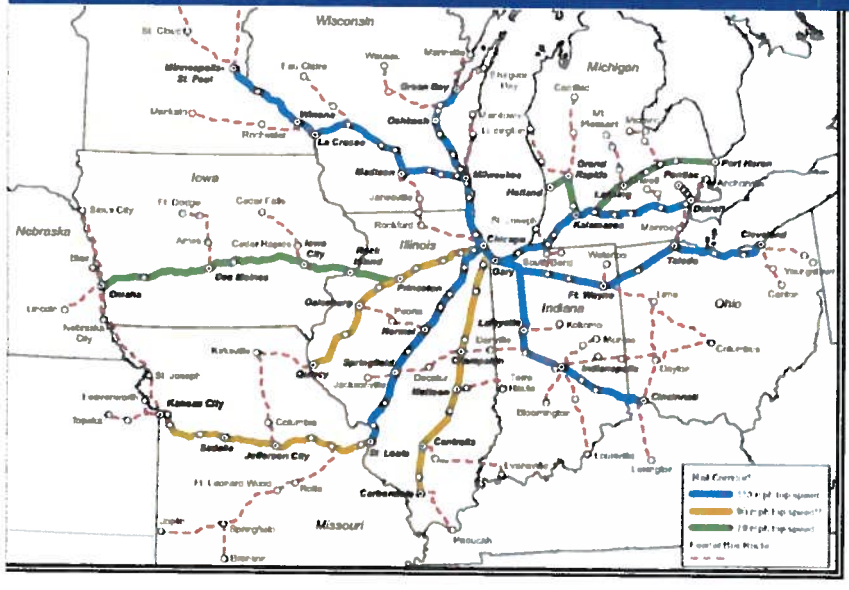
The Amtrak System

- Amtrak operates America's national intercity passenger rail system:
  - 305 weekday trains
  - 21,200 route-miles
  - Serves 46 States, 3 Canadian provinces, and Washington, DC
- FY2012, system ridership record of **31.2 M** passengers
  - 9th such record in the past 10 years
  - $2 billion in ticket revenue
  - System recovers 88% of its operating costs
  - If Amtrak was an airline, it would be the 6th largest in America (based on domestic ridership)

A vision for the region



Amtrak's ability to transcend state boundaries has helped us develop effective regional partnerships

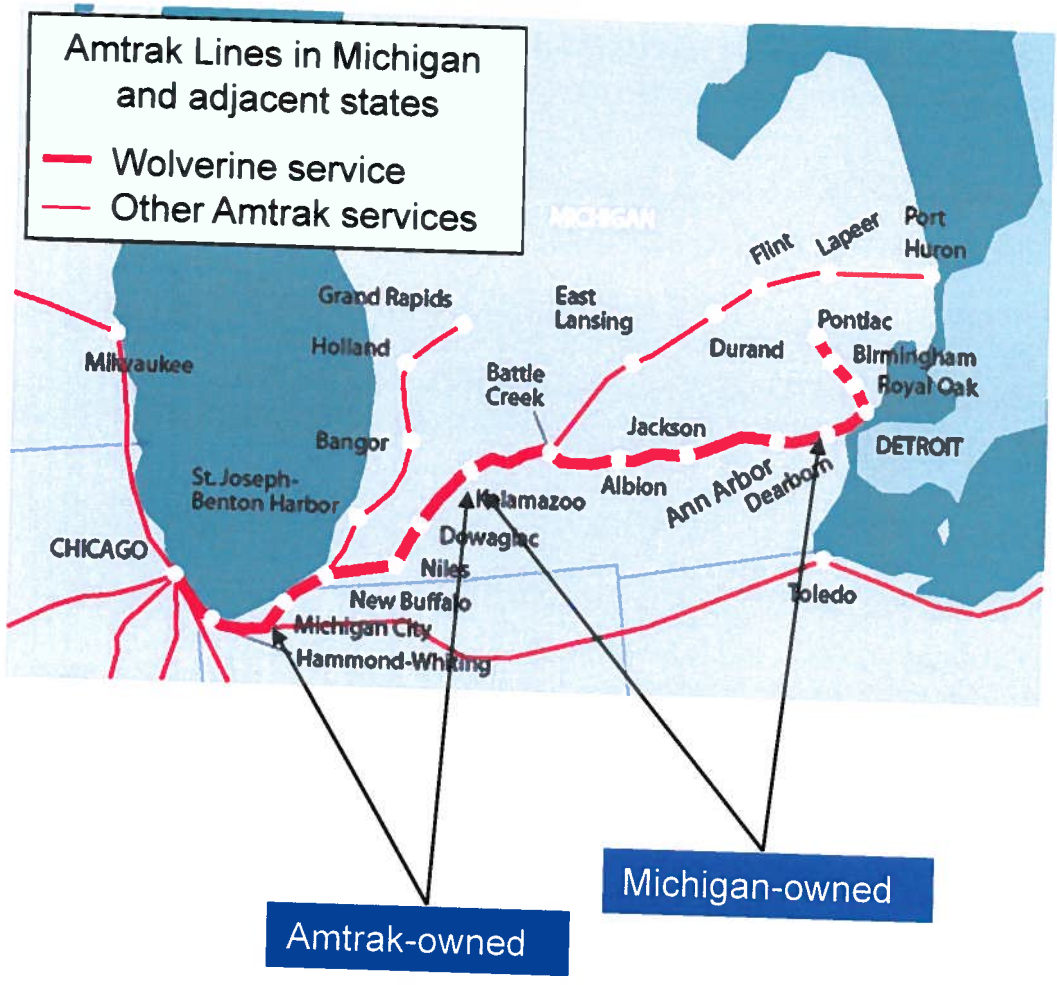


- Key regional and national programs
- Amtrak partners with four states in the Midwest: MI, IL WI, MI

Chicago Hub

- 4th busiest station nationally
- 56 daily trains
- Both transcontinental and regional service
- 24 of 56 trains supported in part by states

Amtrak Michigan Service



- Amtrak serves 22 stations in Michigan with:
  - *Wolverine* service (3x daily, Chicago-Ann Arbor-Detroit-Pontiac)
  - *Blue Water* (daily Port Huron-Chicago)
  - *Pere Marquette* (daily Grand Rapids-Chicago)
- Owns the 97-mile "Michigan Line" between Porter, Indiana and Kalamazoo
- Ridership on 3 Michigan services has grown by almost 60% since 2000
  - 493,474 in 2000
  - 782,652 in 2012

Our vision for the Chicago-Detroit Corridor

ITCS Positive Train Control installation On Amtrak's Michigan Line

- We have a strong partner in the state of Michigan
  - Since 1990, state has invested about $65M in equipment and infrastructure
  - This is the opportunity of a lifetime
- Upgrade Kalamazoo-Dearborn section recently bought by state
- Vision
  1. Increase safety and reliability
  2. Continue ridership and revenue growth
  3. Reduce trip time (Chicago-to-Detroit in <4 hours)
  4. Increase frequency of trains

Our vision for service improvement spans state boundaries – and will deliver benefits throughout the Midwest

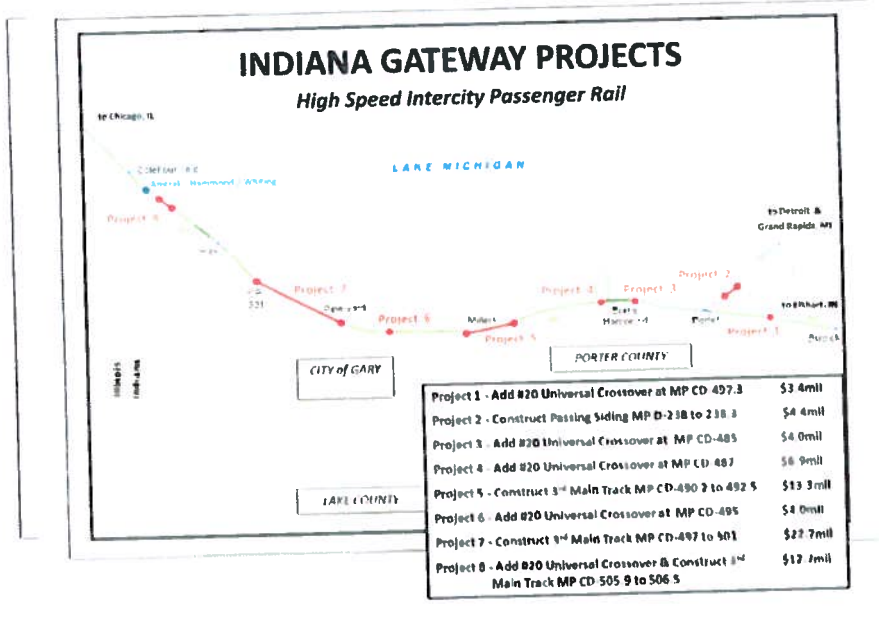
Michigan line projects

Service Improvements on Michigan Amtrak Lines

- Porter-Kalamazoo segment now hosts 110 mph service
- State purchase of Kalamazoo-Dearborn segment sets stage for next round of improvements

As of February 16, nearly 80% of the 281-mile Chicago-Detroit line is publicly owned

Other Projects



Indiana Gateway

- $71.36 million in HSIPR funding to Indiana (2014)
- Eliminate Amtrak/Norfolk Southern chokepoint

Englewood Flyover

- $133 million in federal funding (in construction)
- Will eliminate **100%** of delays at this junction

South-of-The-Lake study ongoing to find best route between Chicago and Indiana/Michigan state line

Station projects in Michigan

Ann Arbor: Environmental and preliminary engineering for station relocation project funded

Battle Creek: Complete station rehabilitation finished in June, 2012

Troy-Birmingham: Groundbreaking for new intermodal facility in November, 2012, with expected completion in 2013.

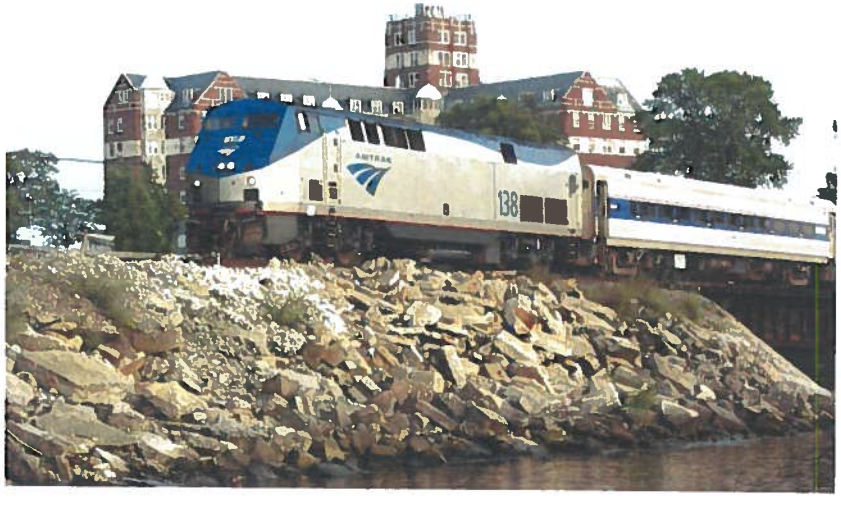
Dearborn: Construction of a new multimodal Amtrak and transit facility began April 10, 2012, with completion expected in 2013.

East Lansing/Lansing: New ADA-compliant platform planned for the existing facility in 2014.

Grand Rapids: Construction on new multimodal center set to begin in 2013.

Jackson: Over $1.2 million invested since 2008 to rehabilitate the historic station

Amtrak and the local economy



- Make important contributions to state economy
  - Payroll and procurements
  - $25.7 million* for local businesses (hotels, restaurants, etc)
  - $22.7 million* in benefits to travelers (both riders and non-riders benefit!)

*Per 2009 study by Grand Valley State University for Michigan DOT

Amtrak spending in Michigan

- Amtrak spent more than $31 million for goods and services in Michigan in 2012
  - Port Huron (more than $2 million)
  - Romulus (more than $19 million)
  - Roseville (more than $2.8 million)
  - Southfield (more than $1.7 million)
- Amtrak employed 152 Michigan residents in 2012
  - We're in the process of adding 46 employees who will be based in Jackson, Ypsilanti and Battle Creek
- Our 2012 payroll in Michigan was $10 million
- Amtrak employees paid more than $406,000 in state and local taxes in 2012

Conclusion

National, regional, and local; we are *America's Railroad*