

# Amtrak's Arizona Vision: Connect Fast-Growing Cities with Frequent and Sustainable Amtrak Service



## Vision: New Tucson-Phoenix-West Valley Service

- **3** daily roundtrips
- **2:25** Phoenix-Tucson trip time  
*vs. 2:30 peak driving time*
- **3:05** Buckeye-Tucson trip time

## Expand sustainable travel, create economic impact

- **200,000** riders annually
- **\$77.7 million** in annual economic impact
- **\$2.3 billion** in economic activity from capital investments  
*based on \$923 million projected total capital investment necessary*
- **3 years** estimated minimum time required to start service

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# What's Next: Amtrak is ready to move quickly in collaboration with Arizona, cities, and other partners

## 1. Partnership for analysis

- Conduct feasibility study.
- Consider implementation options and develop service plan.

## 2. Secure federal funding

- Develop Amtrak and state funding plan.
- Amtrak proposes that federal funding cover up to 100% of initial capital investments and early operational costs.

## 3. Initiate capital investments and begin operations

- Execute state, Amtrak and host railroad agreements.
- Upgrade rail line, develop stations, acquire trainsets, and initiate other necessary capital investments.
- Finalize operating plan and begin service.

### Case Study

#### ***Front Range Corridor in Colorado***

*The Front Range Corridor, proposed new Amtrak service to connect Denver with cities in Colorado and Wyoming, offers one potential model for next steps to advance service.*

- ✓ Active collaboration with states, Colorado DOT, cities, Amtrak, FRA, host railroads, and others.
- ✓ Established *Southwest Chief and Front Range Passenger Rail Commission* to evaluate and advance future passenger rail service.
- ✓ Performed analysis of implementation options.
- ✓ Created *Front Range Passenger Rail District* with authority to secure funding.