

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. Secure federal funding

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

2. Perform analysis

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

3. Initiate capital investments and begin operations

- 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.