

The case for extending Passenger rail service

- Grow all parts of Maine's economy, including tourism & rural economic development.
- Transport Maine's workforce from their homes to their jobs.
- Rebuild and revitalize major downtowns to create development opportunities for small businesses.
- Clean the air! Rail is greener than other transportation modes, a plus for Maine's climate action plan.
- Long-term savings as rail investments outlast highways and help take traffic off the road systems.



A Positive Investment In Maine's Future

Passenger rail allows Maine to develop a first-rate economy while protecting the environment.

- Connecting Maine with all-weather transportation.
- Encouraging young people to stay and succeed in today's economy.
- Enjoying urban areas without having to drive and find parking.
- Promoting new economic development in all regions of Maine.

Maine Rail Group

A non-profit group working to enhance rail service in Maine and New England.

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Restarting Passenger Rail AUGUSTA, WATERVILLE, & BANGOR

Getting Maine Back On Track

Encouraging economic development, while keeping Maine the place we love.



Movement Is Already Underway

- LD 227 was passed by the legislature to fund an anticipated ridership (propensity) study.

Next Steps Forward

- Gain funding by municipal partnerships.
- Create a Feasibility and Development plan to study types of service and possible stations.
- Build public awareness of the plan and the advantages of restarting passenger service.
- 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.

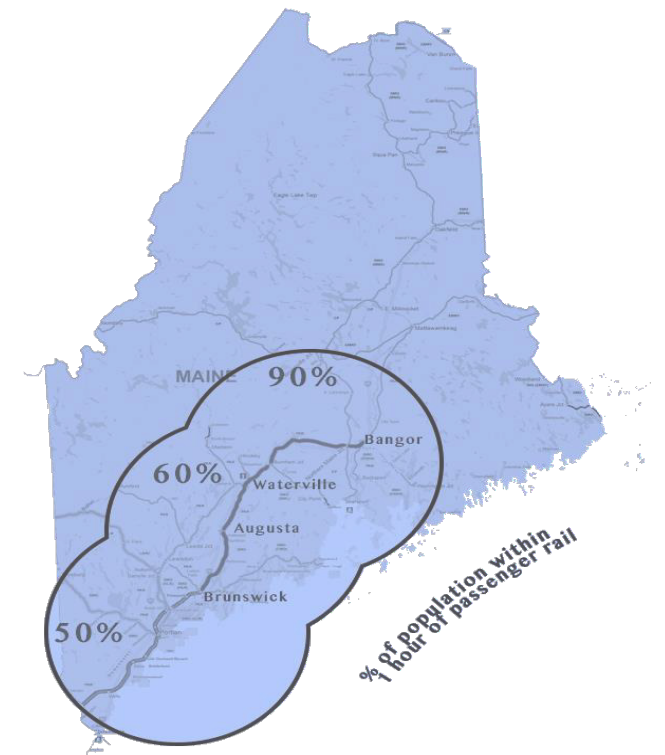
NEW OPPORTUNITIES

- Links with Amtrak’s Downeaster to Boston and beyond.
- Opens economic possibilities in Northern Maine communities.
- Connects college students across the State.
- Expands safe transportation alternatives for Seniors.
- Creates relaxing travel with Wi-Fi, power outlets and tables.

YOU CAN HELP!

- Contact your City Council, State Senator, & State Representative to tell them you support passenger rail to Bangor.
- Contact Senators King and Collins & Representatives Golden and Pingree to tell them you support Federal Infrastructure investment for passenger rail in Maine.
- Follow updates on the Maine Rail Group Facebook page and MaineRailGroup.org website.
- Attend MaineDOT informational meetings.
- Talk to friends about your support of passenger rail to Bangor

Southern Maine Has Been Rail-connected To The Rest Of The Nation Since 2001



NOW is the TIME for AUGUSTA, WATERVILLE and BANGOR to **JOIN** the **NETWORK**