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FRA Funding & Corridor ID Program Overview

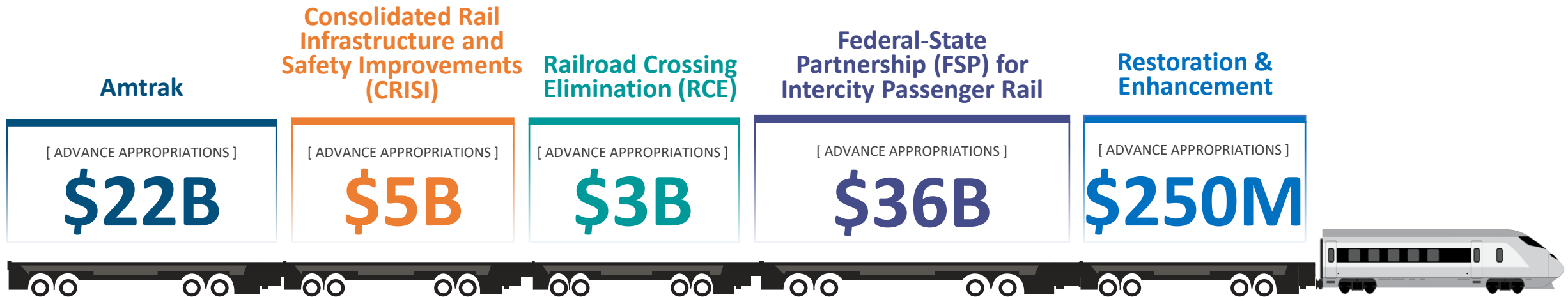
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[ADVANCE APPROPRIATIONS]

From FY22-FY26

\$66B in total funding



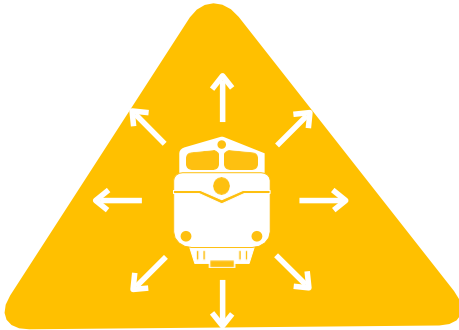
Corridor ID Program Overview

Build the foundation for a long-term rail program



Corridor ID creates a foundational framework for identifying and developing new or improved intercity passenger rail (IPR) services. Under the program, FRA will:

Bring world-class passenger rail service to regions across the country



Solicit proposal for implementing new or improving existing IPR services

Select corridors for development

Partner with corridor sponsor to prepare (or update) a Service Development Plan (SDP)

Grow a safer, cleaner, more equitable rail system



SDP includes a “corridor project inventory”

Corridor project inventories populate a prioritized “pipeline” of projects

Projects in the Corridor ID Pipeline are eligible for funding under FRA’s financial assistance programs

Additional Resources

FRA Grant Program Webinars

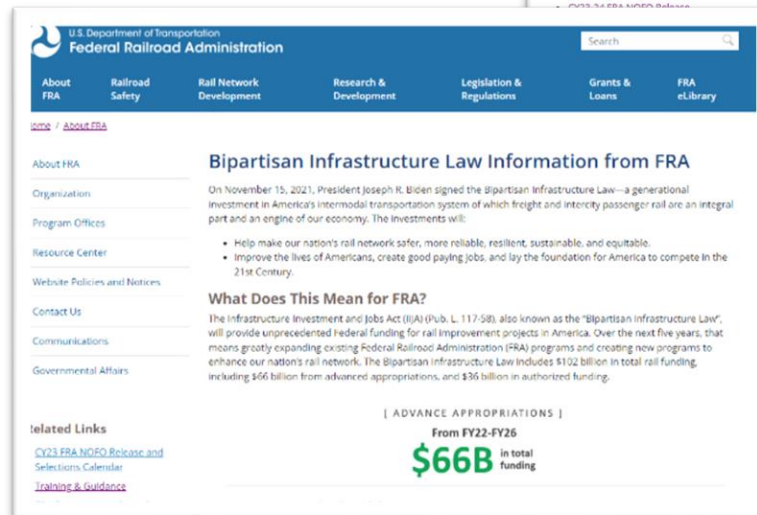
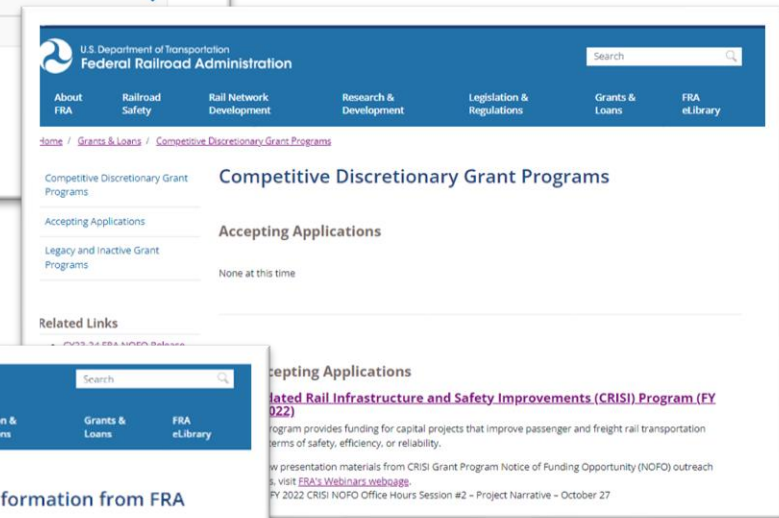
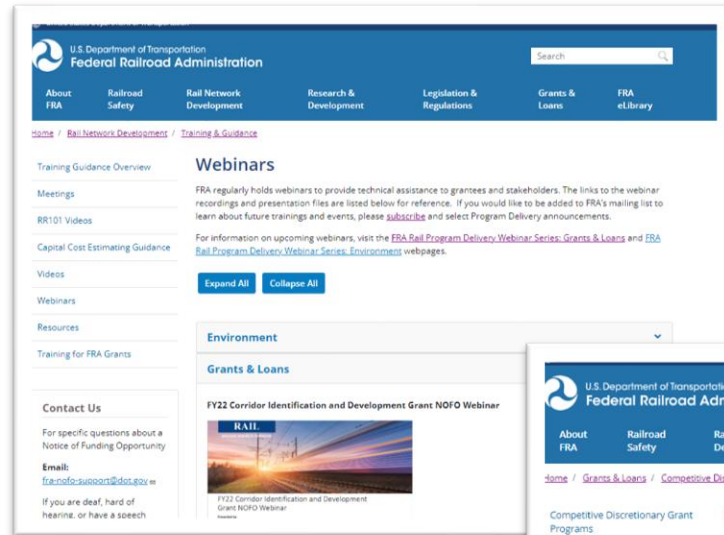
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FRA Competitive Discretionary Grant Programs

- fra.dot.gov/grants

FRA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Information

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Key Actions



**Empower
Our People**



**Grow the
Business**



**Drive
Transformation**



**Delight Our
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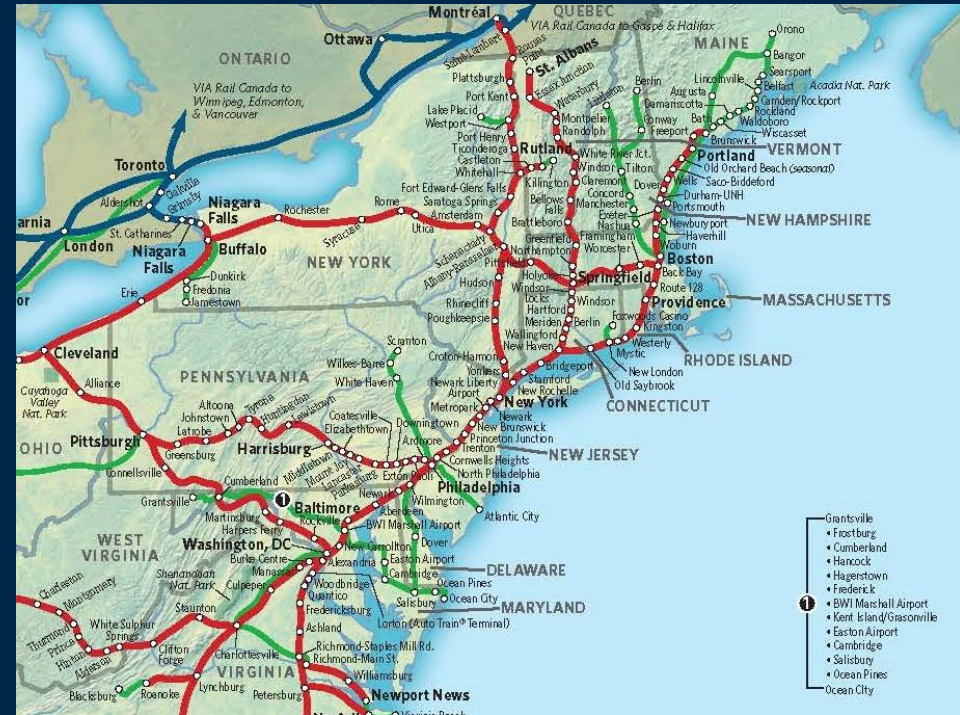


Current Cross Border Services

Amtrak Cascades to Vancouver



*Adirondack to Montreal
Maple Leaf to Toronto*





Key Partners / Public Safety



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection



Canada Border Services Agency Agence des services
frontaliers du Canada



Homeland
Security



Public Safety
Canada

Sécurité publique
Canada



Key Partners / Transportation Agencies



U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Railroad Administration





Key Partners / Transportation Agencies



Transport
Canada

Transports
Canada



Ministry of
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Québec 

Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable

Ontario 



Key Partners / Rail Operators





Key Partners / Other Stakeholders

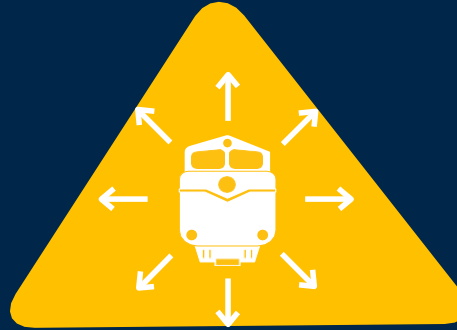




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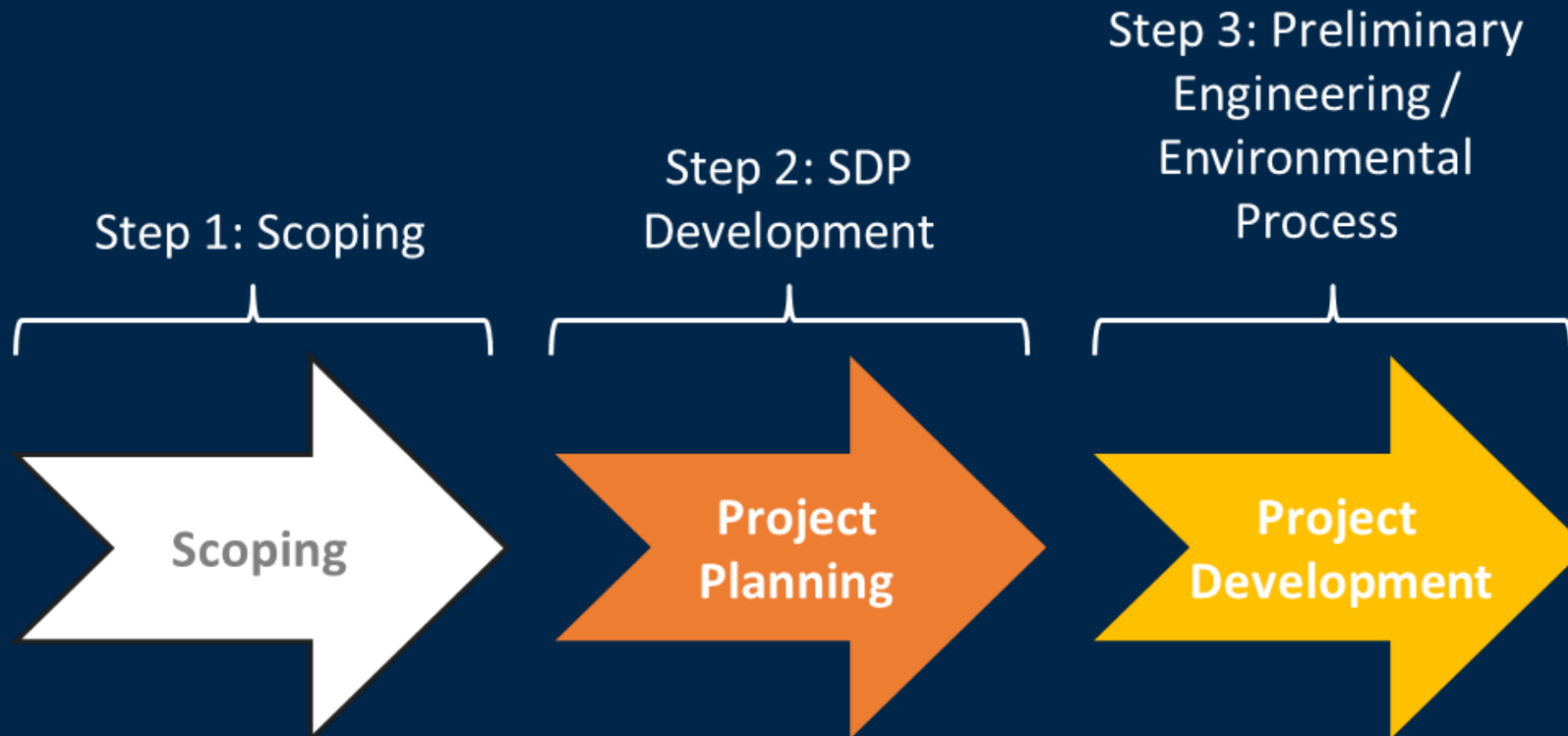
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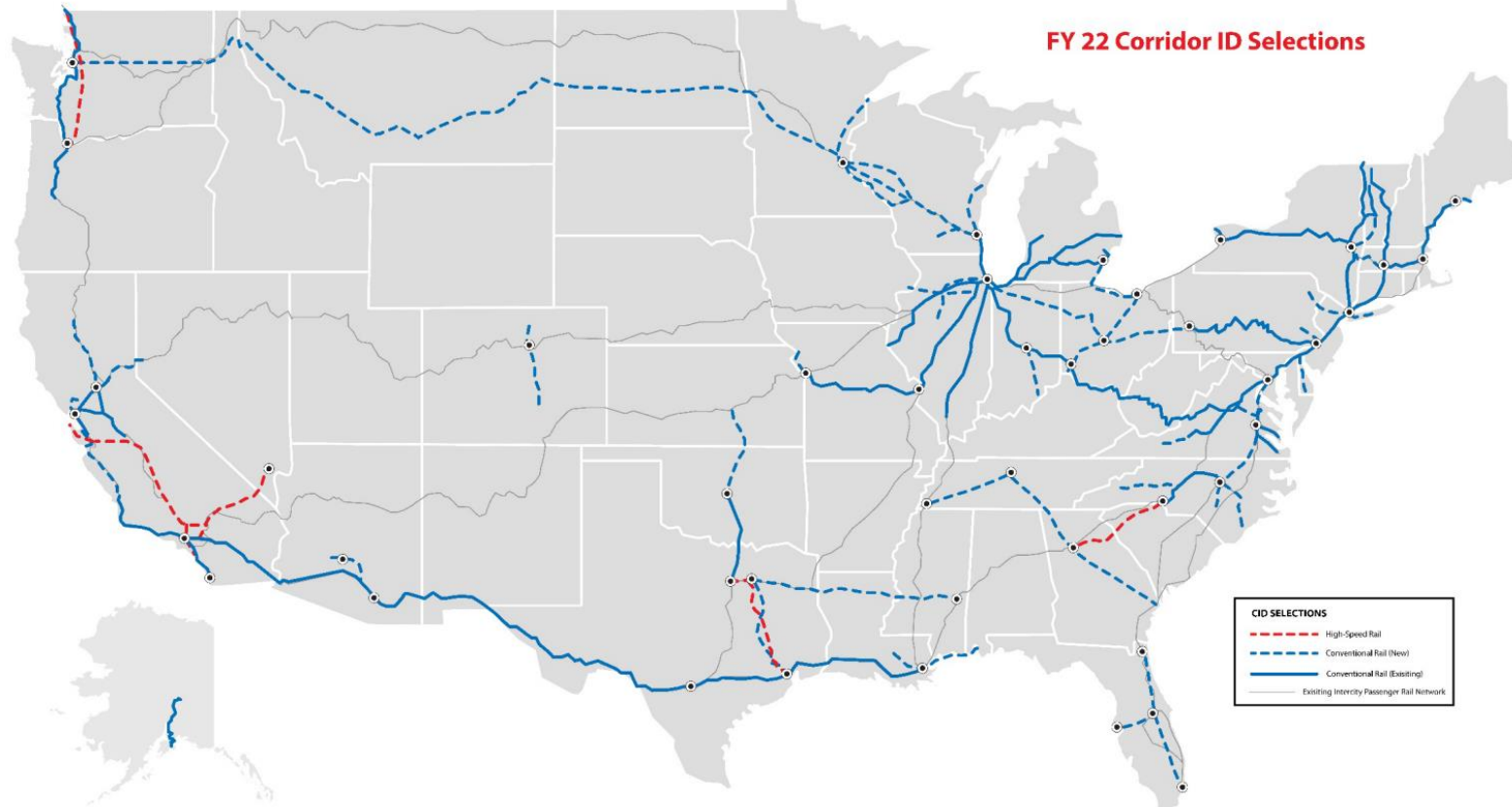


FRA Corridor ID Program



Investments to Enhance Intercity Passenger Rail

Laying the foundation for world-class rail in America



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Cross Border Improvements

West

Transition from pre-inspection to preclearance at Vancouver Pacific Central Station for *Amtrak Cascades*

Working towards sterile corridor enhancements

Central

Wolverine extension from Chicago/Detroit <> Windsor connecting to VIA Rail service
CBP preclearance and CBSA arrivals at VIA Station in Windsor
Project development/design and funding requests in Canada are underway

East

CBP preclearance and CBSA arrivals at Montreal Central Station
Serves *Adirondack* and future expansion (*Vermont* extension and *Adirondack* improvements)

Eliminate stops in both directions at Rouses Point/Lacolle for the *Adirondack*

Québec government completing concept design for Montreal facility

Continued work on improvements at Rouses Point/Lacolle LPOEs



Other Considerations



Sterile corridor



Capital and operating funding



Border agency resource prioritization



Ongoing partnerships



Connecting more
people and more places



Thank you

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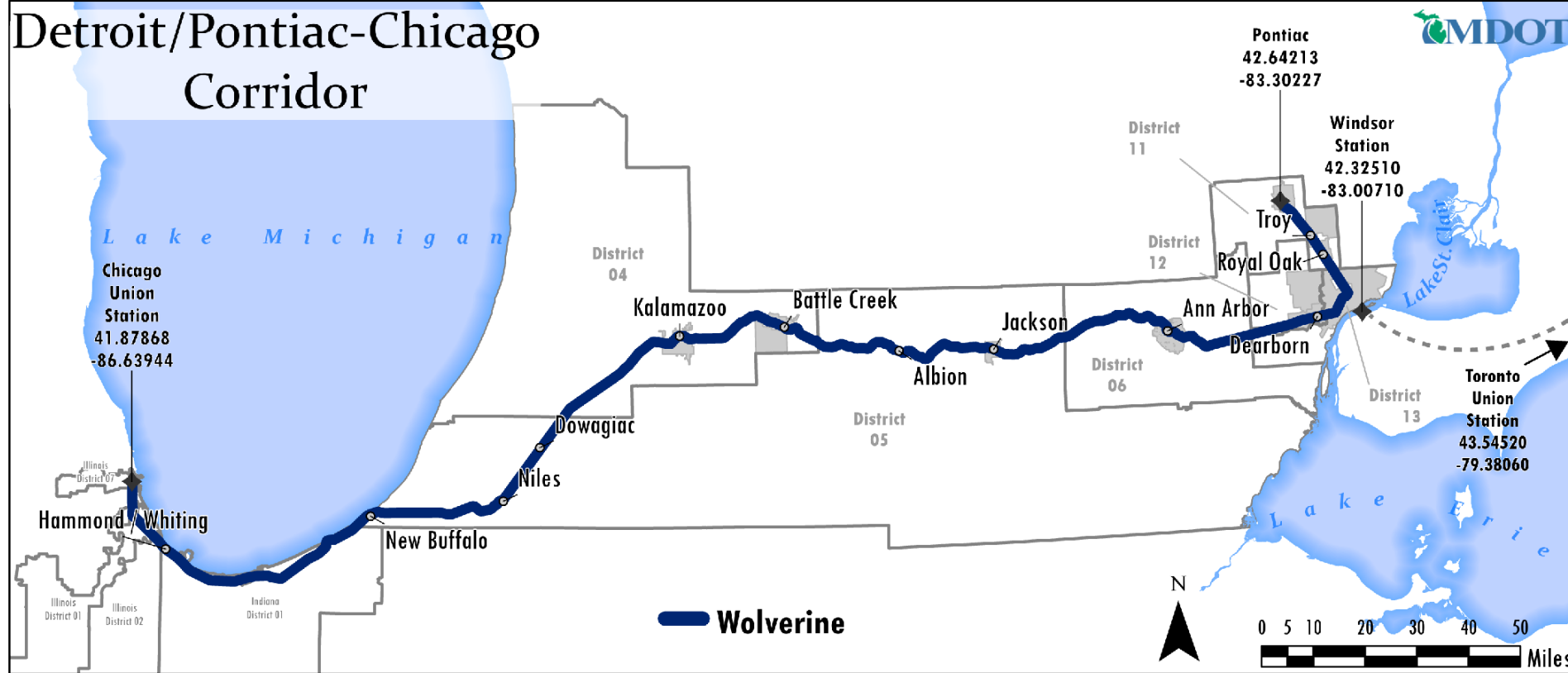
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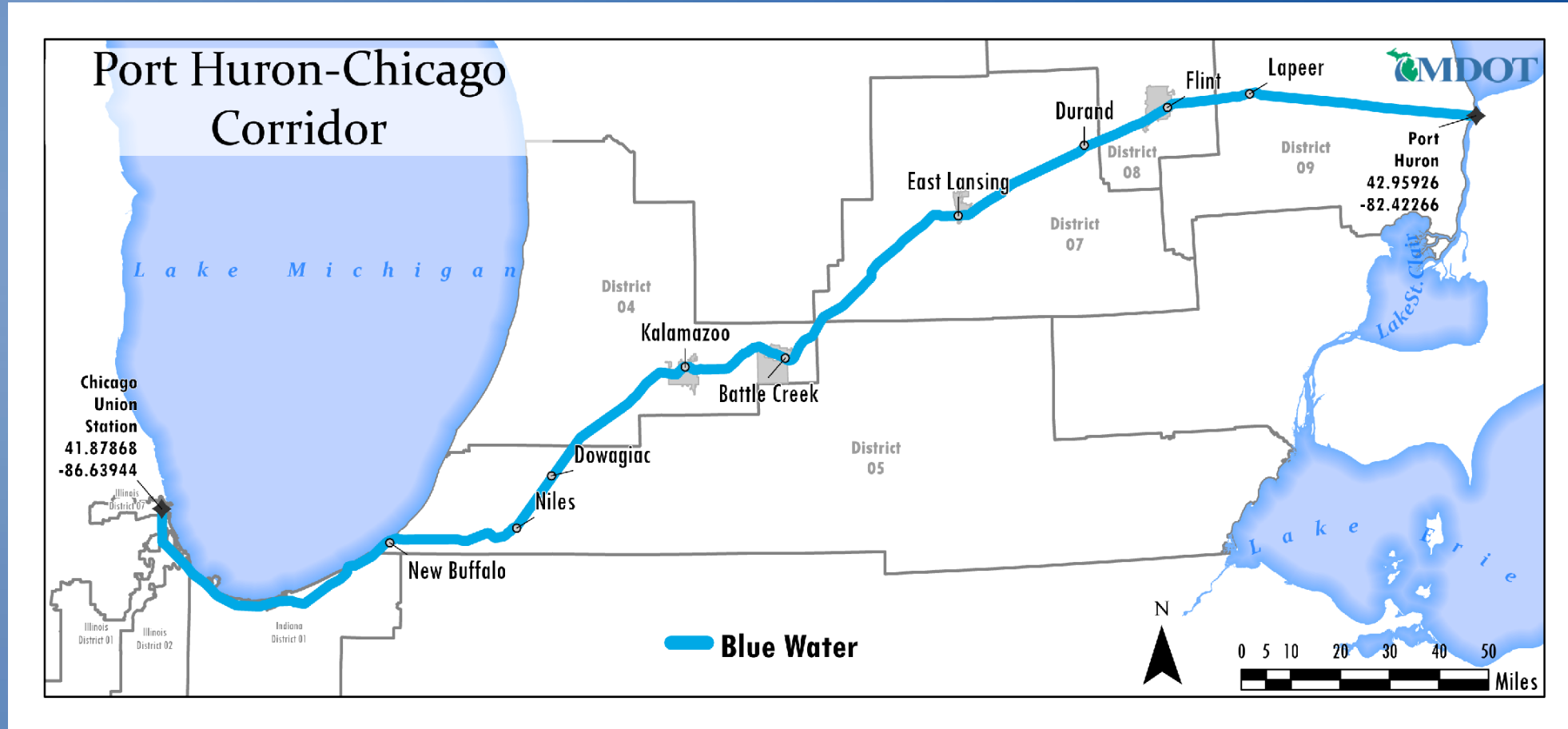


Eastern Border Transportation Michigan CIDP

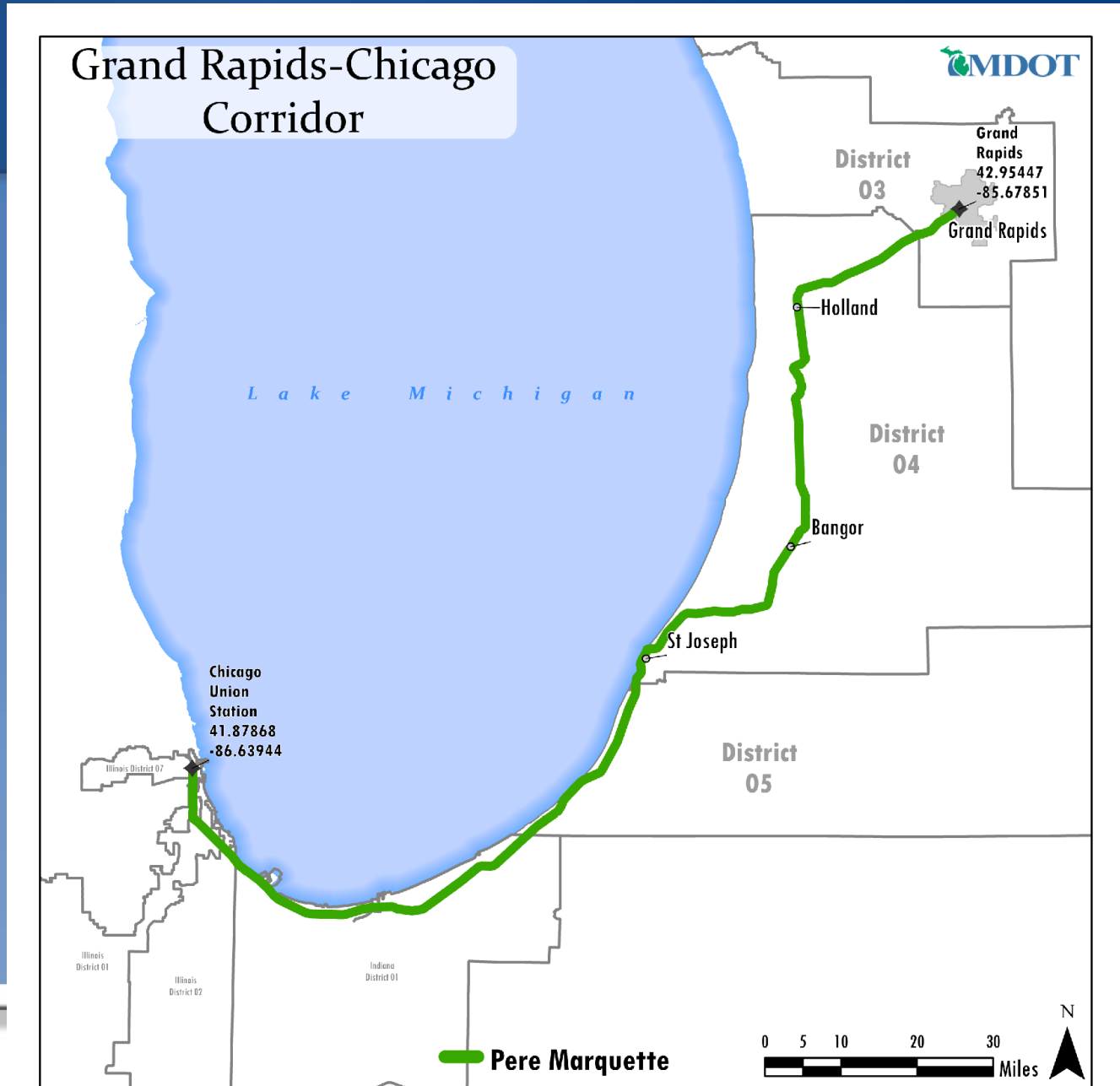
Wolverine Corridor: Detroit/Pontiac – Chicago, with Proposed Expansion to Windsor/Toronto



Blue Water Corridor: Port Huron – Chicago



Pere Marquette Corridor: Grand Rapids – Chicago



New Corridor: Cleveland – Toledo – Detroit

- Co-applicant with Ohio Rail Development Commission
- Proposed new service corridor connecting existing Wolverine with Lake Shore Limited and Capitol Limited long-distance services
- Routing and stations to be determined through SDP process





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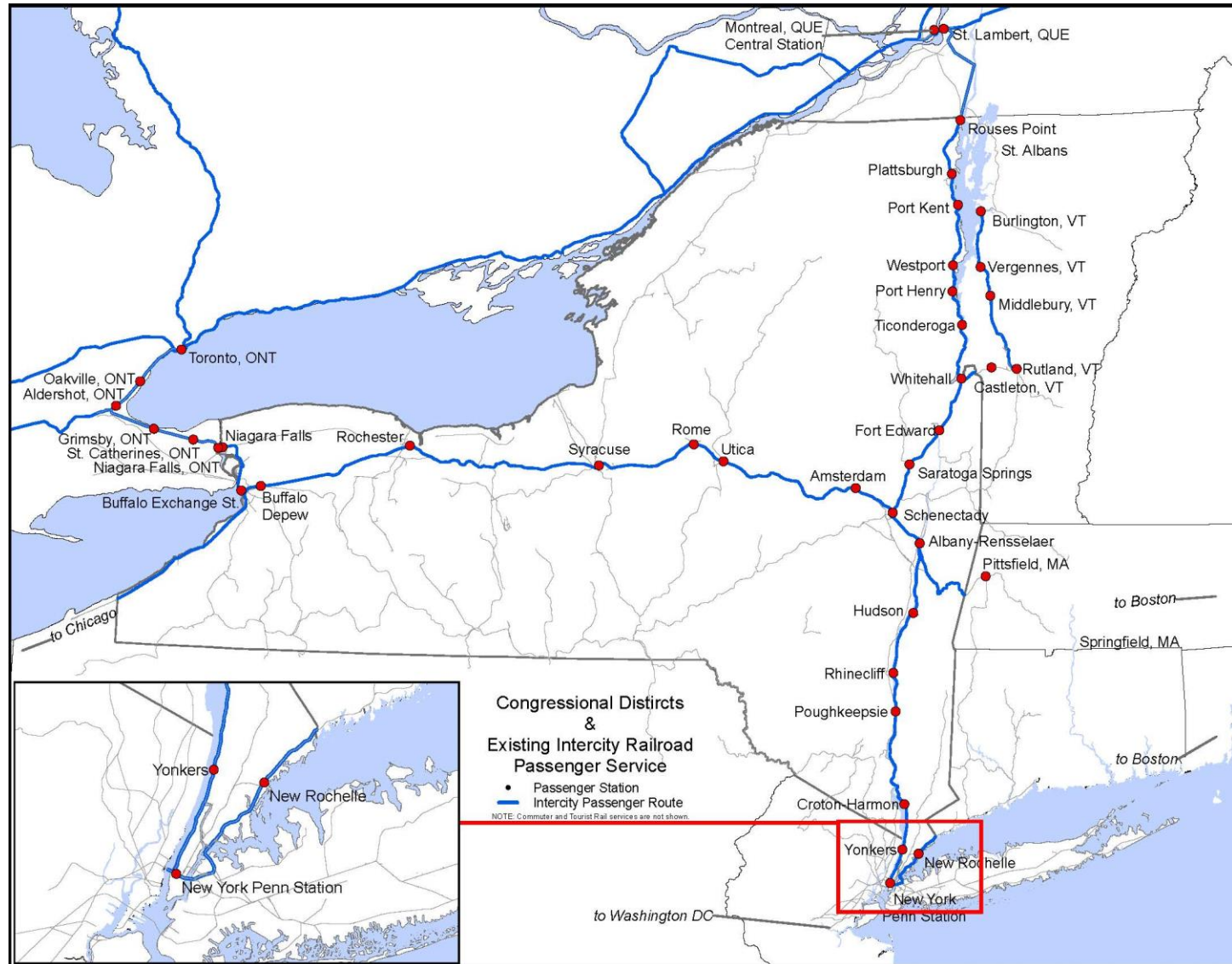
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Adirondack Corridor

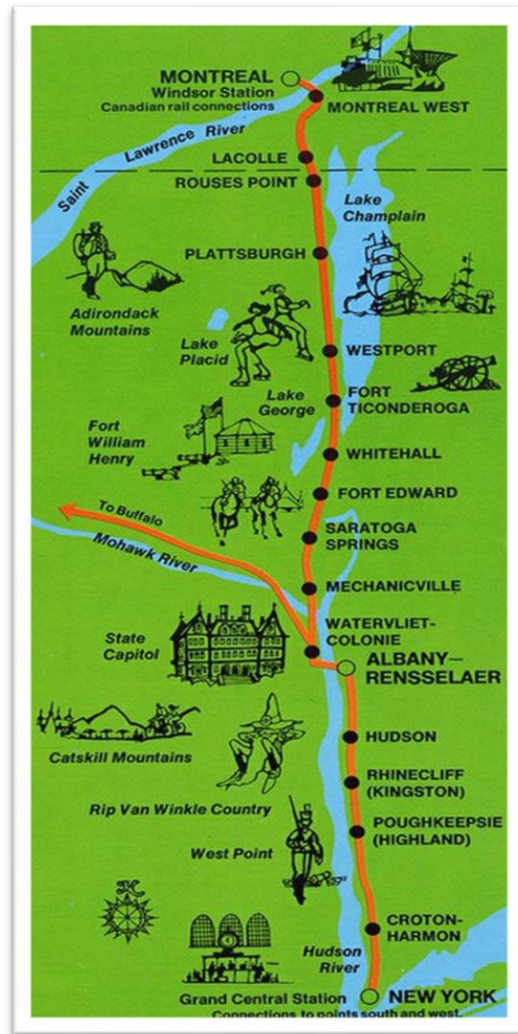
New York City to Montreal, Canada

Empire Corridor

New York City to Niagara Falls, NY



Adirondack Corridor



- Currently in **phase 1**: to develop scope, costs, and timeline of the planning process.
- 2006 I-87 Multimodal Corridor Study was the last time NYSDOT studied this corridor.
- **Overarching goals and objectives:**
 - Incremental, operational enhancements to different segments of the corridor that will reduce travel times and improve customer experience.
 - An additional second daily trip
 - Pre-clearance facility in Montreal

Montreal Preclearance Inspection Facility

- NYS supports the consolidation of US Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) and Canada Border Services Admin (CBSA) inspections of Amtrak's Adirondack in a single facility in Gare Central, Montreal
- Eliminates dwell time at the border in each direction for inspections
- Improves schedule unreliability with inspections to occur prior to departure (SB) or after arrival (NB).



Next Steps...

- Currently in preliminary stages to develop the scope and schedule.
- NYSDOT will begin external outreach for both corridors in **phase II**.
- Strong coordination with our partners in Canada is anticipated during this phase.

Vermont Passenger Rail Corridor ID Program

