

# **Vermont Agency of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration Corridor ID Program: Vermonter and Green Mountain Corridors**

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# Existing Services

## Vermont

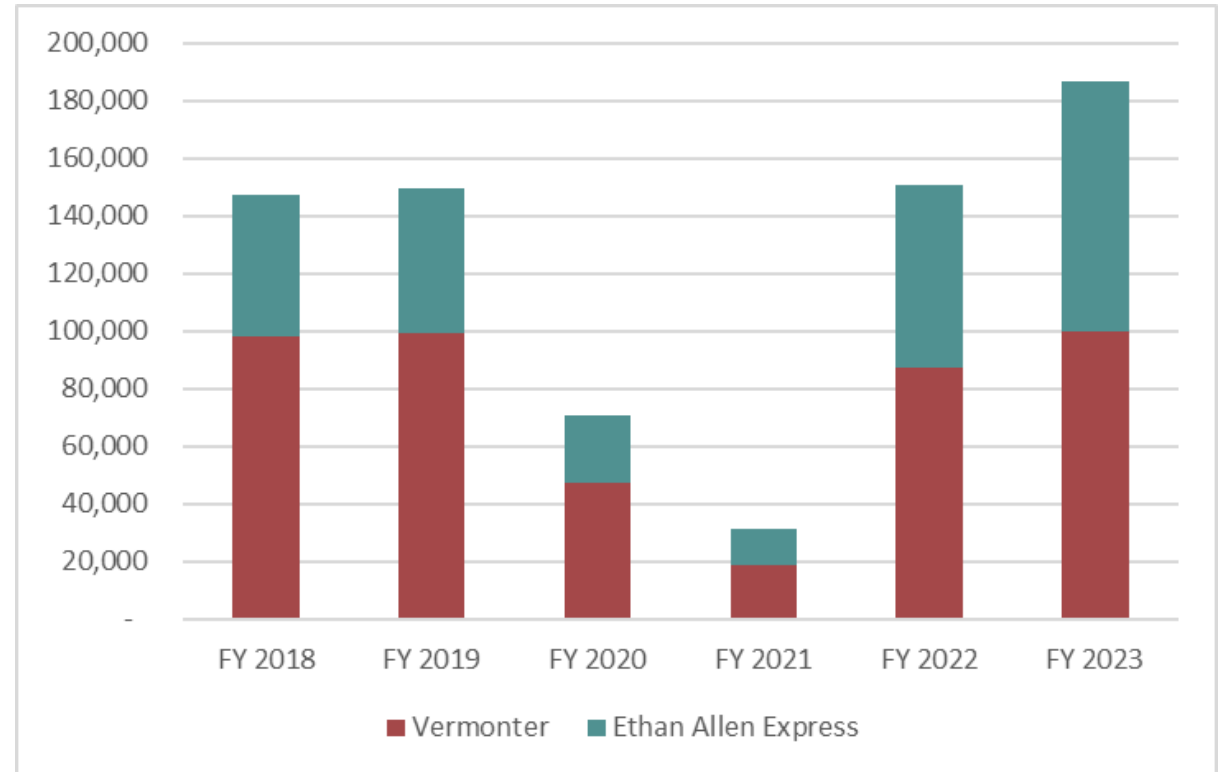
- Daily service between Washington, DC and St. Albans in northern Vermont.
- Approx. 13 hours NB and SB trips
- Montpelier VT – NYC \$128 RT

## Ethan Allen Express

- Daily service between New York City, NY and Burlington in northern Vermont.
- 7.5 hours NB and SB trips
- Burlington, VT – NYC \$141 RT

Source: amtrak.com

# Existing Ridership

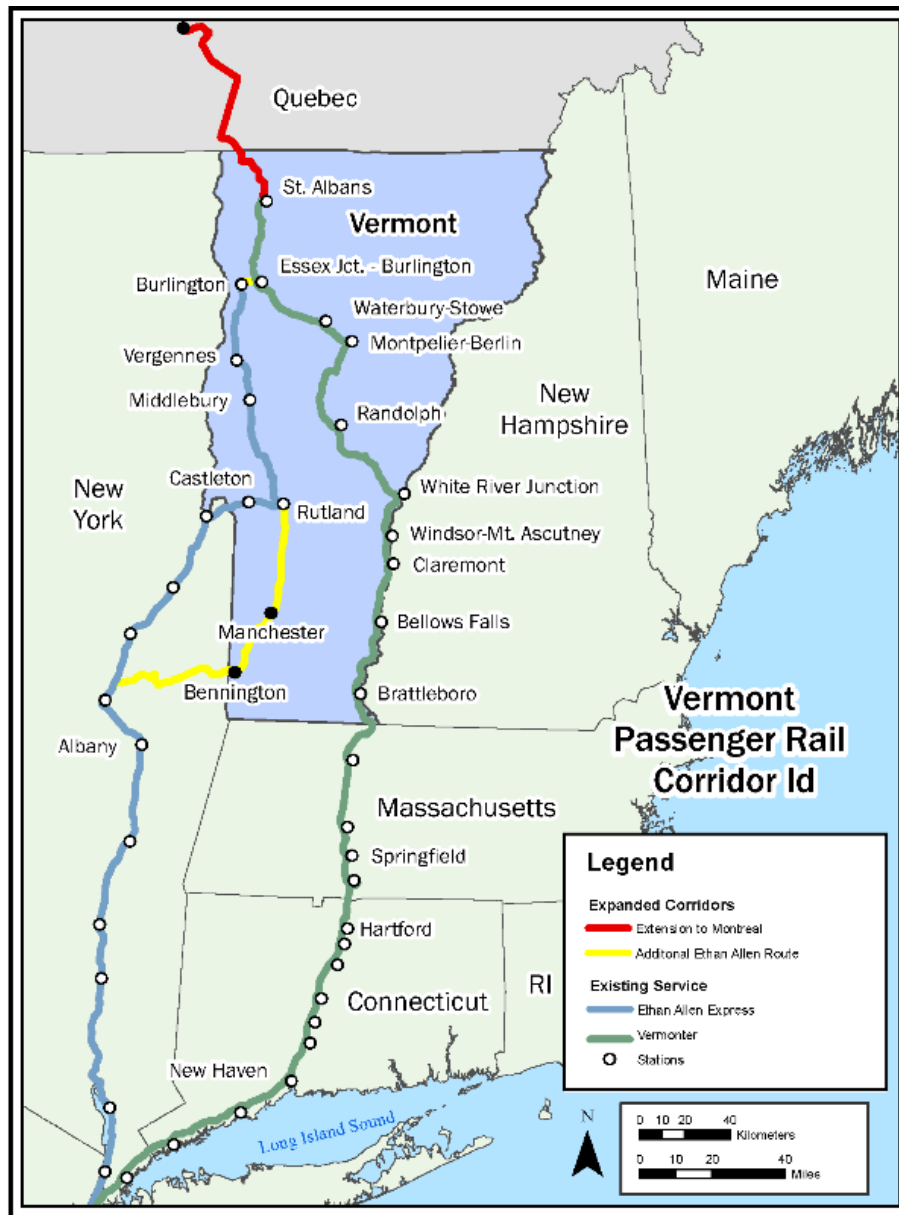


Source: Amtrak, 2024; Fiscal Year is US Federal, October 1 – September 30

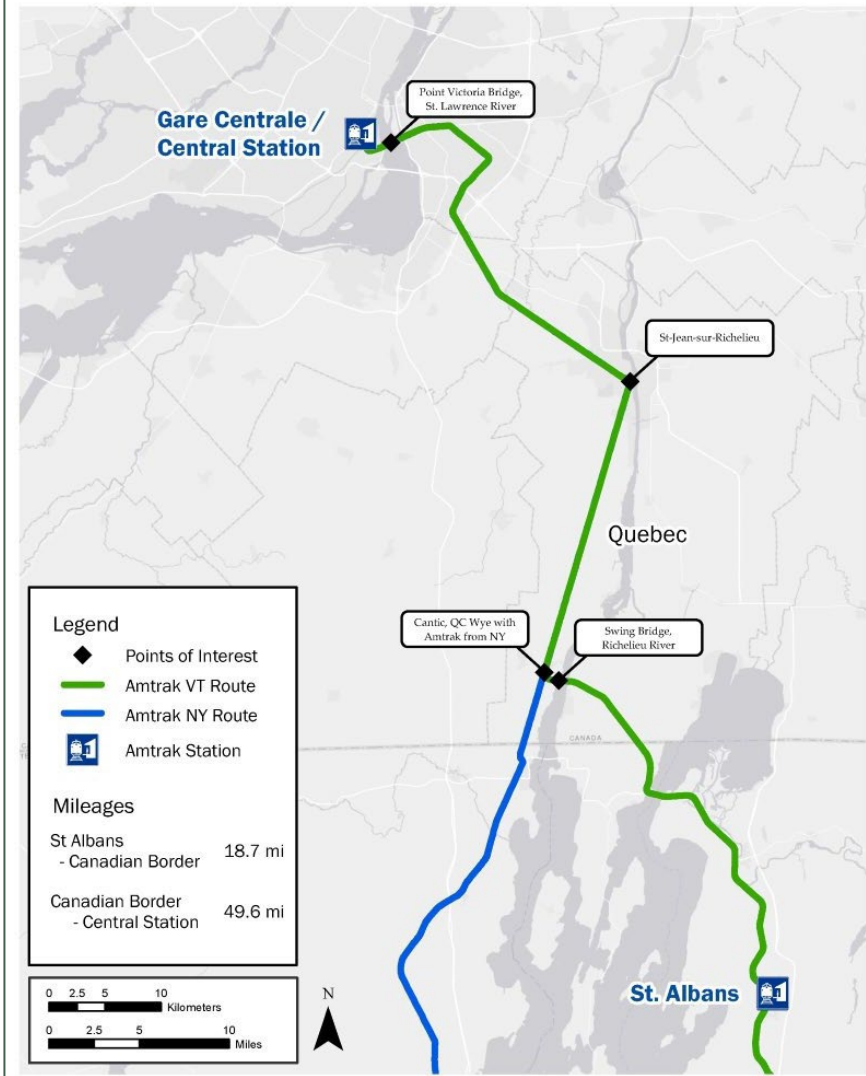
# Corridor ID - Vermonter Corridor

## Study Focus Areas

- State of Good Repair infrastructure improvements to reduce travel time and increase speeds
- Adding frequencies such as an additional daily round trip between New York, NY, and White River Junction, VT
- Extending service north to Montreal, Quebec (predicated on MCS Preclearance Facility)



## Amtrak Vermonter- To Montreal



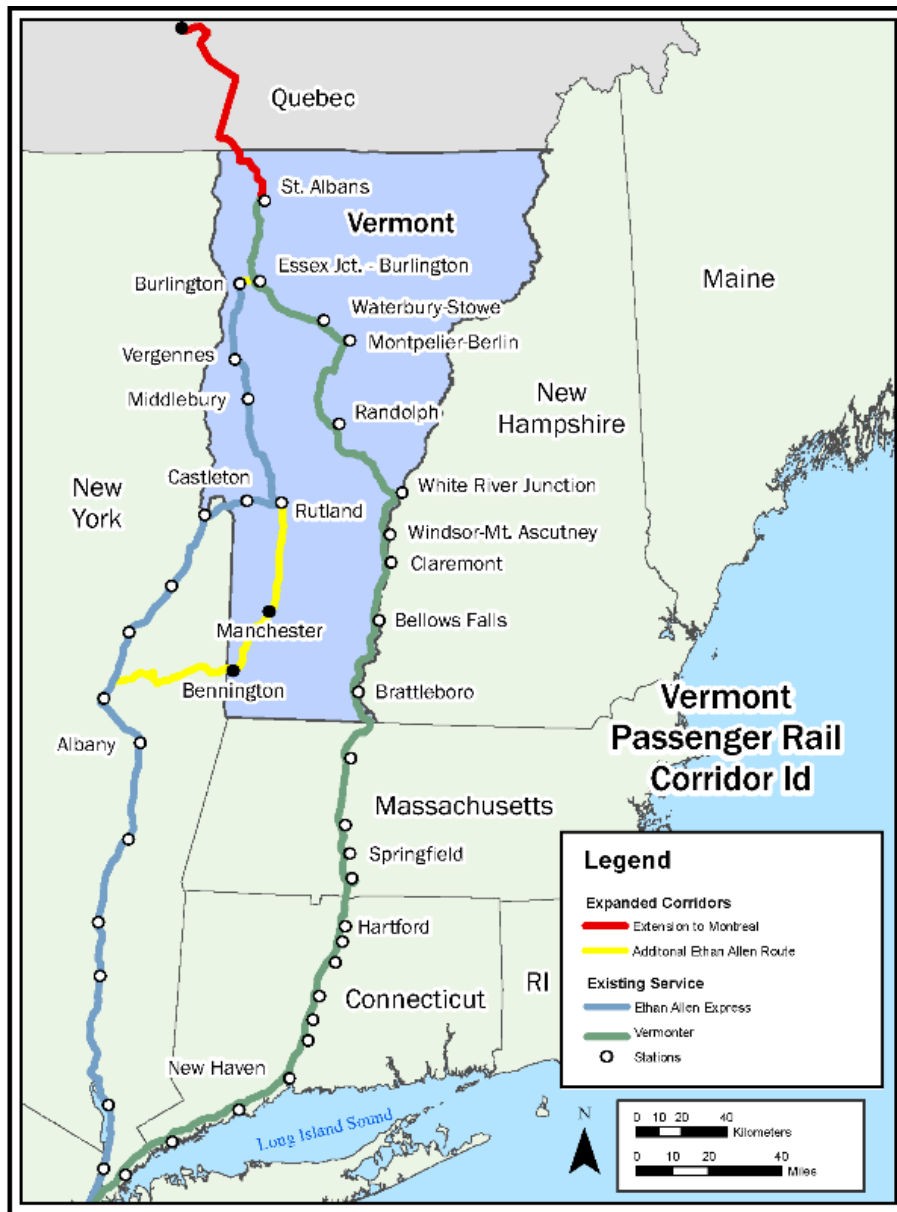
- Track from St. Albans to Canada border has been improved to 59 mph passenger speed condition
- Track merges in Cantic, QC where existing Amtrak Adirondack service corridor to Montreal
- Bridges and track between border and Cantic require attention



# Corridor ID - “Green Mountain Corridor”

## Study Focus Areas

- Proposed new passenger service corridor in SW Vermont (existing track)
- Would connect New York, NY, with Burlington, VT, via Albany, NY, and Rutland, VT, dovetailing with the existing Amtrak Ethan Allen Express
- New service to communities in southwestern Vermont (including Bennington and Manchester) and east-central New York State (Mechanicville)



# Next Steps

- Federal Railroad Administration is currently reviewing Step 1 deliverables; final edits and acceptance anticipated in coming weeks.
- Step 2 - Service Development Plan development, infrastructure and service analyses, stakeholder and community outreach, and financial planning.
- Continued coordination with Amtrak and state, provincial and rail operator partners.



Montpelier, VT platform improvement, 2024



Merci! Thank you!

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