FRA LONG-DISTANCE SERVICE STUDY

Midwest Working Group Meeting 2 – Regional Enhanced Network Development Slides

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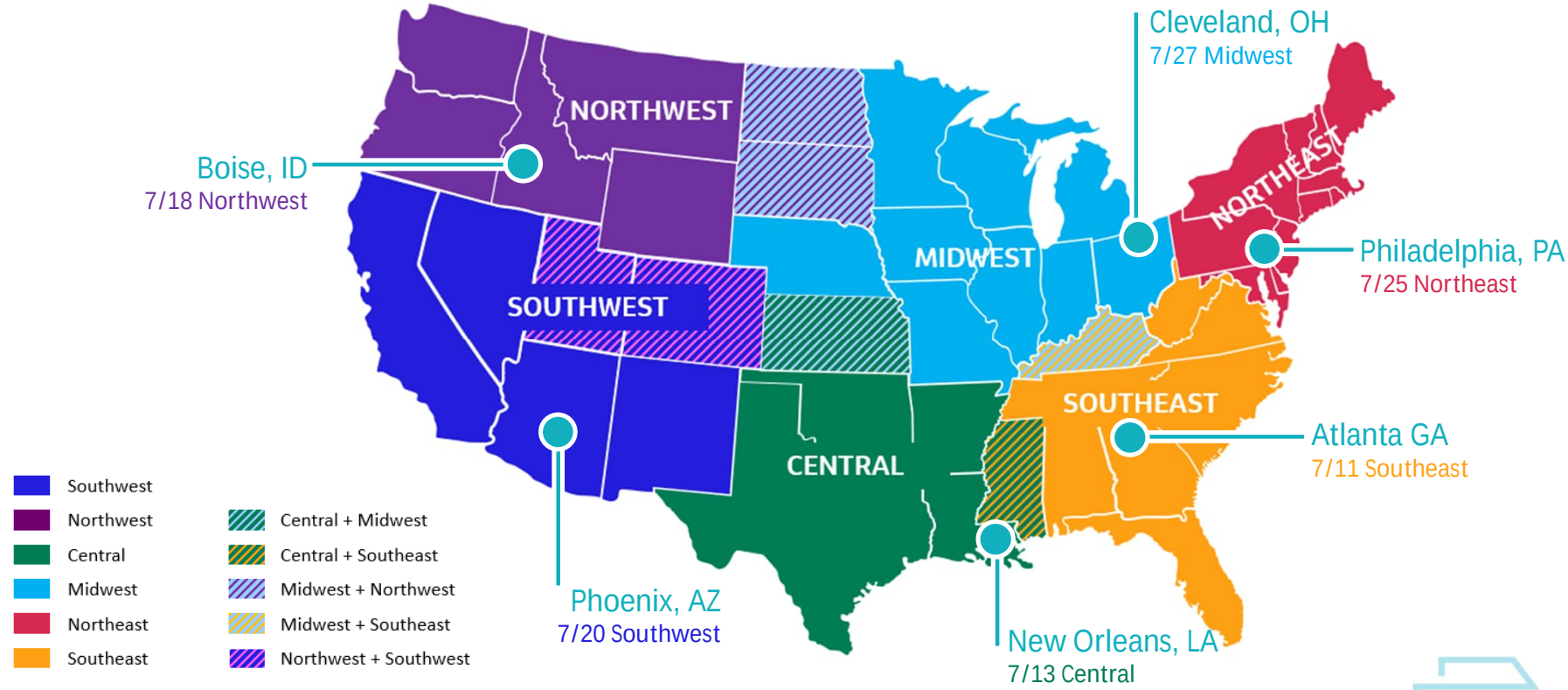
Long-Distance Service Study Regions: Stakeholder Group Meetings



STEP 1 – METROPOLITAN AREA TRAVEL FLOWS

Step 1 of 4: Metropolitan Area Travel Flows

Developing a Conceptual Enhanced Network

Legend

Baseline Network

Amtrak Routes
- Long-Distance
- Northeast Corridor
- State-Supported

Baseline Projects
- Brightline
- Gulf Coast Passenger Rail
- Twin Cities–Milwaukee–Chicago
- CAHSR MOS

Enhanced Network
- Segments
- Segment Options

Segments are conceptual building blocks for consideration in developing potential new long-distance routes

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Midwest Region – Trips without a direct rail connection

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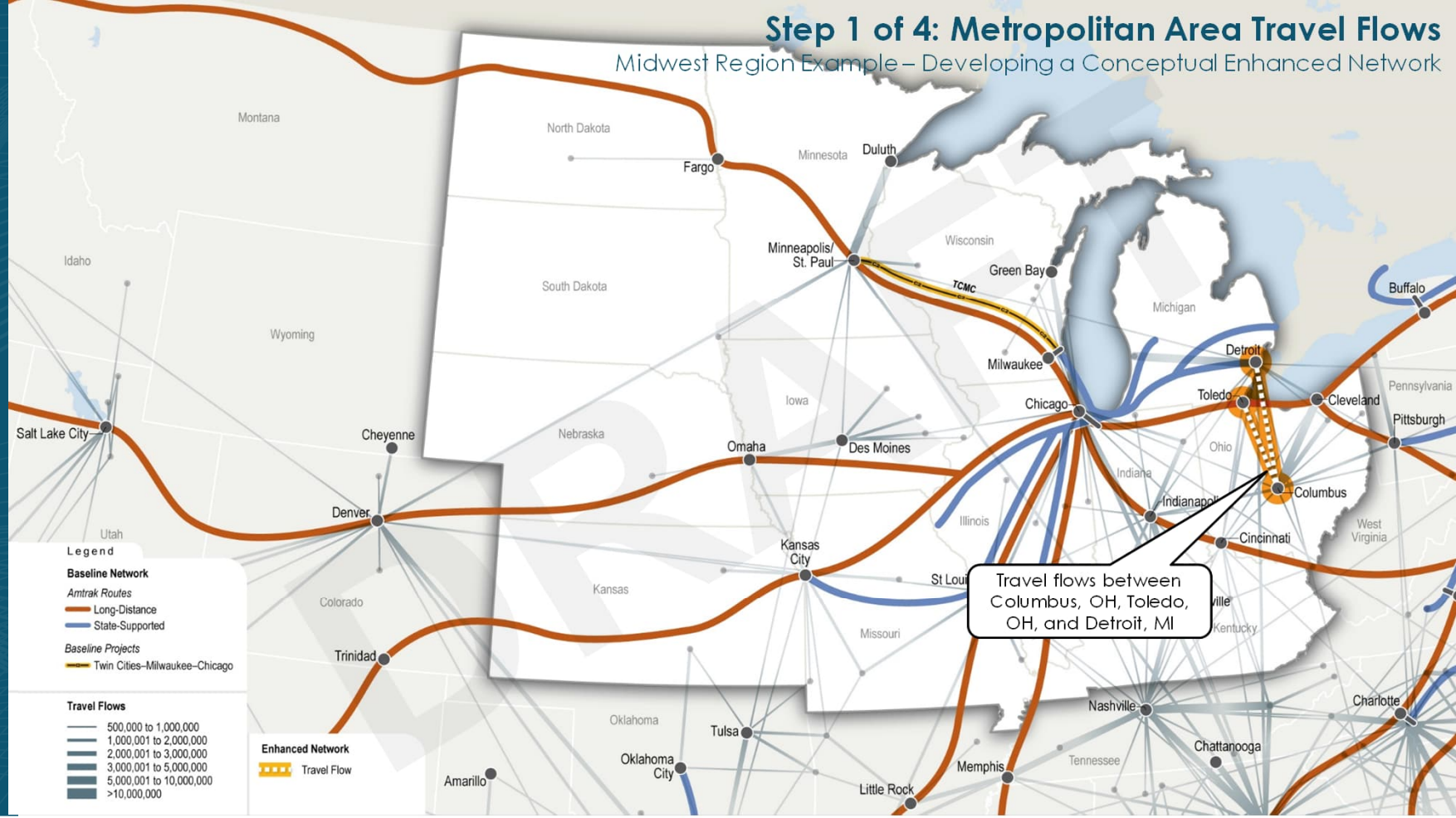

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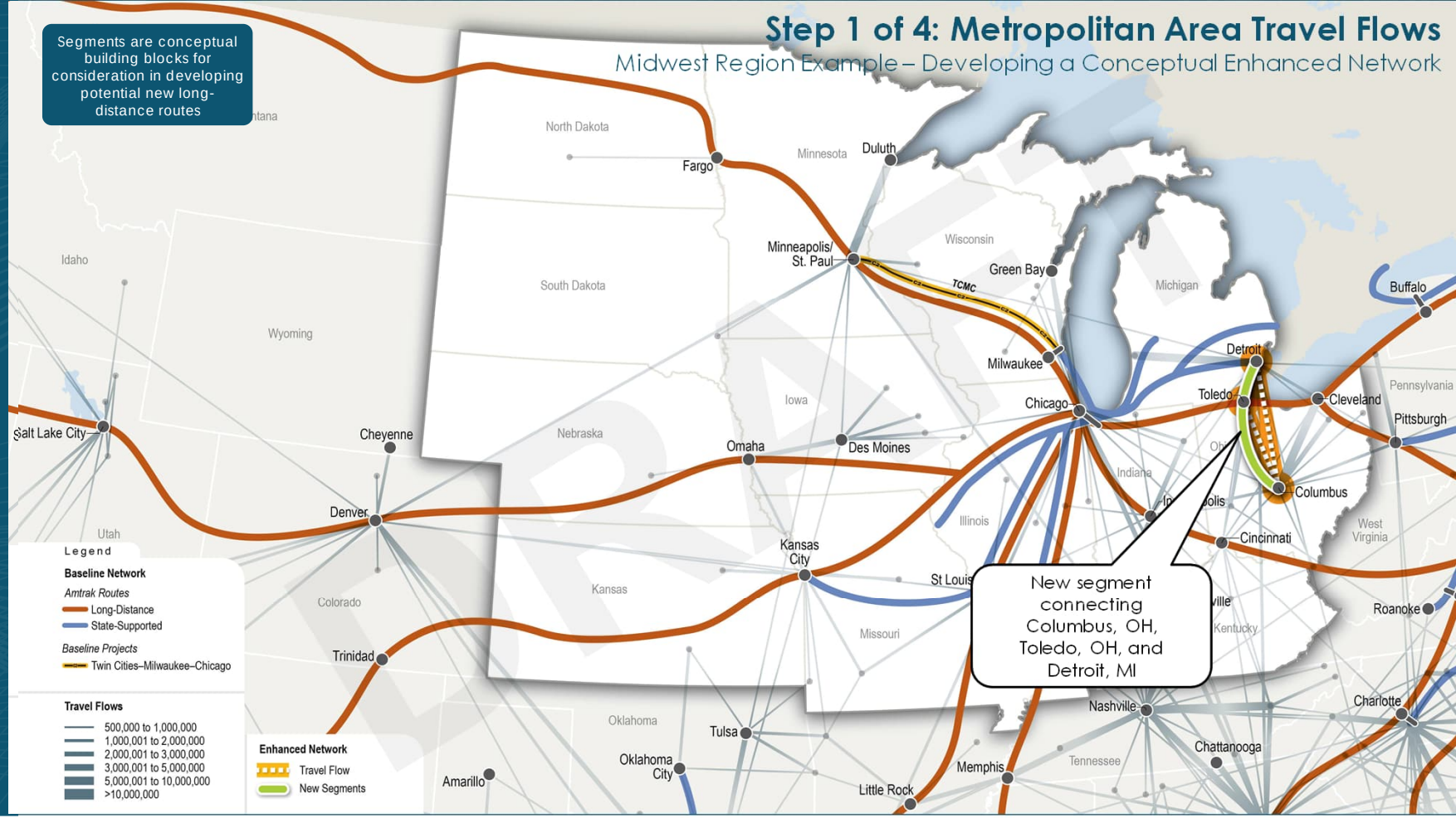

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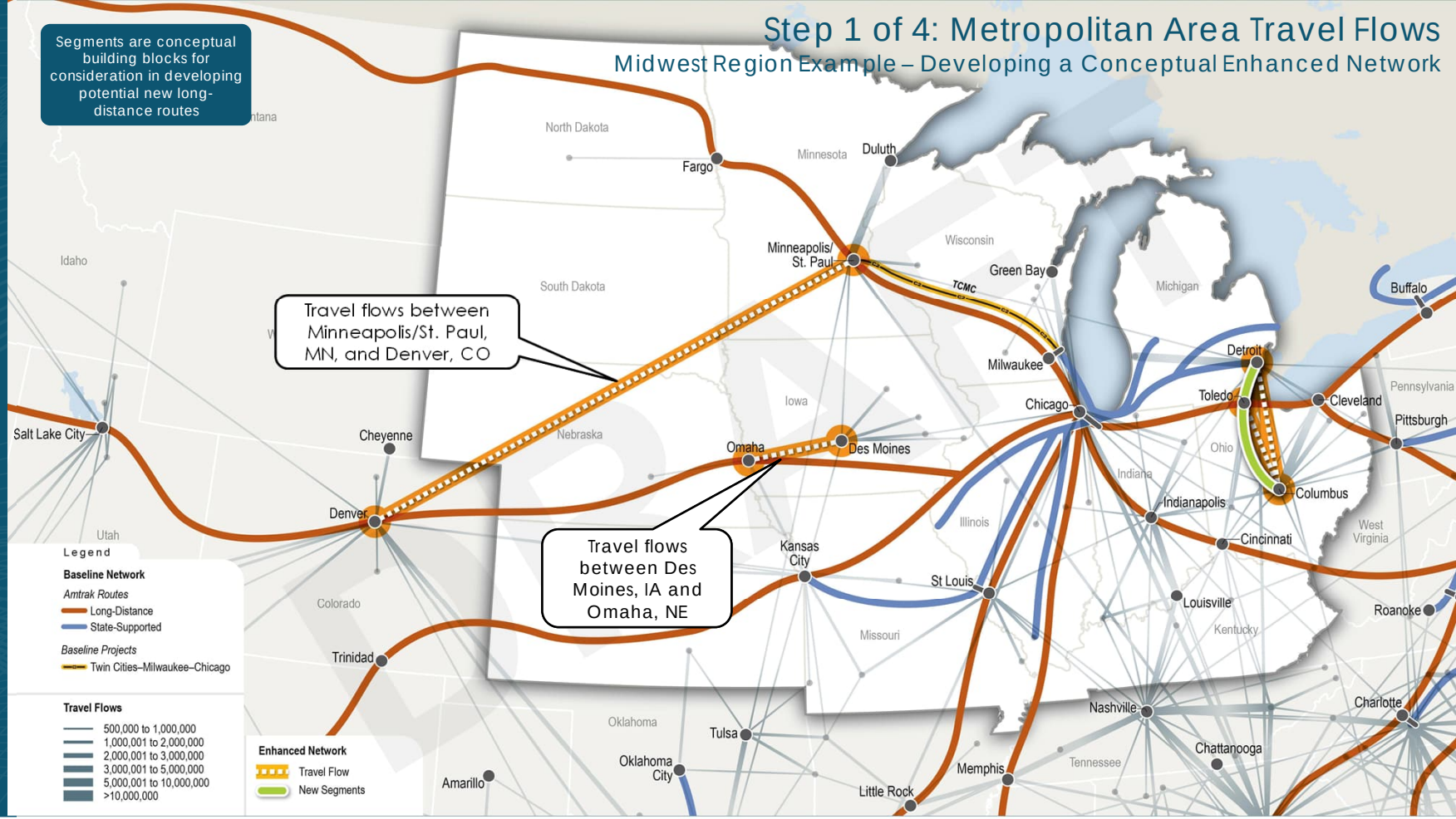

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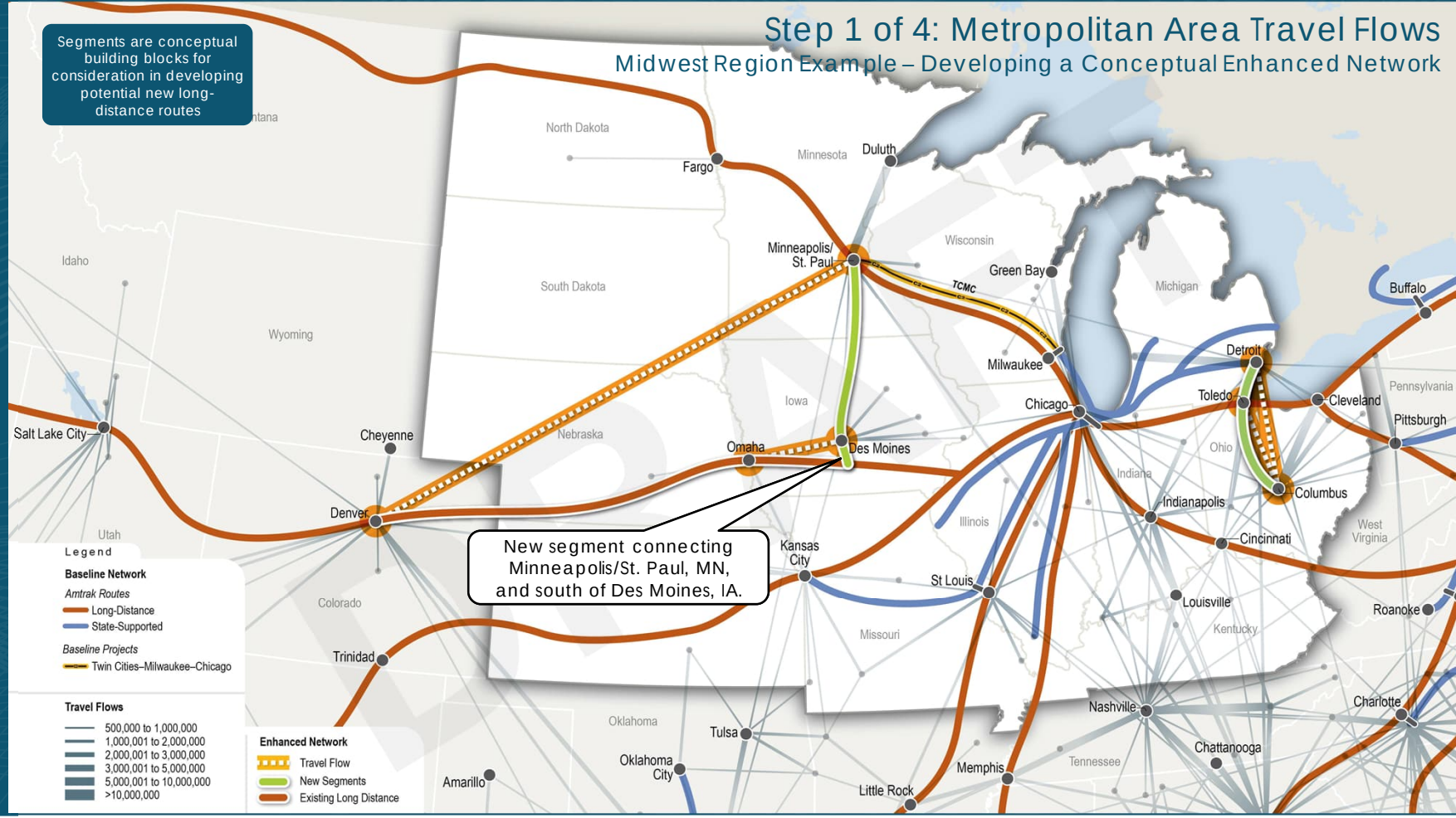

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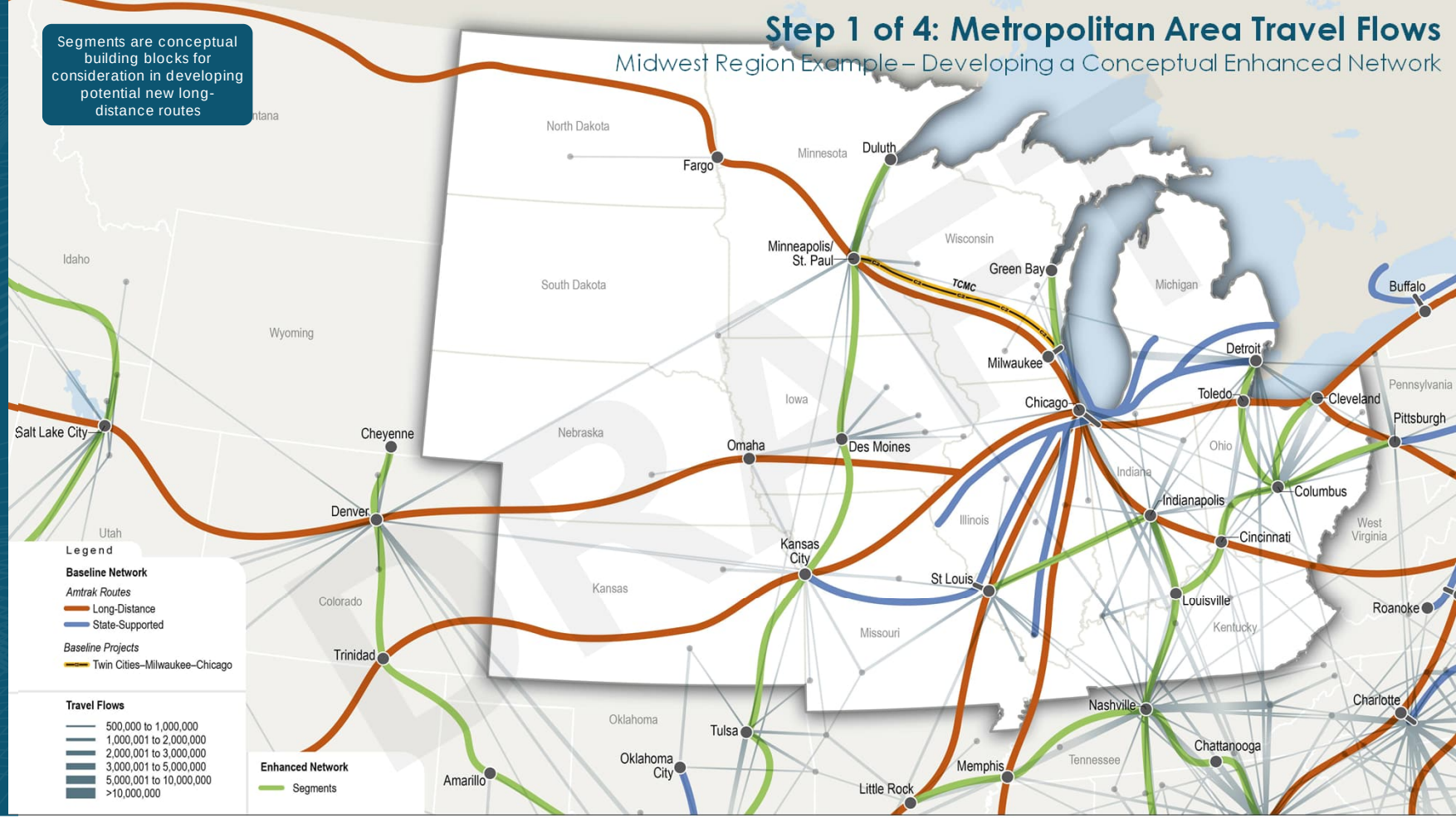

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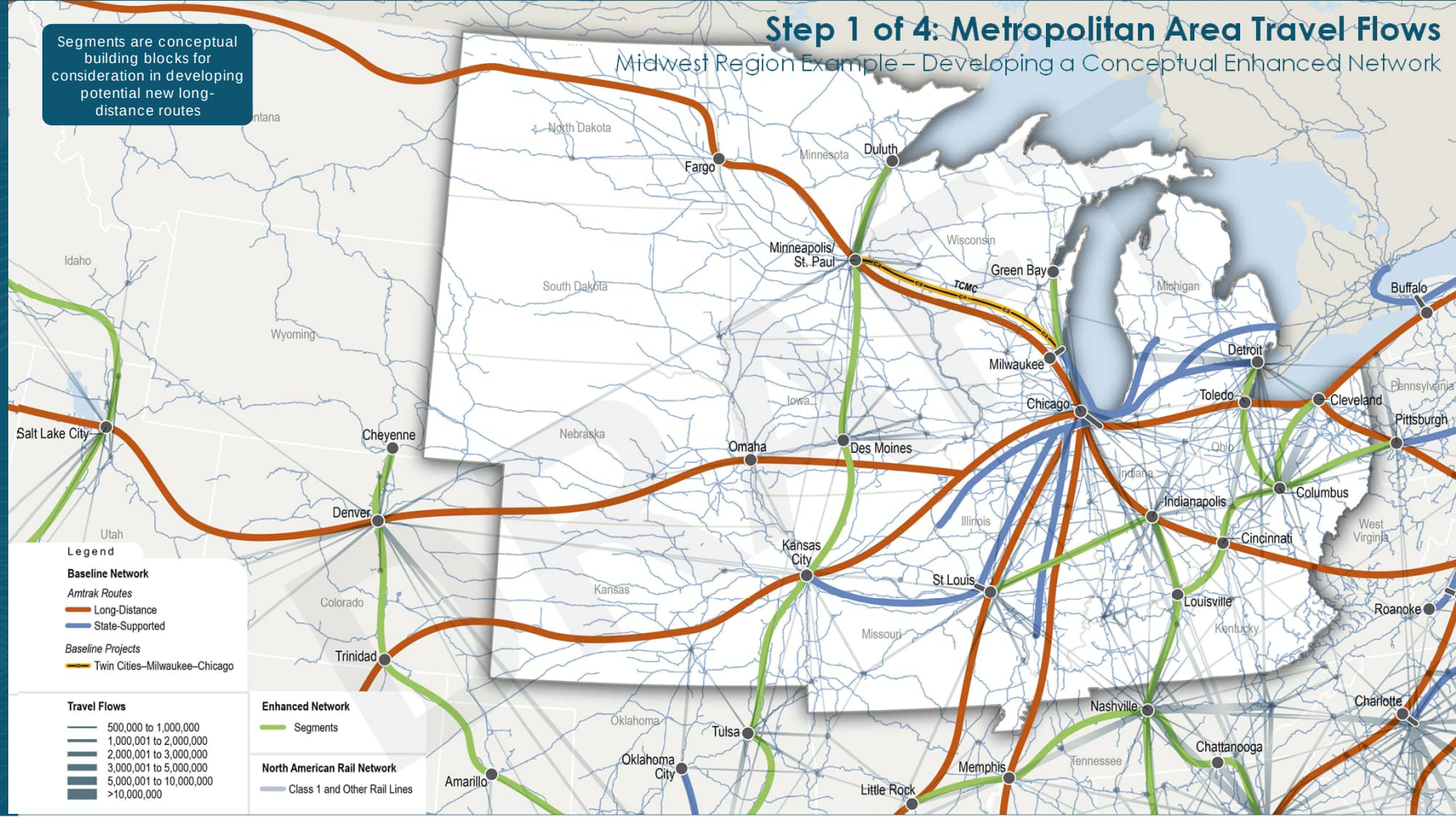

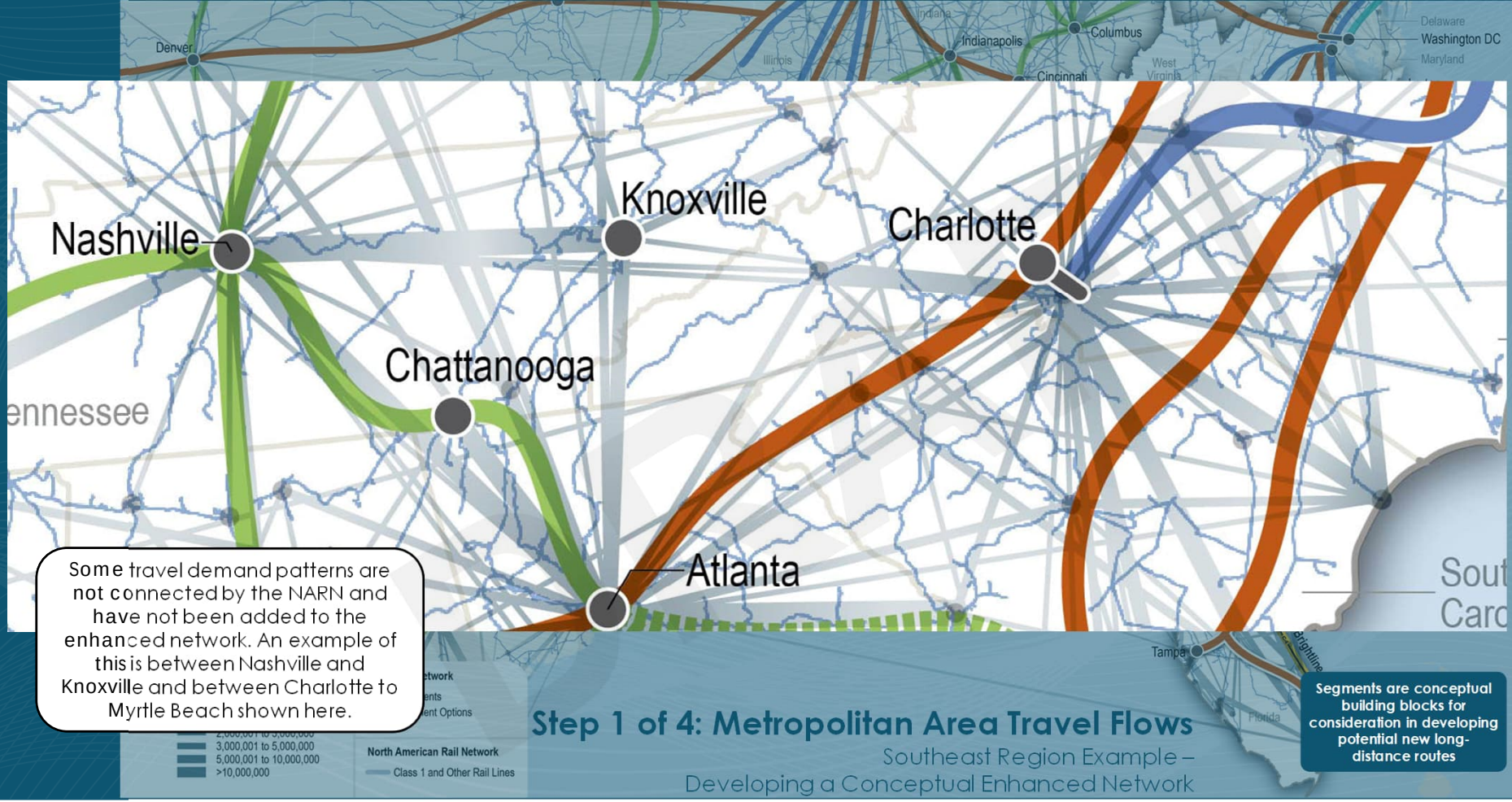

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Southeast Region Example – Developing a Conceptual Enhanced Network

STEP 2: RURAL ACCESSIBILITY

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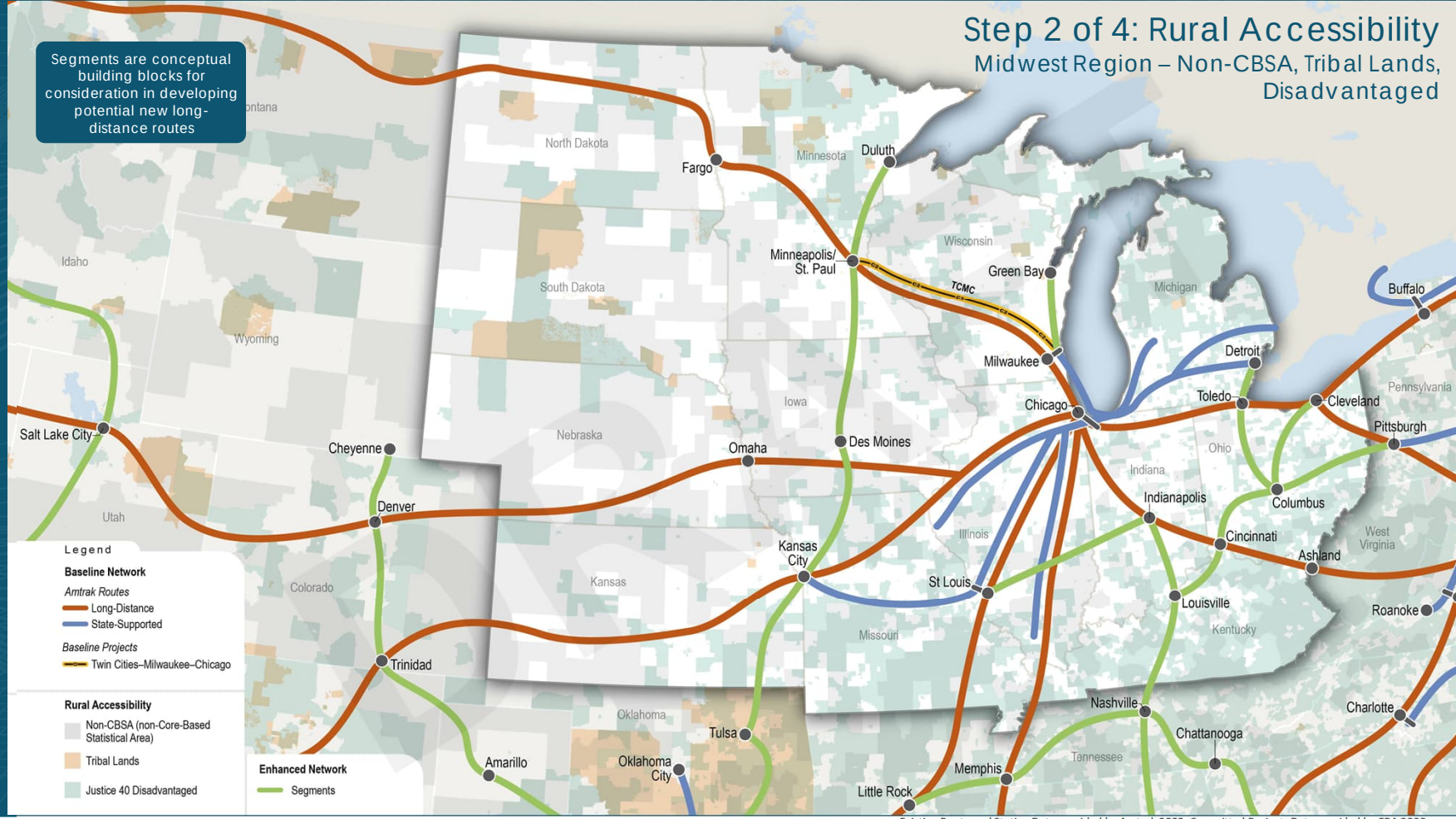
Midwest Region – Non-CBSA, Tribal Lands, Disadvantaged



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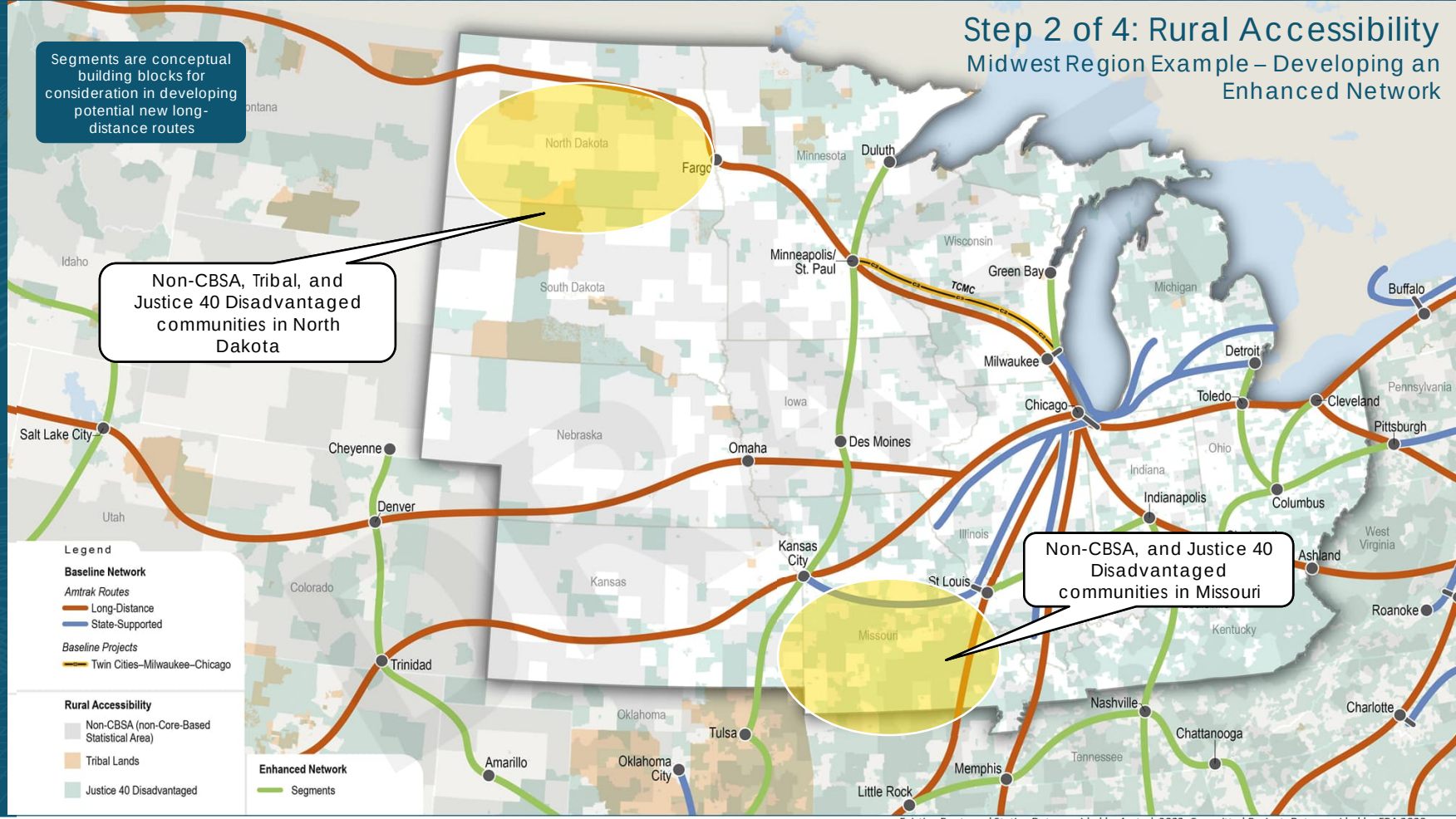

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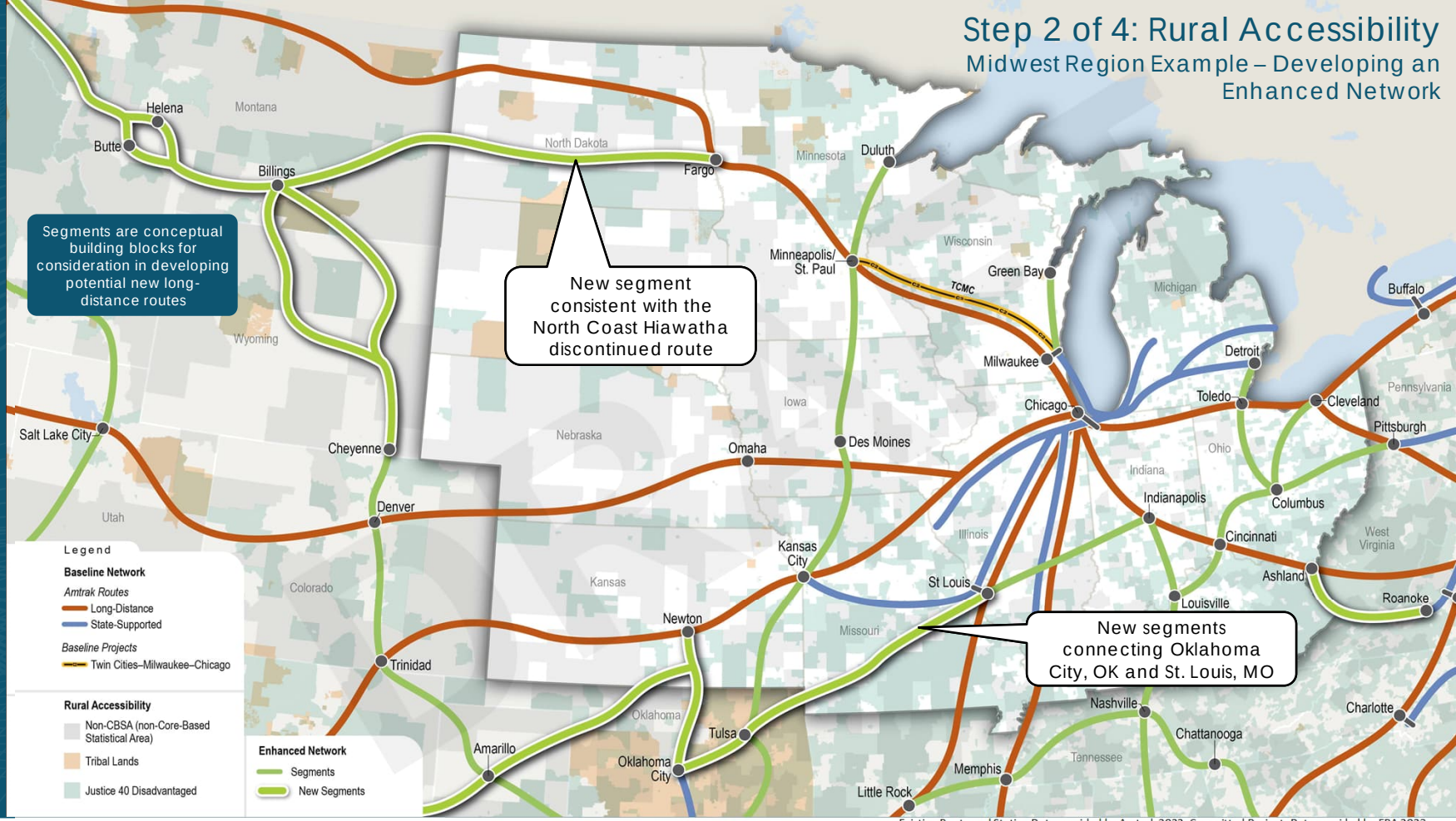

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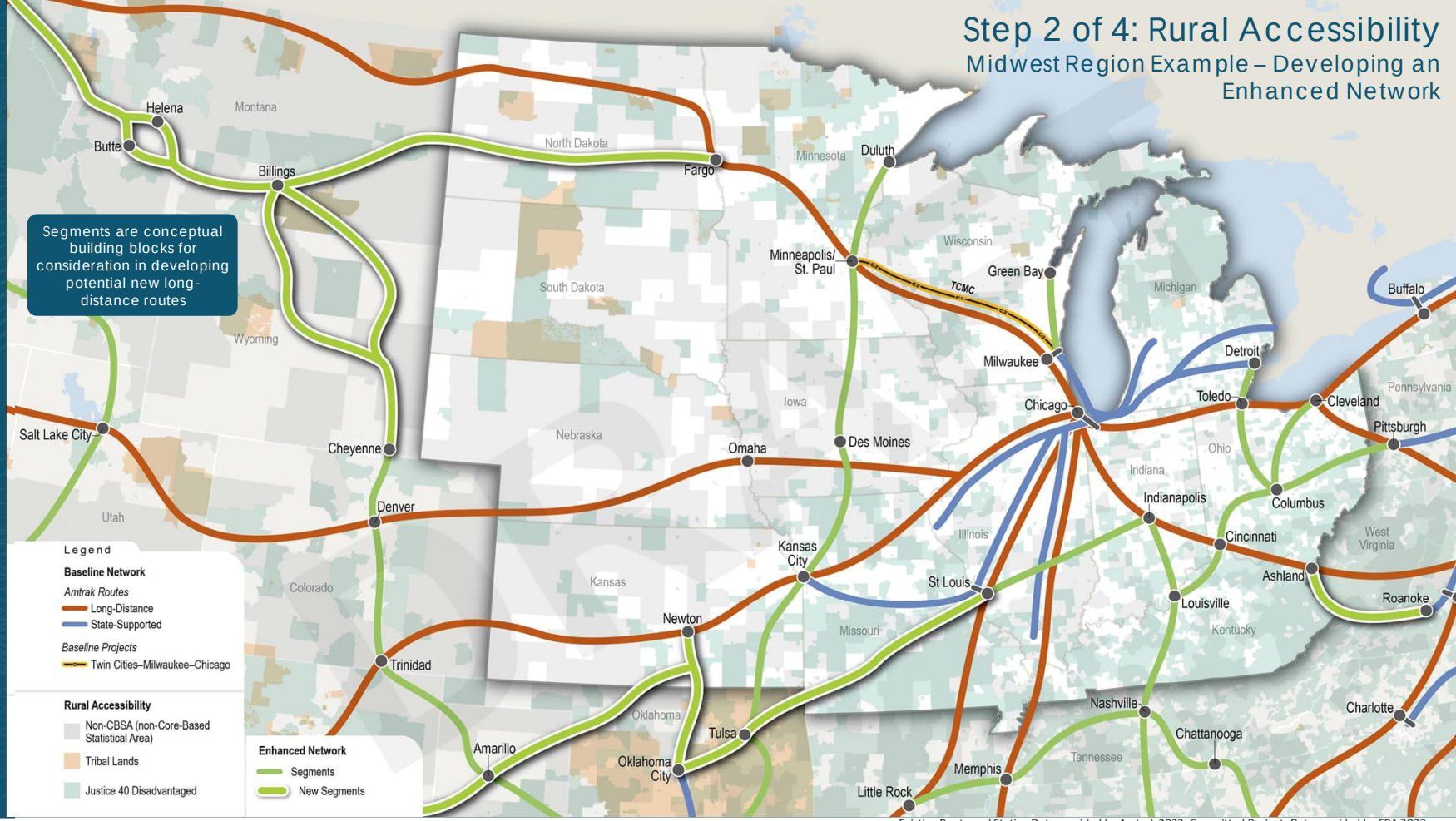

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STEP 3 – GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE/NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

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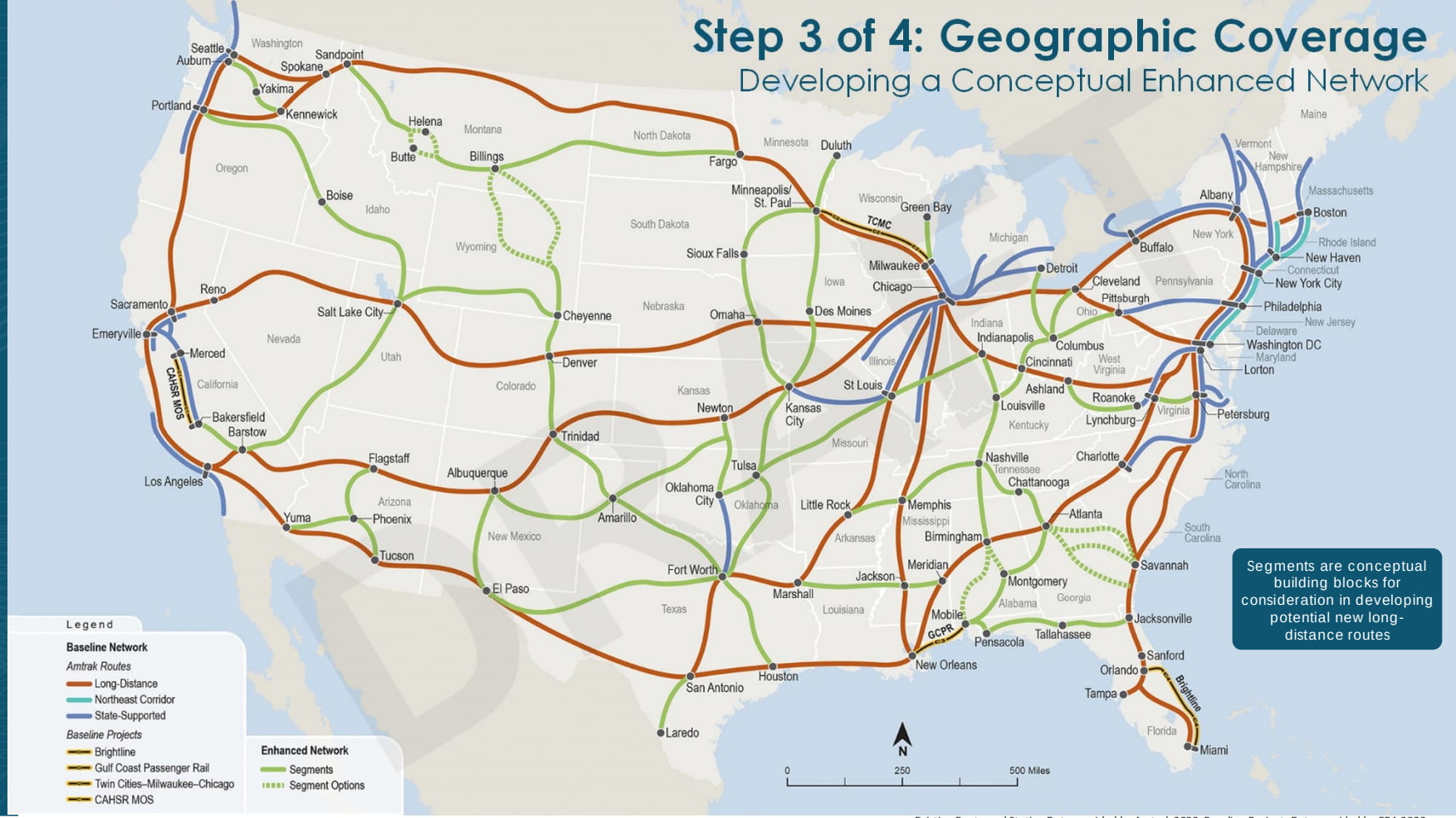

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Midwest Region – Rail Service by State, Regional Rail Plans

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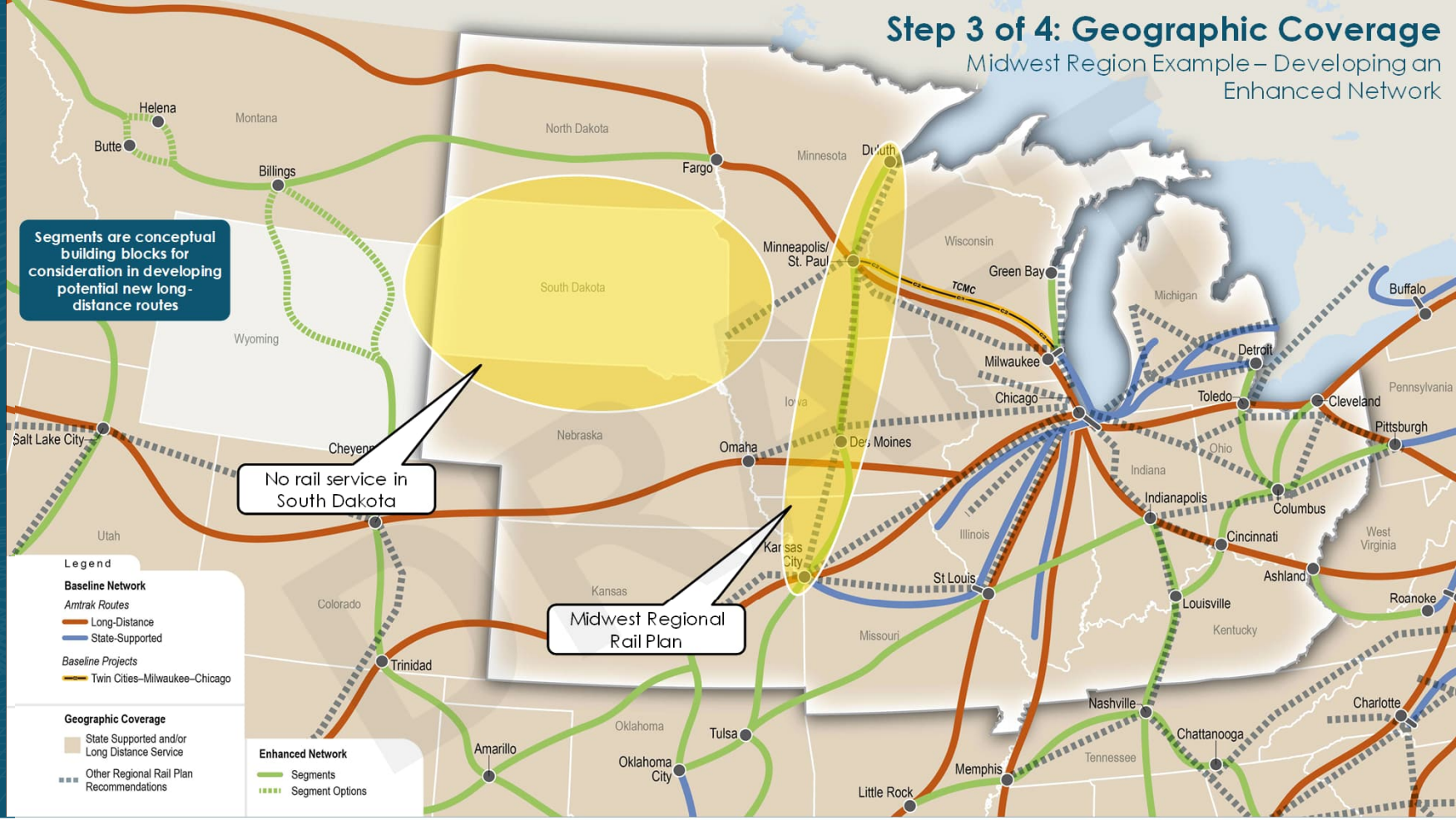

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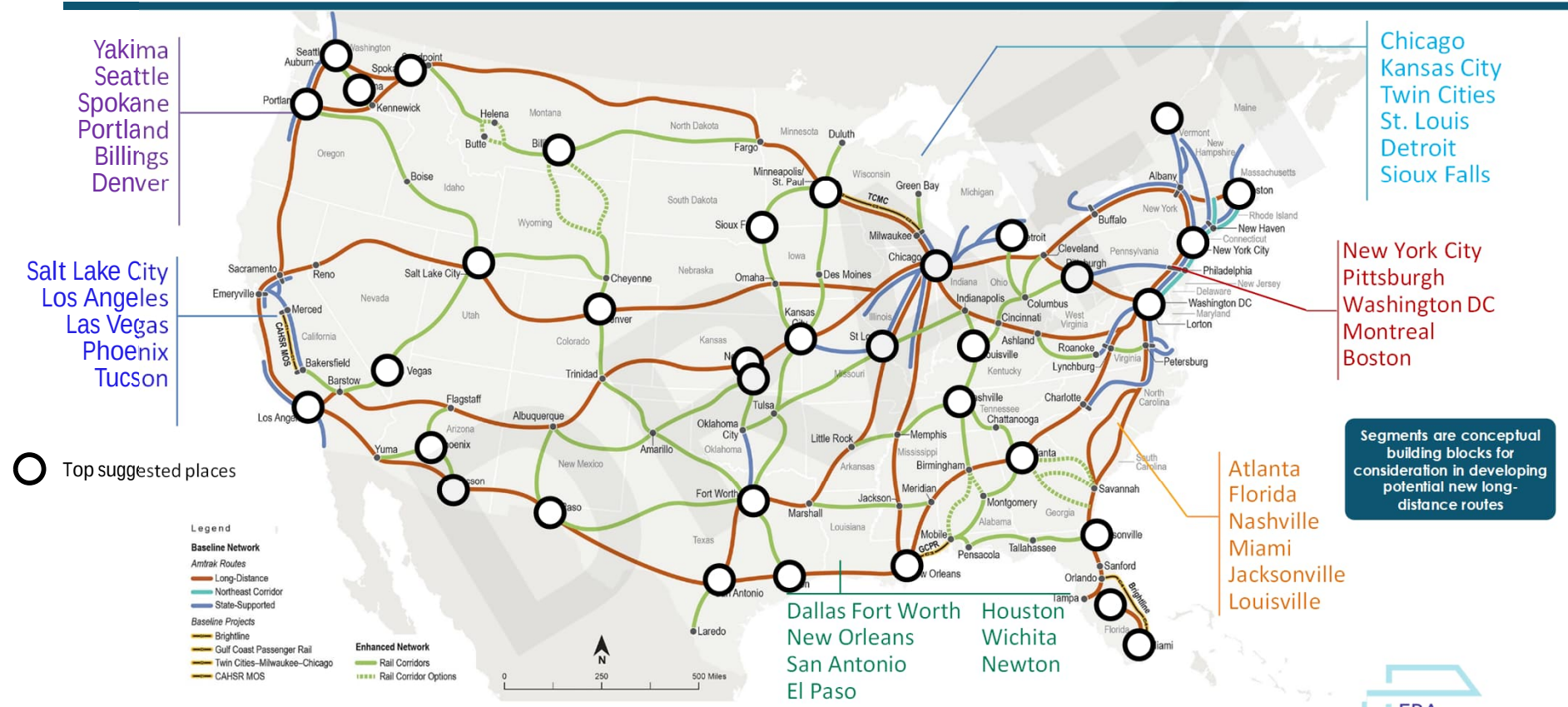
Top Places Suggested by Stakeholders