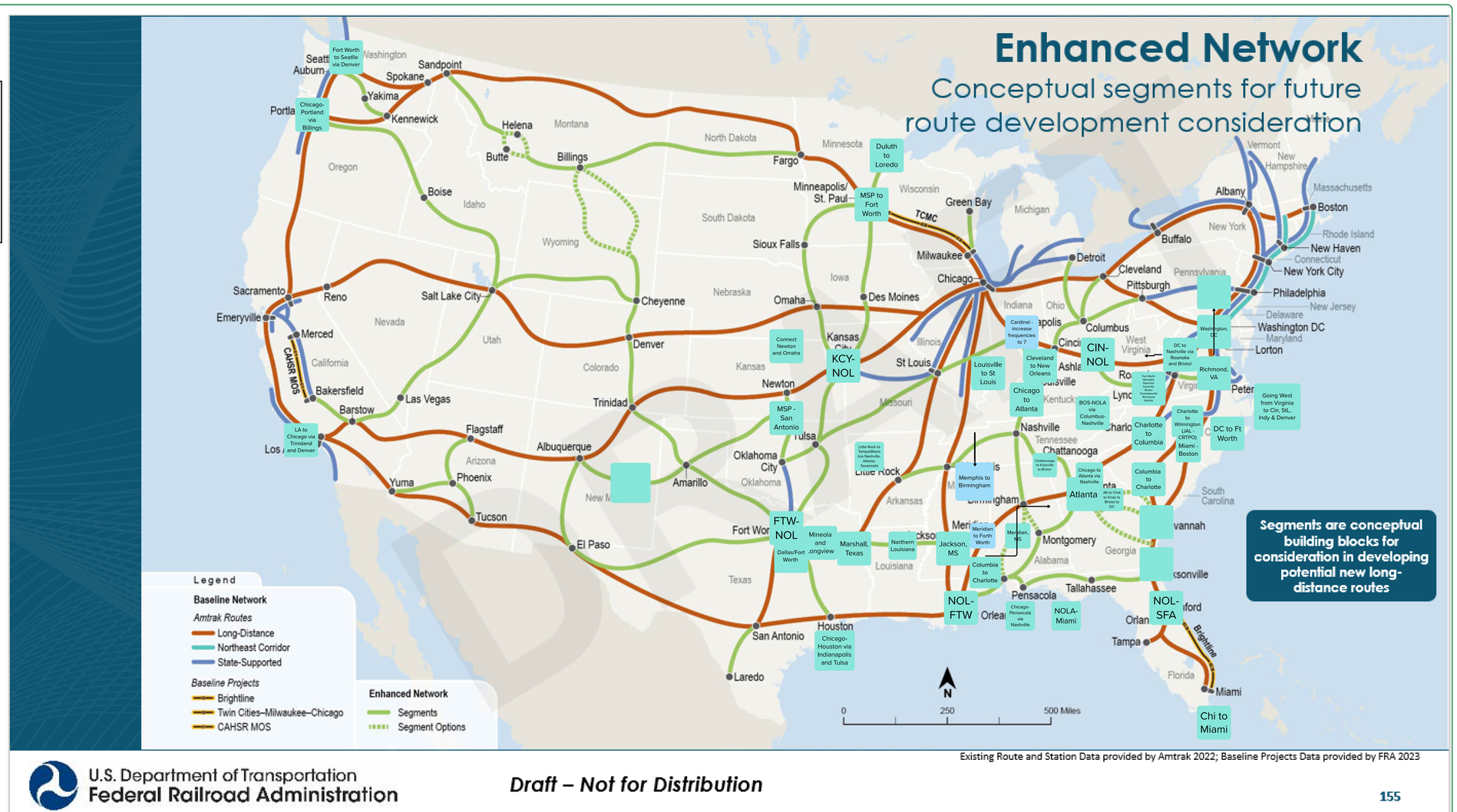
FRA Long-Distance Service Study

Southeast Regional Working Group Meeting #2

Activity 1 - Create a Route

Create a route by writing on a sticky note the termini and intermediate stations you'd like to see.

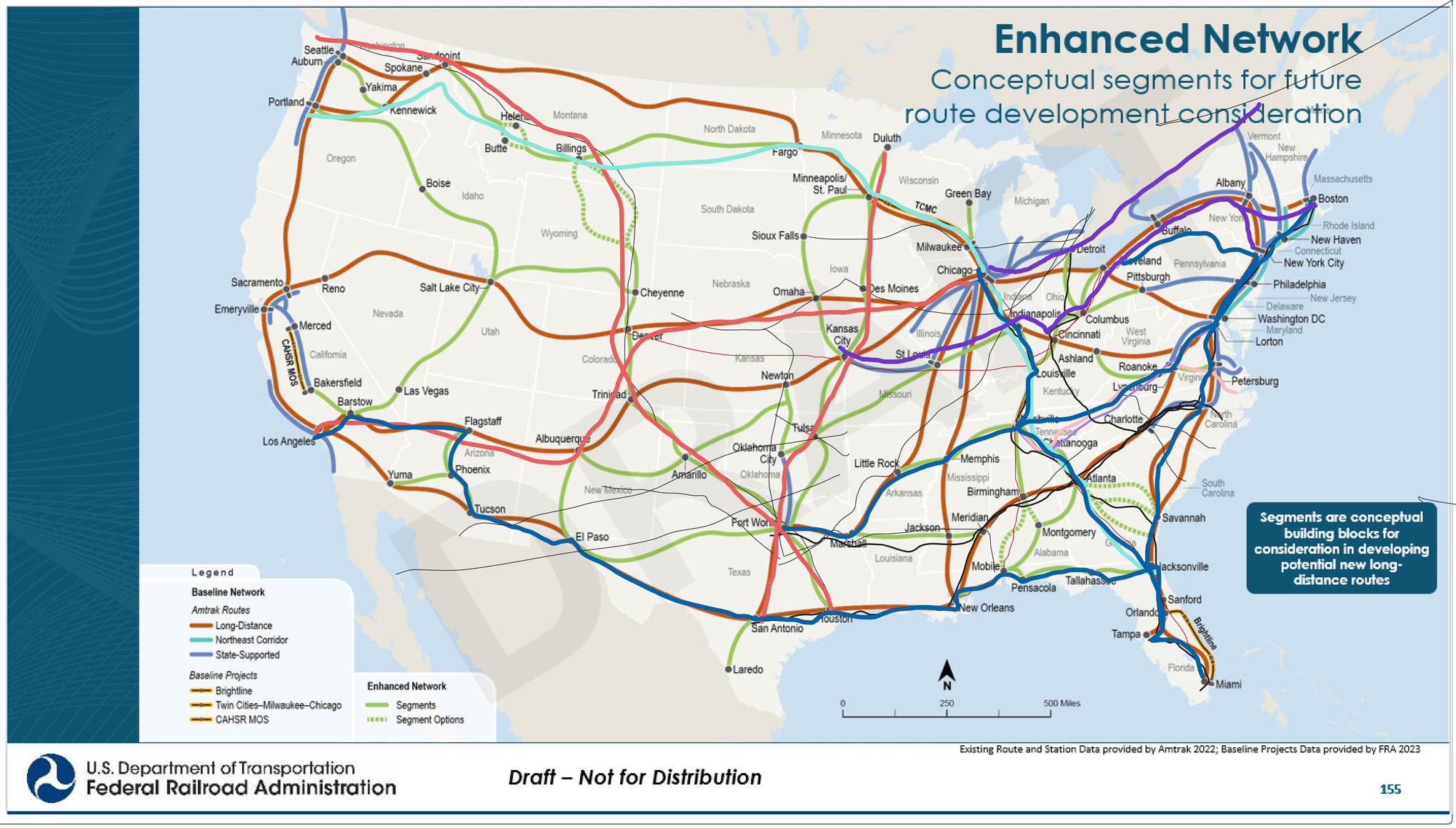
Example: Billings to Cheyenne via Western node.
Or L.A to Barstow to Las Vegas to Salt Lake City.



Activity 2 - Draw a Route

Draw Your Route

Using the pencil icon on the left menu, draw the route that you created above.



Activity 3 - Future Feedback Opportunities

? In moving the study forward, how can FRA and Amtrak best coordinate with stakeholders about long-distance service?

Current Long-Distance Service

Type of Input

- Connections to local economic development
- Get a better understanding fo the future multi moddal regional hub
- "ground truthing" what works/ doesn't work (eg. need for rental cars at stations)
- Coordinated marketing
- Innovative funding opportunities
- Long-term municipal/govt plans
- User groups needs information (Scouts, college students, tours, military)
- Medium to long-term climate impacts
- Quantified economic benefits of service

Stakeholders to Involve

- National Association of City Transportation Officials
- Southeastern Rail Commission
- Social services organizations
- NCDOT Rail, North Carolina Railroad, & CRTPO, GCLMPO, CRMPO (JAL - CRTPO)
- Regional transportation
- MPOs
- Destination Marketing Organizations (e.g., Visit Orlando)
- Affordable housing organizations
- State Legislatures
- local community groups
- Real Estate Developers (Residential & Commercial)
- Texas Eagle Marketing and Performance Organization (TEMPO)
- Universities, Colleges, post-secondary residential trade schools
- Local chambers of commerce
- MPOs
- Interagency Federal (e.g., DOD, Homeland Security)
- partnership to promot loca destination

Future Long-Distance Service

Type of Input

- Regional city stops partnering on events to bring tourists/ visitors to region on route
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- What would make rail more attractive to business users?
- Where do your citizens want to go?
- Marketing Ideas
- Information on how to create a ramp up for new destination
- Matching funds for necessary Ops & Cap.
- Don't need matching funds for long-distance (Federally funded program)
- Oppportunities for station partnerships
- Marketing ideas about what cities local community members might wish to visit/explore on new route

Stakeholders to Involve

- MPOs
- Coordinate with State DOTs
- Southeast Corridor Coalition
- Working with grassroots rail advocacy groups such as I-20 Corridor Council and TEMPO
- Municipal Planning Organizations
- Coordinate with Local Freight RRs Daily Cardinal Service (VA)
- Elected officials
- Councils of Governments for regional input and partnering
- Economic Development organizations, regional council of governments (JAL - CRTPO)
- Create an Amtrak Mayors advisory Cmte for potentially served towns
- State DOT
- College students
- Short line RRs
- Local transit entities at stops to coordinate how passengers can be picked up at station
- Corridor council - DOT
- Community groups

- MPOs

Activity 3A - Future Feedback Opportunities

? Are there other examples of organizational or coordinating groups that have worked well for efforts like these?

- Southern Rail Commission
- States for Passenger Rail
- I-95 Corridor Coalition (or whatever it's called now)
- Create opportunities to generate new interstate conpacts
- Inspiring example the Hong Kong and Singapore mass transit systems
- TEMPO
- Midwest Intercity Passenger Rail Commission
- Rail Passengers Association
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- SAIPRC
- I-20 COrridor Council
- Councils of Governments
- NACTO
- AASHTO CORT
- Midwest rail initiative
- CONEG
- LAIPRC (Long Distance Intercity Passener Rail Committee) should be created
- NAIOP
- I-75 Central Corridor Coalition
- NEC Commission
- Rail Passengers Association