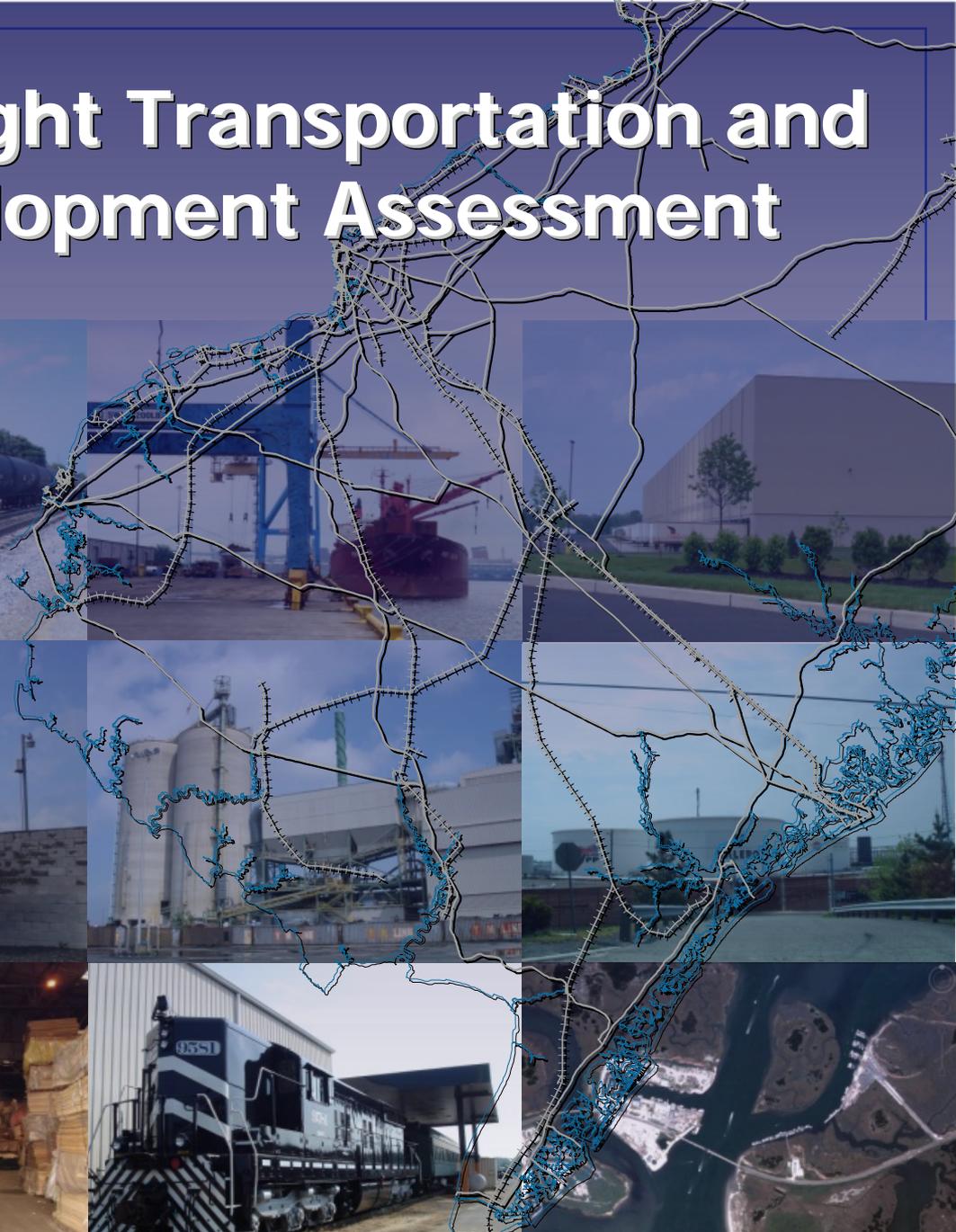


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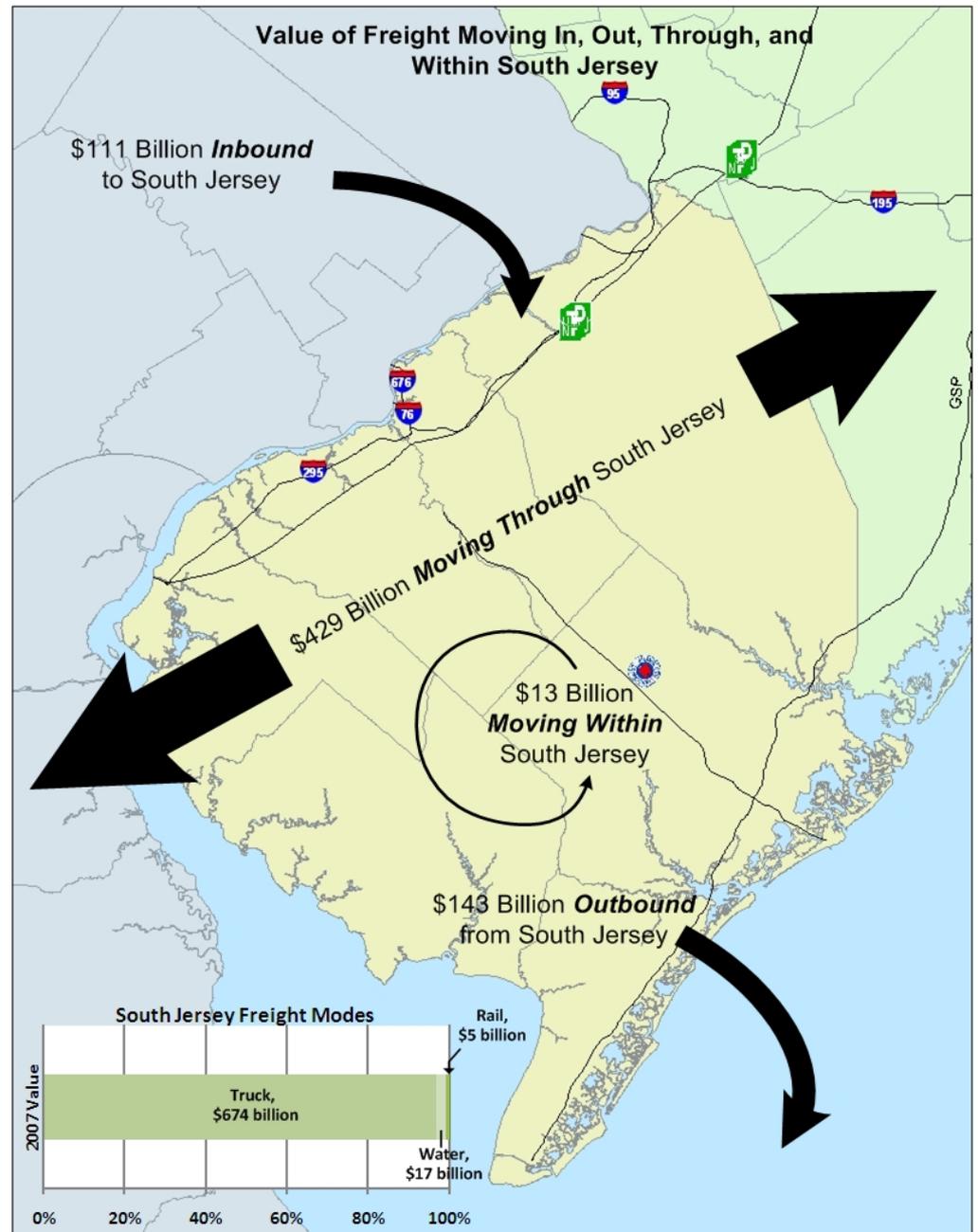


# An assessment of freight transport and markets in the South Jersey region

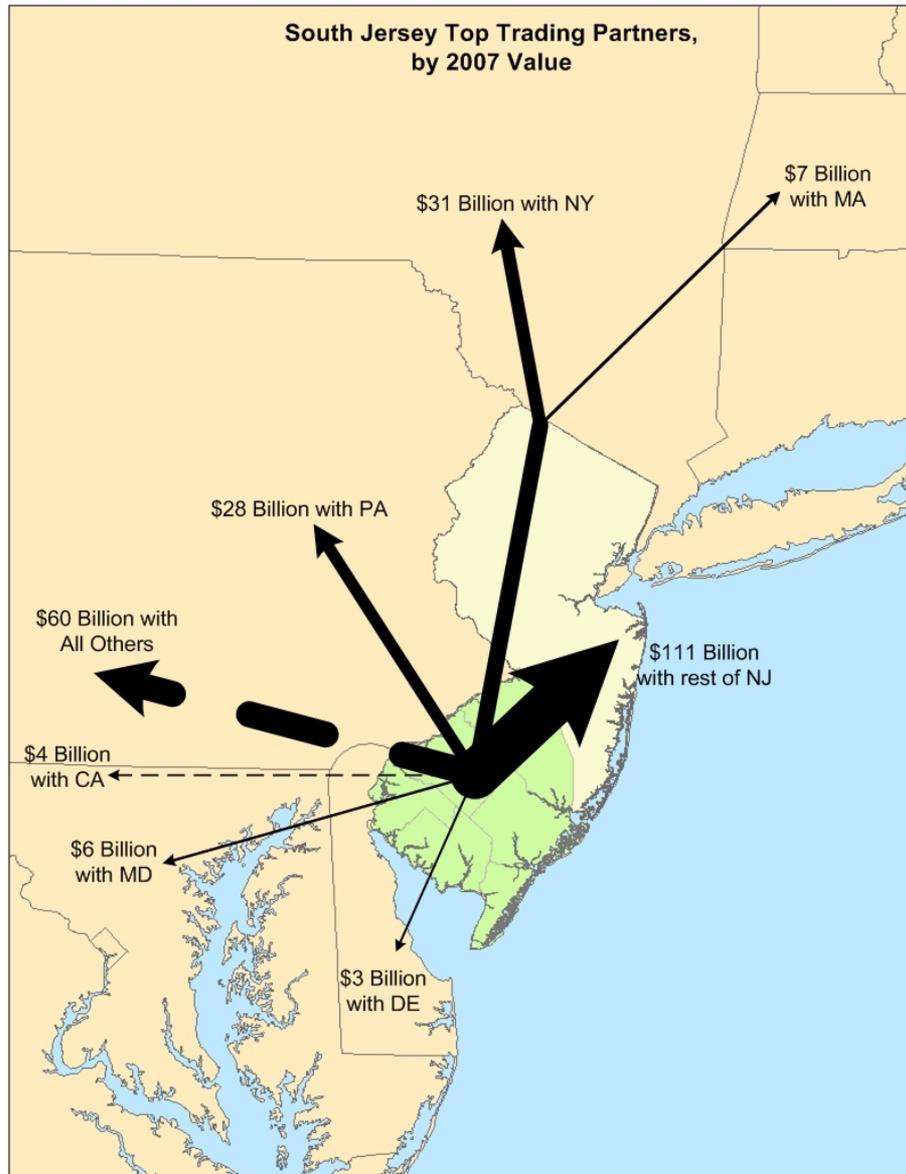
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- Identify region's strengths and key industry clusters
- Examine key transportation needs and prioritize based on need to maintain, improve or expand key industrial clusters



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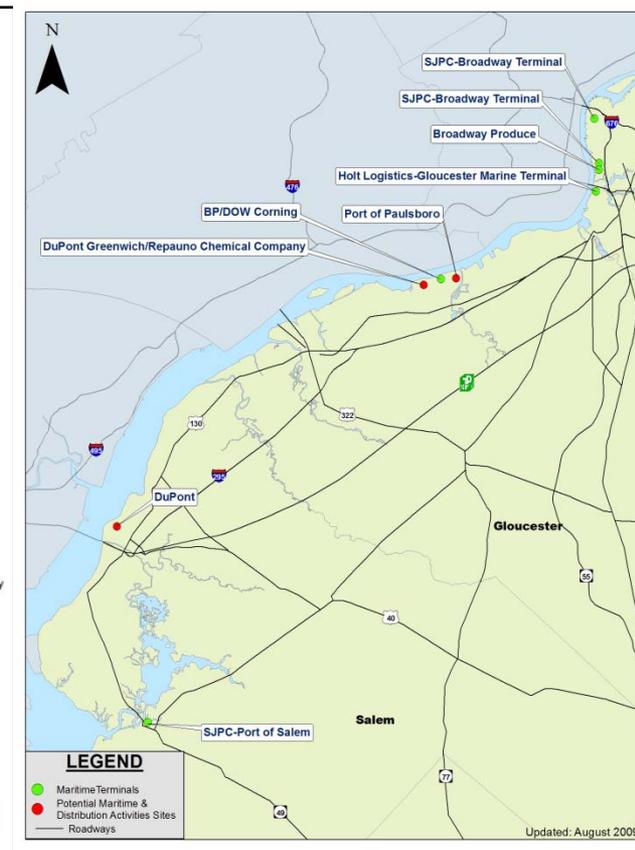
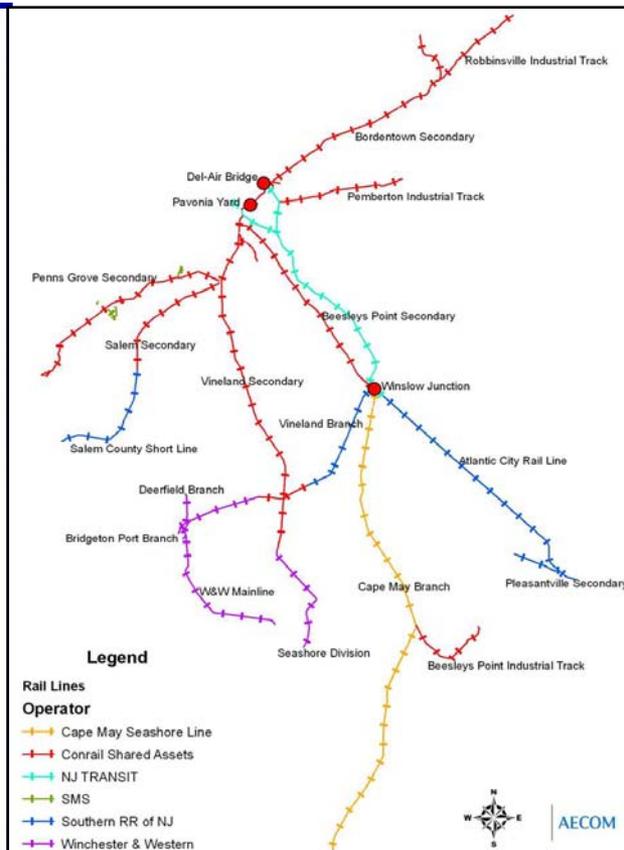
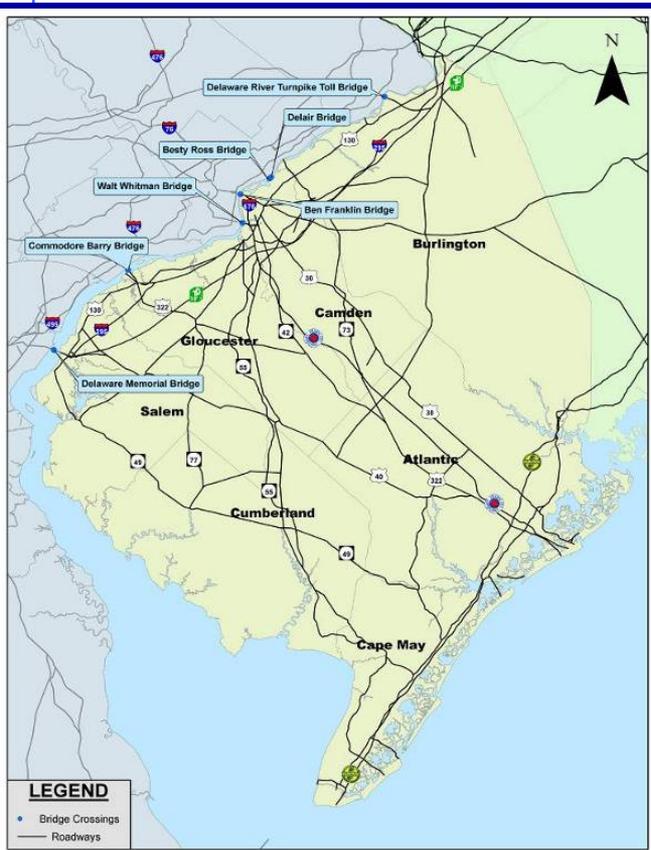


# Top Trading Partners



# Multi-modal supply chain spine linked to the NE Corridor

- Major Roadways – limited access highways
- Rail – Conrail shared assets and shortlines
- Maritime network, Ports and Distribution centers



# Region and Industry are Valuable Assets

- Skilled and available labor pool
- Cost competitive land and leasing rates
- Multi-modal supply chain linked to northeast corridor
- Abundant natural resources
  - Seafood (\$600 million)
  - Prime agricultural farmland (\$580 million)
  - Construction aggregates (\$120 million)
- Proximity to some of largest consumer markets in NJ, NY, and PA



# Freight and Logistics Industry Clusters



**Supply Chain Corridor**



**Delaware River Ports**



**Agriculture**



**Legacy Industries**



**Construction Aggregates**



**Seafood**

# Transportation Needs by Industry Cluster

- **Supply Chain**
  - Beyond I-295/ NJ Turnpike location advantages dissipate rapidly
  - Expansion constrained by rail condition/connectivity and north-south rail disconnect
- **Delaware River Ports**
  - Camden port facilities have numerous deficiencies and community impacts, need modernization to realize potential
  - Rail access at Port of Salem virtually unusable
- **Legacy Industries**
  - Rail needs upgrading/connectivity improvement to spur reuse
- **Construction Aggregates**
  - North-south rail disconnect a severe constraint
- **Seafood**
  - Middle Thorofare Bridge clearance constrains operations, inhibits expansion
- **Agriculture**
  - Grain export requires bulk terminals for market-to-pier storage



# Stage One: Maintain

- Maintain current strengths, capacity, and markets
  - Shore up supply chain corridor with better interchanges
  - Make needed repairs of port facilities
  - Address needed rail repairs at Salem, Camden, Winslow and Delair
- 2 committed capital projects valued at \$152 M
  - Route 55 Exit 24 (Route 49) (\$21 M)
  - I-295/NJ 42 Missing Moves (\$131 M)
- 11 projects valued at \$301 million
  - I-295, exits 7,10,40,52 and 57
  - Rt 55, exits 47 and 49
  - Delair and Hospitality Creek bridge rehabs
  - Salem secondary upgrades
  - Port of Camden berth repairs and intraport connectors

## Stage Two: Improve

- **Improve efficiency, operations, and cost competitiveness of existing industries**
  - Address long term regional highway capacity and interconnects
  - Upgrade short line system and Port rail access
  - Modernize Camden Port facilities, mitigate community impacts
- **3 committed capital projects valued at \$3.86B**
  - I-295/I-76/I-676/NJ 42 “Direct Connection” (\$810 M)
  - NJ Turnpike Widening Exit 6-9 (\$2.5 B)
  - PA Turnpike & I-95 Interchange (\$553 M)
- **16 projects valued at \$305 million**

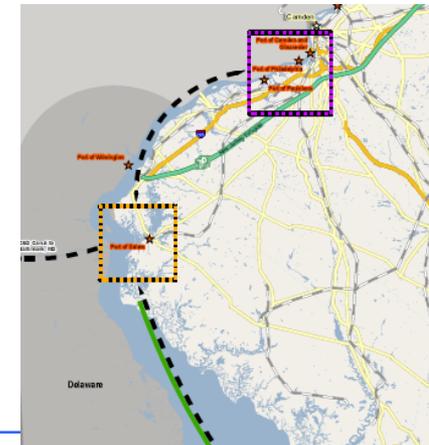
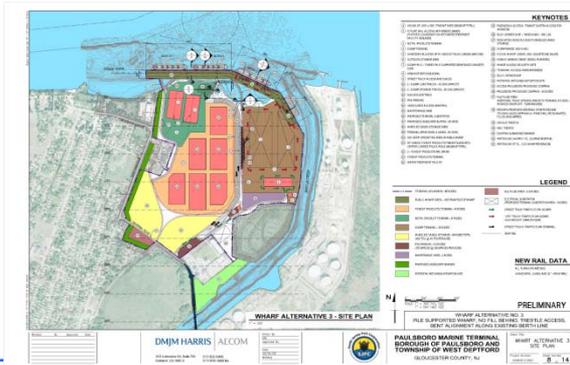
Port of Camden/I-676 Interchange	Penns Grove Secondary	Camden wharves
Salem Dockside Rail Improvements	Increase Pavonia capacity	Camden rail
Route 49 connection to I-295	Robbinsville Industrial	Broadway Pier 1
Bordentown siding/double track	Salem short line rehab	Camden access road
SMS upgrades at Pureland	Beckett Entrance	Salem wharf

## Stage Three: Expand

- Expand into new markets, new products, new capacity, integrate freight modes
  - Improve deep sea access at Cape May
  - Build new multimodal port at Paulsboro
  - Provide capability of receiving double stack trains to expand logistics industry
- 1 committed capital project valued at \$274 M
  - New Marine Terminal at Paulsboro
- 4 projects valued at \$441 Million
  - Middle Thorofare Bridge/Ocean Drive
  - Roadway connector for Paulsboro and I-295
  - Rail connections for Paulsboro
  - Double stack capacity for Delair Bridge

# And Beyond...

- Build new bulk terminals to accommodate anticipated regional growth and increase resource export capacity
- Connect southern NJ to the Port of NY/NJ and Port of Philadelphia to accommodate growth in containerized goods by rebuilding loop rail service
- Expand Port of Salem to be hub for domestic shipping as envisioned in New Jersey Marine Highway plan
- Use all of the above to position southern NJ to be an export platform for implementation of the National Export Initiative



# Opportunities for Input

- NJDOT Website  
<http://www.state.nj.us/transportation/freight/plan/initiatives.shtm>
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# Delaware Valley Goods Movement Presentation

Region Projects  
2010 to 2012

# 2010 Construction Projects

- 202-ERP – Chester County
- 476-RDC – Montgomery County
- 202-311 – Chester County
- 202-700 – Bucks and Montgomery County
- 30 th Street – Bridges Philadelphia County
- I-95 – Girard Point Bridge Rehab-Philadelphia
- Gustine Lake Interchange - Philadelphia
- I-95 Micro-surfacing – Bucks County
- I-76 Ramp/Henderson Road

# I-476 RDC Blue Route Reconstruction





# TR 309 Section 101 reconstruction



# Girard Point Bridge Project



# RT 1 RES Twin Bridges ARRA project

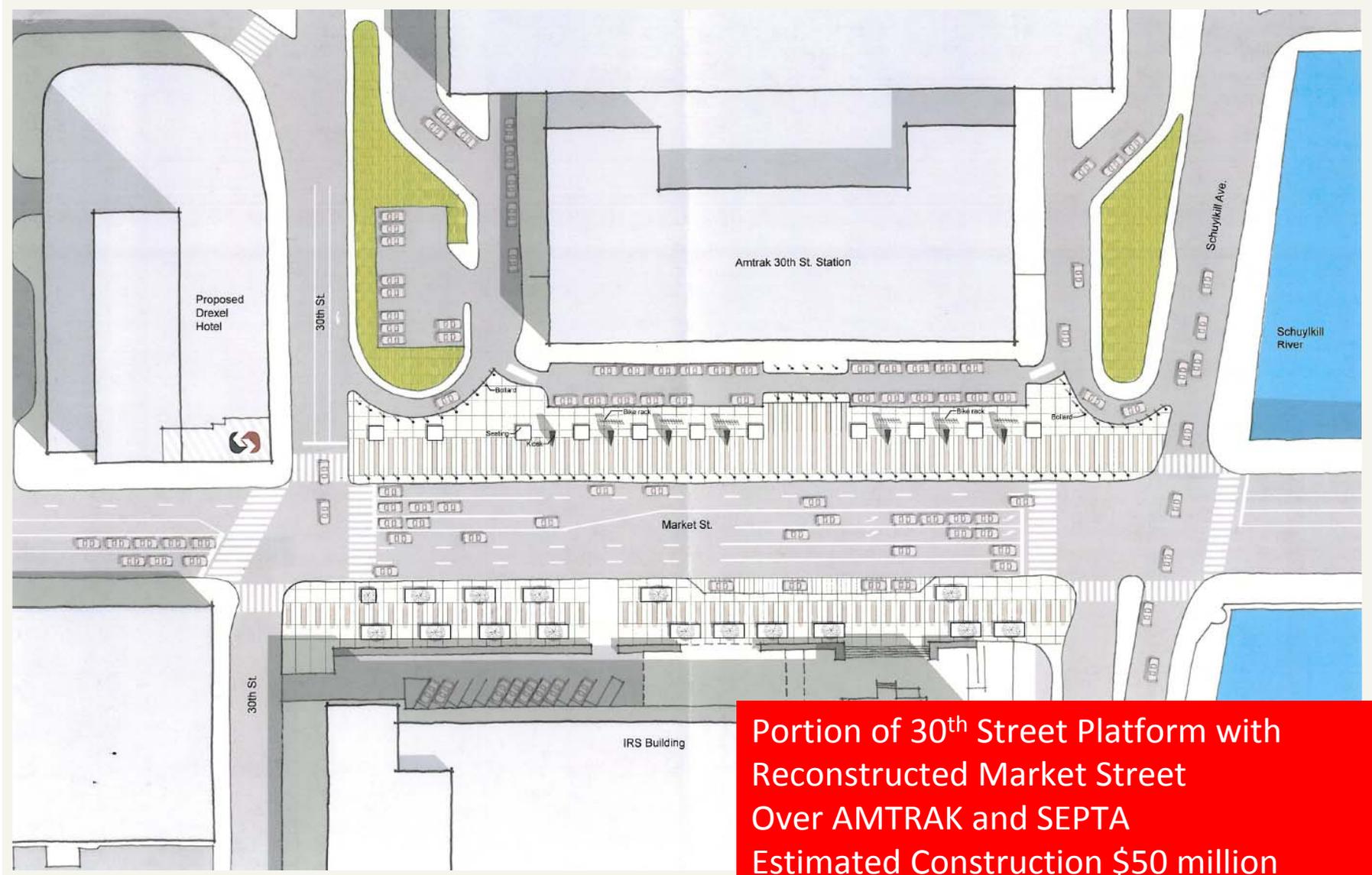


# Gustine Lake Interchange

## ARRA/Region



# 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station Structures



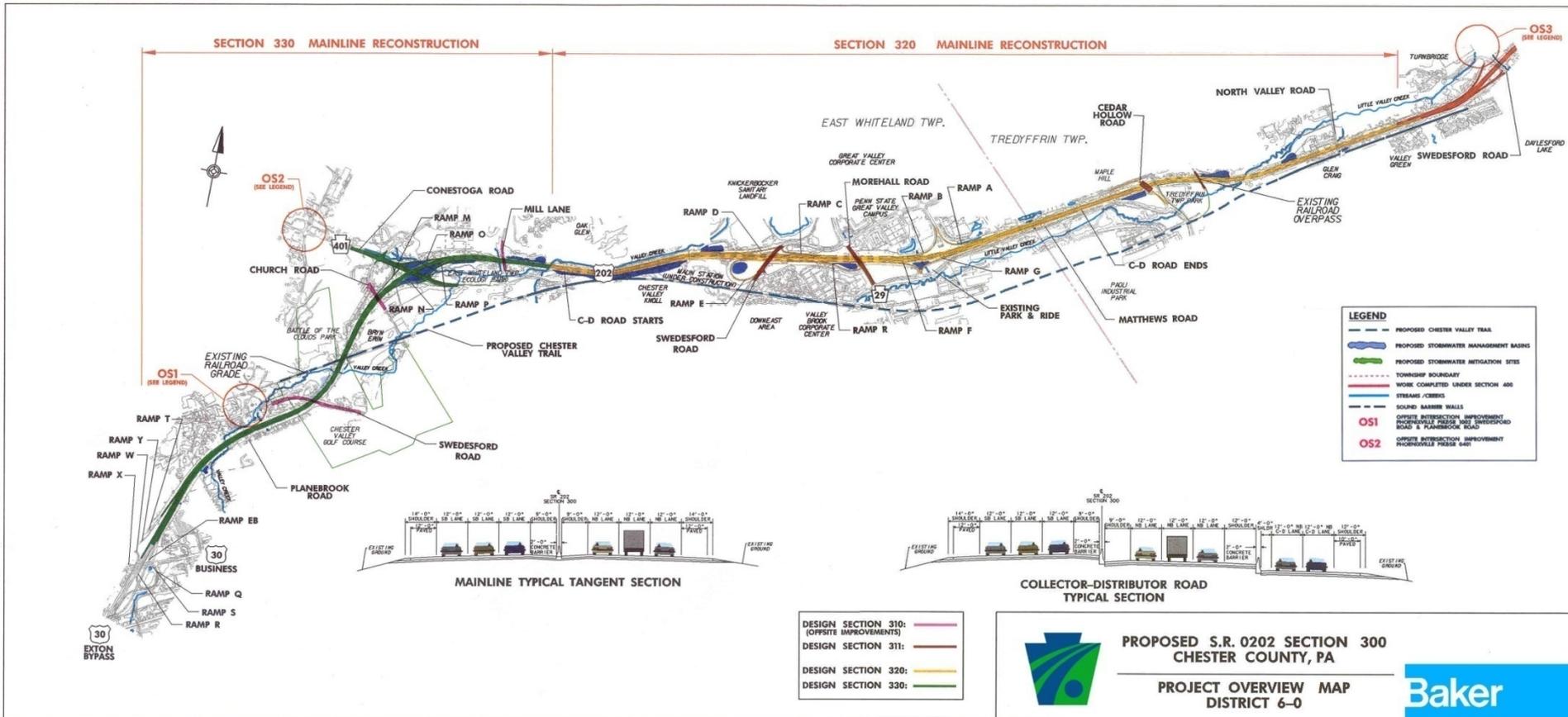
Portion of 30<sup>th</sup> Street Platform with  
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Over AMTRAK and SEPTA  
Estimated Construction \$50 million  
Scheduled Bid Opening Late 2010

# 2011 Proposed Projects

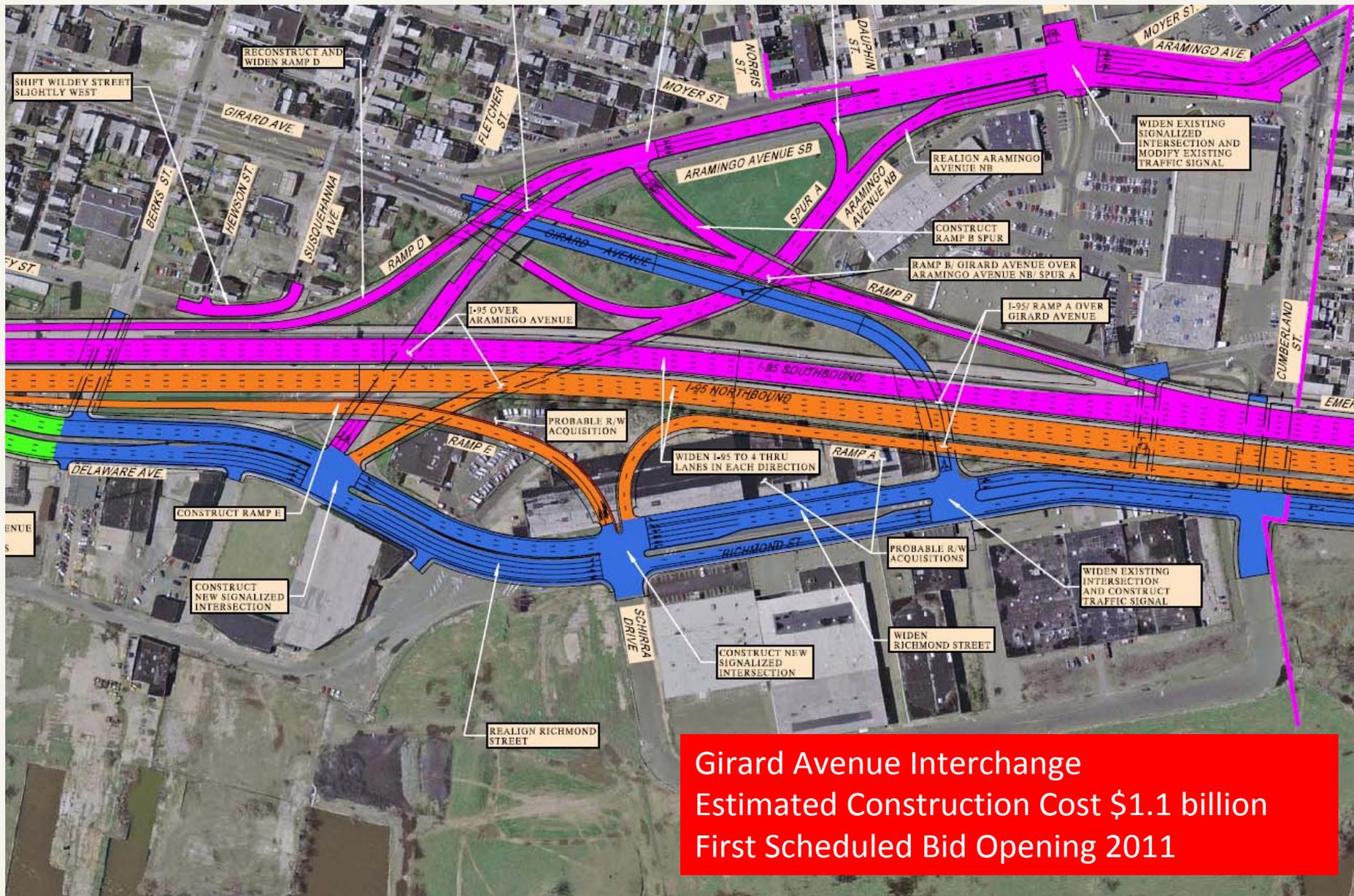
- I-95-CP2 Philadelphia County – \$195 M
- I-95-GR1 Philadelphia County --\$75.3 M
- Platt Brdg Philadelphia County -- \$30M
- 413-S46 Bucks County -- \$12M
- 100-02L Chester County -- \$15.3M
- 202-320 Chester County -- \$109M
- 422-M1A Montgomery County \$87M

# US 202 Section 300

## Estimated Construction Cost \$ 250 M



# I-95 and the Girard Avenue Interchange



Girard Avenue Interchange  
Estimated Construction Cost \$1.1 billion  
First Scheduled Bid Opening 2011



# I-95 GIR

## Estimated Construction Cost - \$990 M



# I-95 – CPR

## Estimated Construction Cost - \$ 238 M



# 2012 Proposed Projects

- 422-ITR Montgomery County -- \$10 M
- 422 M2A Montgomery County -- \$32 M
- I-95 GR2 Philadelphia County -- \$43 M
- I-95-TWU Delaware County -- \$20 M
- 202-330 Chester County – \$84M
- TR 13-MO4 Bucks County -- \$28M
- TR 23-TCB Montgomery County -- \$10M

# I-95 Section AFC

## Estimated Construction Cost \$ 205 M



# I-95 Sections BSR & BRI

Estimated Construction Cost-\$228M(BSR), \$327M(BRI)



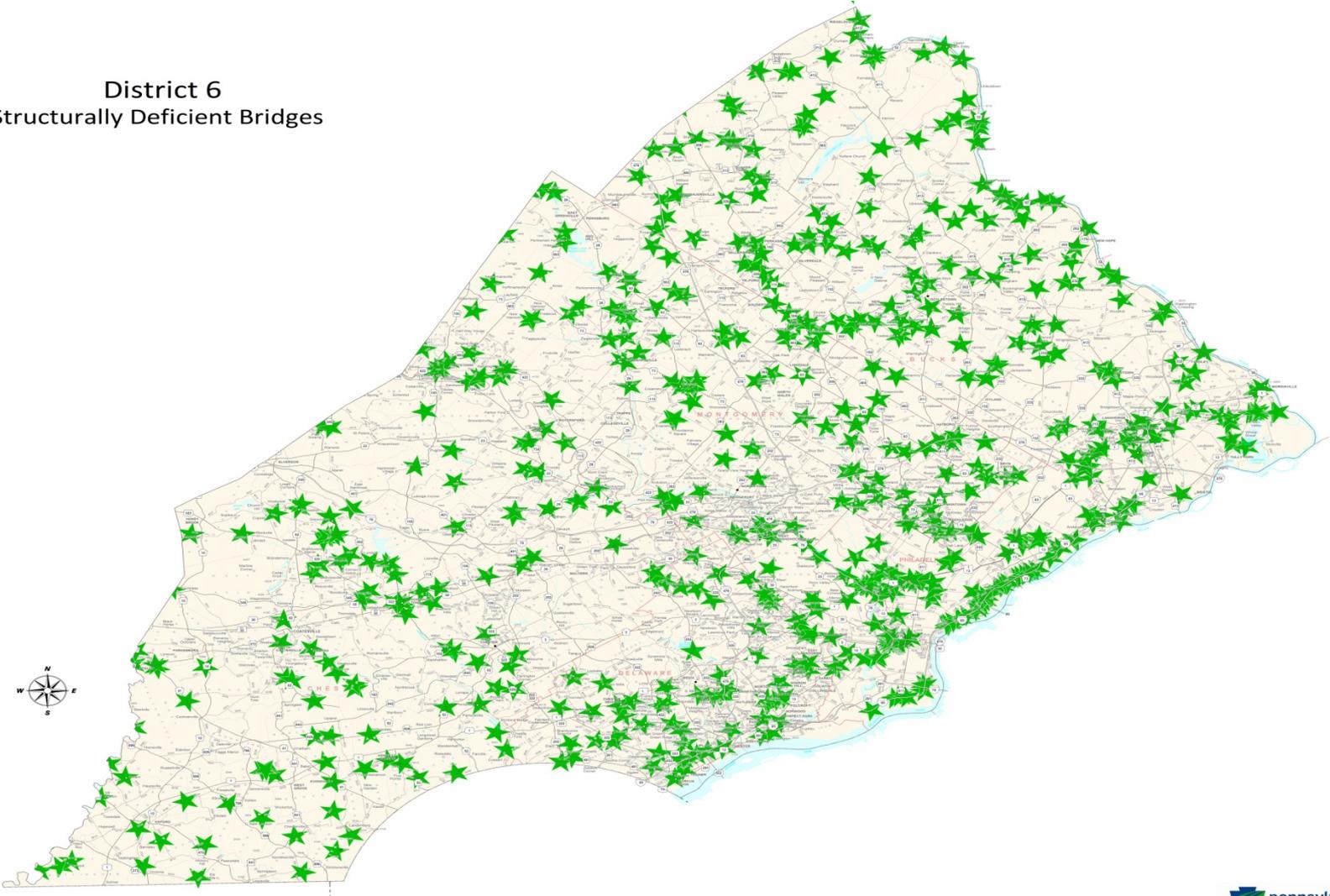
# Annual Funding Shortfall

## Bridge & Pavement Needs

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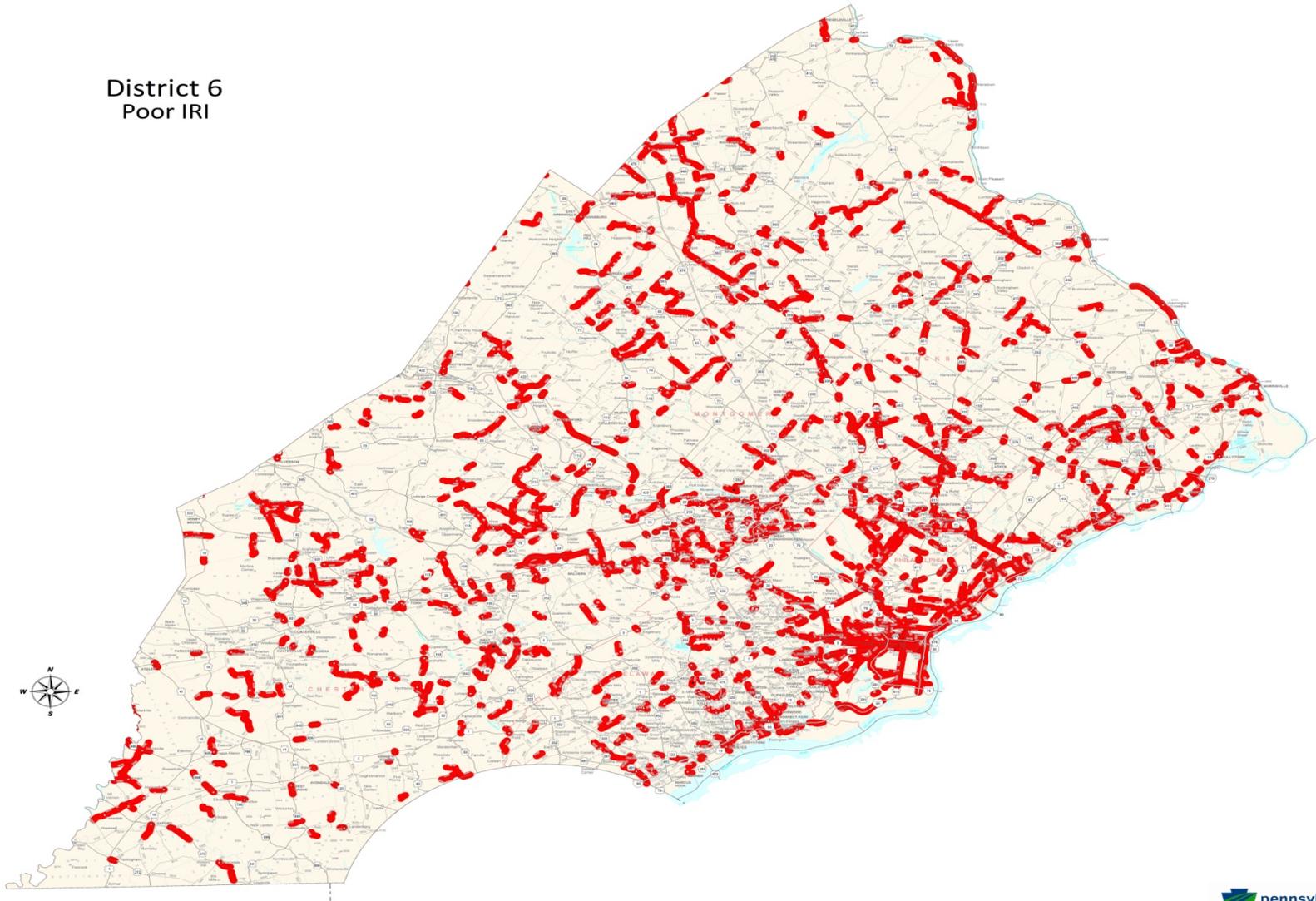
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District 6  
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# 770 miles of poor IRI

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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING STUDY

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FINAL REPORT



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MAY 2010

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Local Government	\$432
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,492</b>

Source: Transportation Advisory Committee May 2010 Report

# Recommendations – Longer-Term Need

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  - Tolling Options
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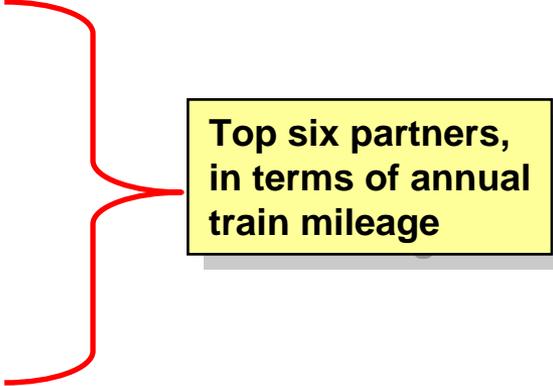
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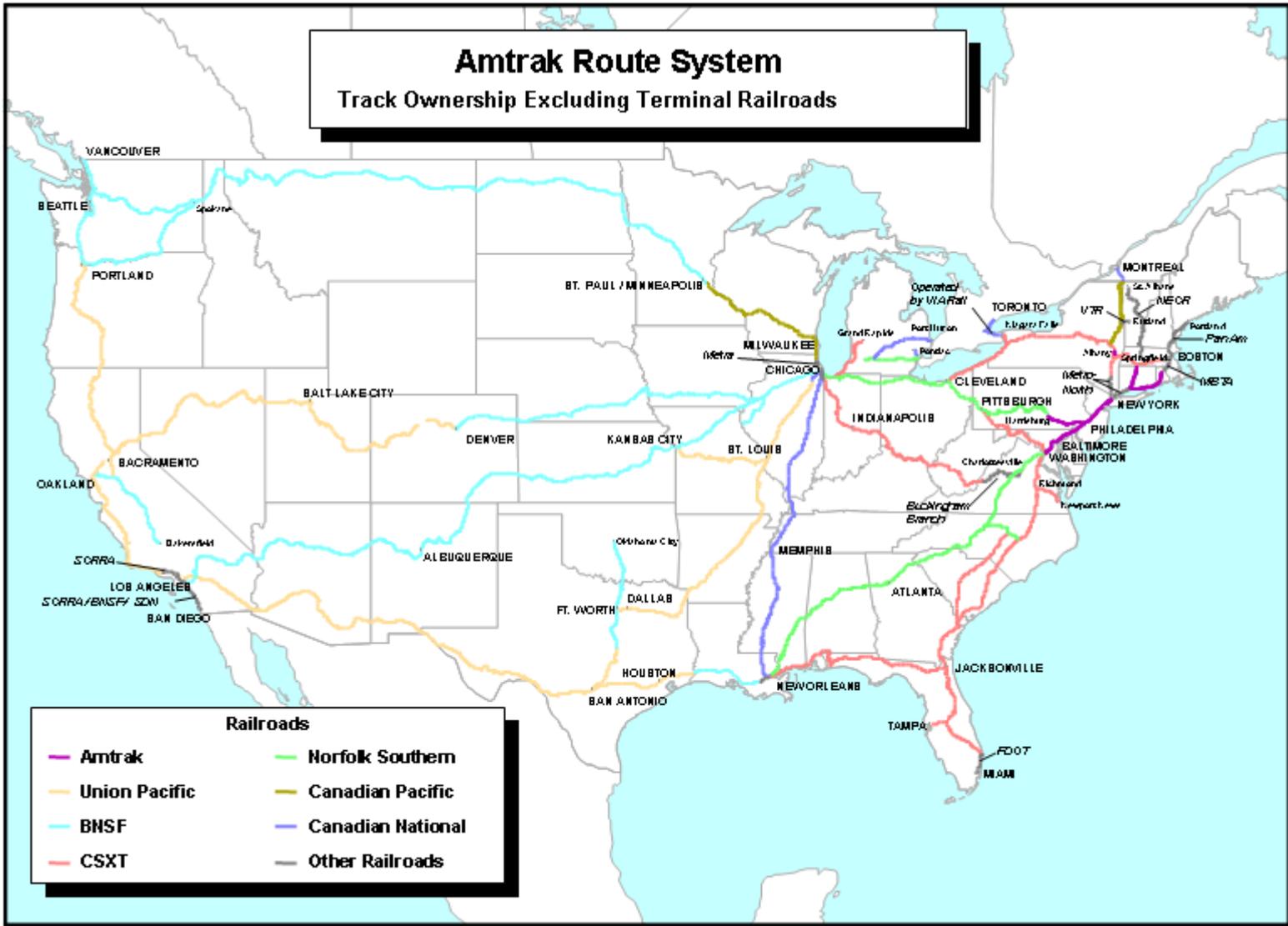
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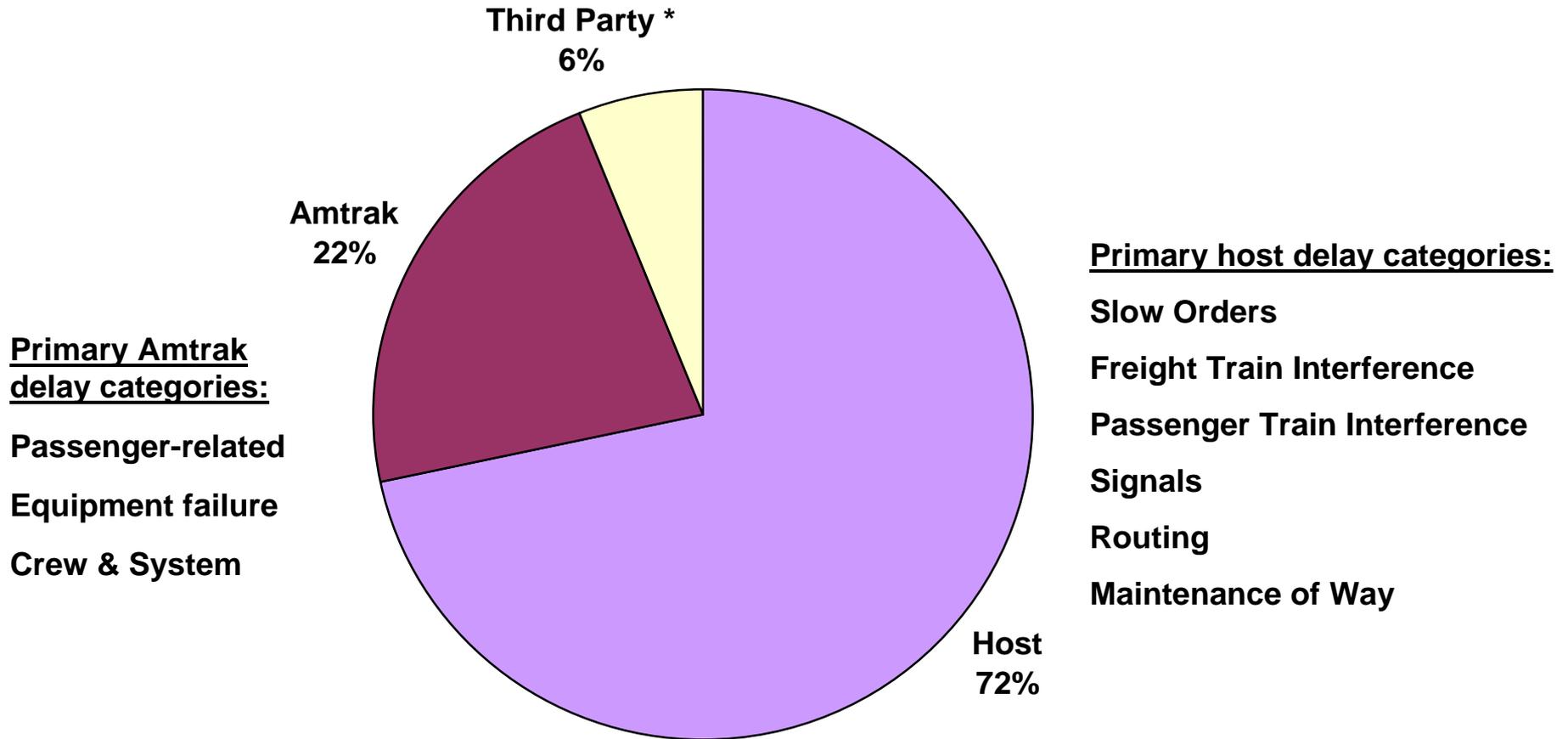


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# FY09 Off-NEC Delays By Responsible Party



\* Unused Recovery Time Not Included.



# PRIIA is a blueprint for fundamental change

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- Clear vision for Amtrak and intercity passenger rail within the national transportation scheme
- Establishes a new partnership between Federal government, states, Amtrak, and host railroads:
  - States plan rail service
  - Host railroads access federal capital to accommodate additional service
  - Amtrak operates national network, helps design and operate services
  - US DOT integrates this state planning into a national system
- PRIIA grant programs to support intercity passenger rail have been funded by \$8 billion in ARRA stimulus money, and \$2.5 billion in additional capital – a total of \$10.5 billion!

# Key PRIIA requirements that affect freight/Amtrak relations

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**Sec. 207 - Metrics and Standards:**  
*Amtrak and FRA must develop or improve metrics and standards to measure train performance and service quality*

**Sec. 303 - State rail plans:** *States must complete state passenger and freight rail plans that are coordinated with other state transportation plans*

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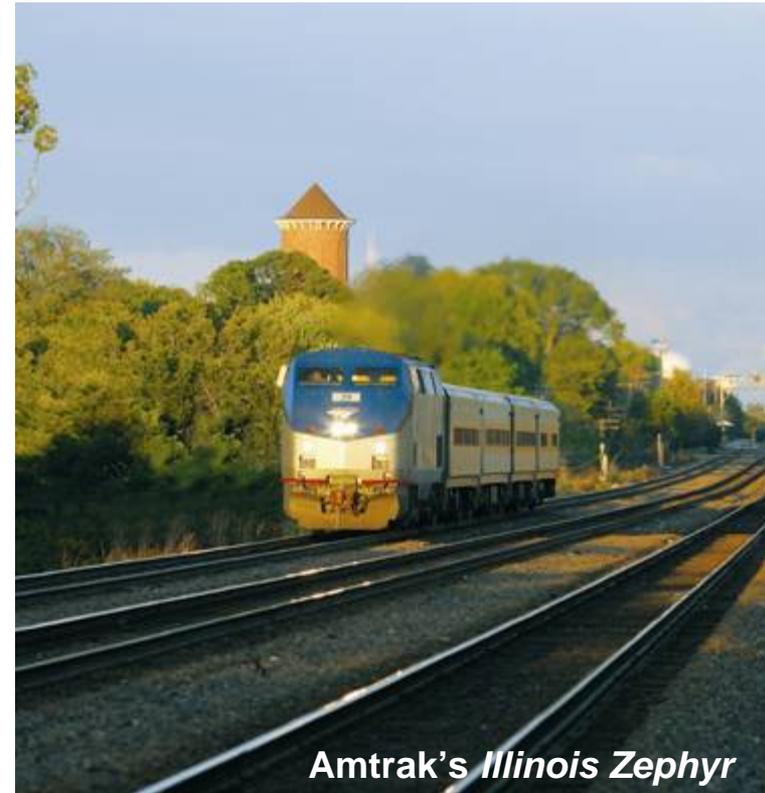
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# Evolving into our New Roles

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- States will be lead partners
  - Create rail plans
  - Function as federal grant recipients
  - Provide operating and capital funding for Amtrak services
    - Under PRIIA, Amtrak must treat short distance routes uniformly
    - States who do not fund their routes today must begin to do so by 2013
- FRA leads national policy
  - National rail plan
  - Safety and performance standards
  - Administers grant programs
  - Facilitates among partners – states, Amtrak, freights



*Amtrak's Illinois Zephyr*

# Evolving into our New Roles

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- Amtrak facilitates intercity rail operations and development
  - Operator of the national network
  - Trusted by hosts to operate safely
  - State services operator
  - Fleet provider
  - HSR operator
  - Contract commuter operator
  - Tactical planner of intercity passenger services
  - Liability coverage provider on hosts (no-fault each-takes-own)
- Amtrak is developing new business processes, resources and policies to become corridor-service focused and more transparent, consistent, and nimble

# Amtrak, State, Host Collaboration for New and Expanded Routes

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- For new or expanded intercity rail passenger service, Amtrak, state, and host must agree up-front on service outcomes, in particular
  - Trips per day
  - Trip time
  - Maximum delay minutes per trip
- Amtrak, state, and host then design an infrastructure to support these agreed-upon outcomes
  - Without materially lessening the quality of freight service to shippers
  - Practical improvements, not “gold plated”
- Public sector provides funding to “build it right”
- Host railroads make enforceable commitments to “run it right”
- A well-functioning passenger service is good for the rail industry

# Successful Collaborations and Potential New Partnerships

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## **Now:**

- Washington: Seattle-Vancouver 2<sup>nd</sup> Frequency
- Virginia: NEC Regional trains to Lynchburg & Richmond
- North Carolina: Additional Piedmont frequency
- Maine: Brunswick extension

## **Coming Soon:**

- Wisconsin: New service to Madison
- Vermont/Massachusetts: Connecticut River reroute

# VISION *for* HIGH-SPEED RAIL *in* AMERICA



## **“The Big Bang”**

- Substantial trip time improvement
  - May require sustained very high speeds, e.g., 150+ mph
- High capital cost
  - More likely to require dedicated ROW
- Extensive land use issue
- Takes years (sometimes decades) to realize, but builds large market share

## **“Incremental Improvement”**

- Produces a string of small trip time improvements
  - Over time, these accumulate
  - Can begin quickly
  - Build ridership and market share as you go
- Limit capital costs

**Amtrak has the expertise to make both approaches work – so let’s take a look at them**



# A quick comparison

## Amtrak Keystone Corridor Improvements (2006)

- 104 mile line (Philadelphia-Harrisburg)
- Restored existing electrification, improved track and signals for 110 mph service
- 10 intermediate stops, shared ROW for 110mph service w/ Norfolk Southern freight operations
- Harrisburg-Philly trip cut from 2 hours to 1:45
- Carried 1,183,821 riders in FY 08
- 20.1% ridership growth in FY 07, 19.8% growth in FY 08

**Cost: \$145 million**



Segovia-Guion station

## Madrid-Valladolid High Speed Line (Dec 2007)

- 111 mile line
- Constructed a dedicated ROW for 186 mph service; included a 28 km tunnel
- 1 intermediate stop
- Time cut from 1:30 to 55 minutes
- Carried 825,043 riders in 2008

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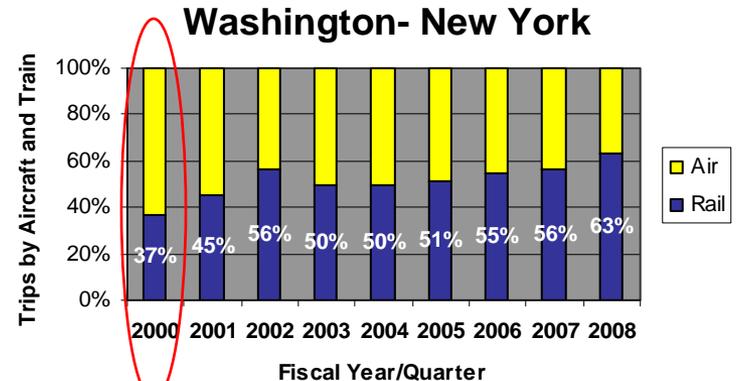
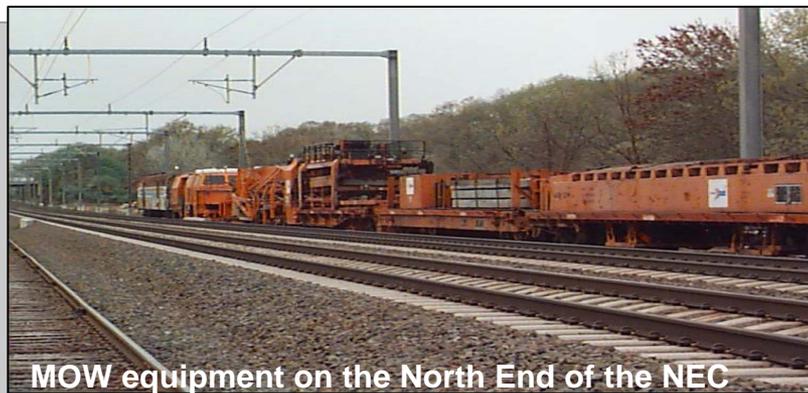
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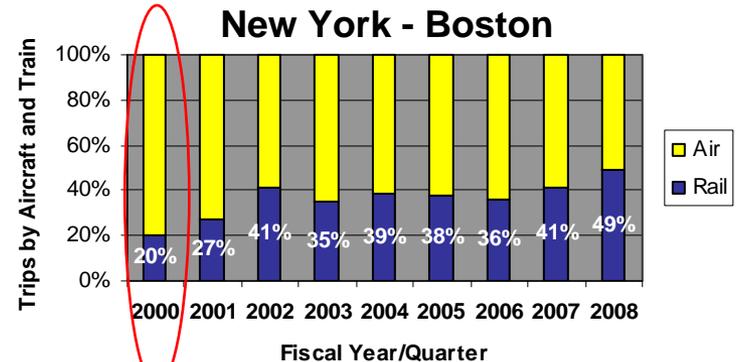
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# How well does an incremental approach work?

- **Northeast Corridor services are a product of incremental development:**
  - ~100 mph in 1976 (on a good day)
  - 125 mph in 1980s
  - 135-150 mph in 2000
- **Market share is a product of trip time – but also frequency, convenience, comfort and reliability**



**Acela service introduced**



**Acela service, electrification, and 125 mph Regional service introduced**

# The diminishing marginal returns problem

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- Beyond some point, you get less output for each additional unit of capital
  - The real question: where is the sweet spot?
- The South End of the Northeast Corridor (DC-NYC) is a good example:
  - Trimming fifteen minutes off current trip time costs a total of \$6.5 billion in infrastructure investment
- These are useful gains, no question – but multiple billions could:
  - Bring the whole Amtrak system in compliance with the ADA (~\$1.6 billion)
  - Raise top speed between Chicago and St. Louis to 110 mph (~\$2 billion)
  - Build 110 mph dedicated rail line between Raleigh, NC and Petersburg, VA (~\$4 billion)
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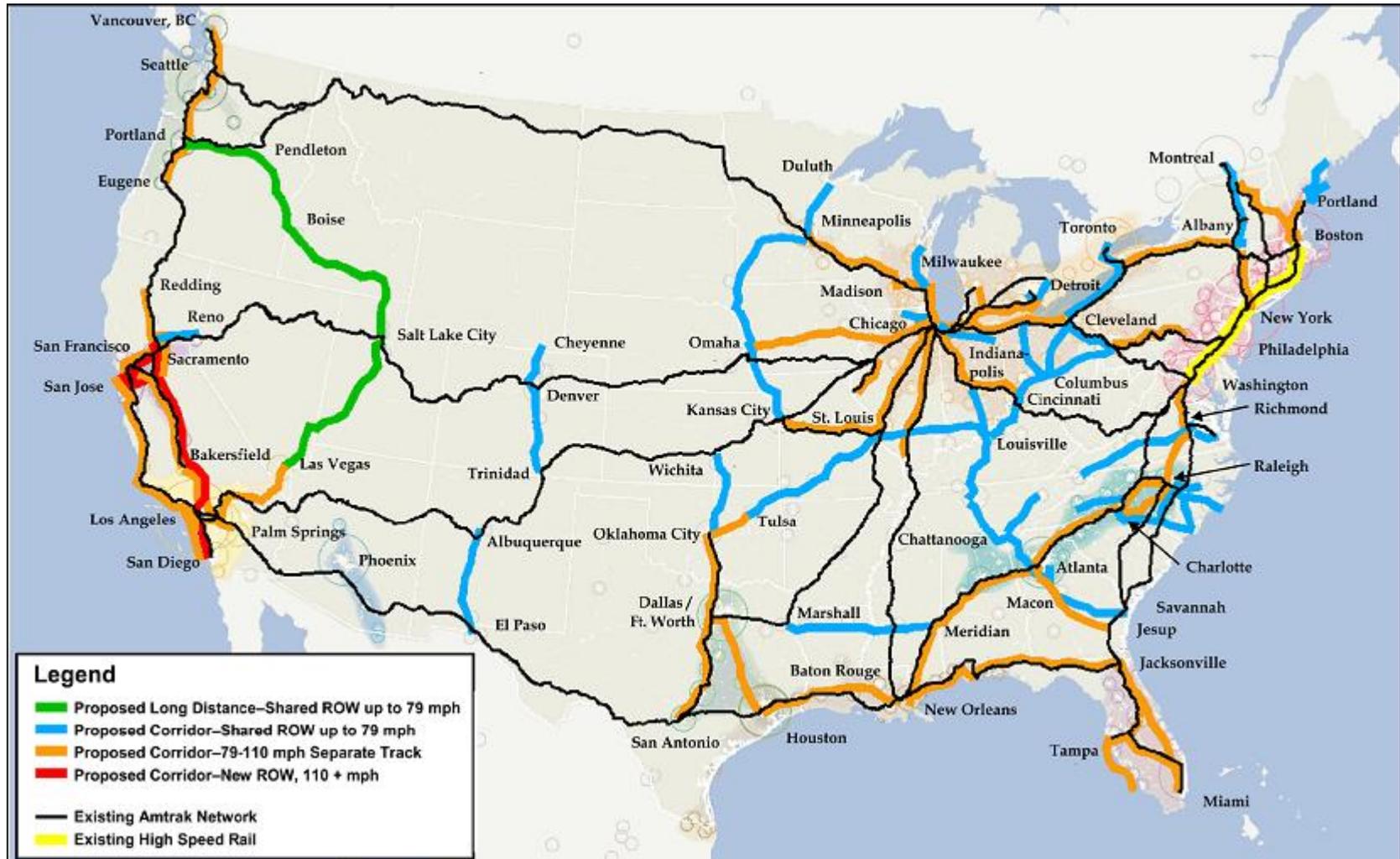
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- FRA's *Vision for High-Speed Rail* states Administration commitment to a program of incremental development
- PRIIA gives the FRA administrator authority to facilitate the process of coordination
- All involved parties have needs:
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  - Passenger carriers need access, and accommodation of service at higher speeds on existing RoW
  - Public has an interest in seeing returns for investment

**Solution has to be coordinated planning, which deconflicts interests and ensures taxpayer's investments produce the promised return**

# 2050 Proposed Intercity Passenger Rail Network



Source: Passenger Rail Working Group proposed 2050 intercity passenger rail network (as modified by states).

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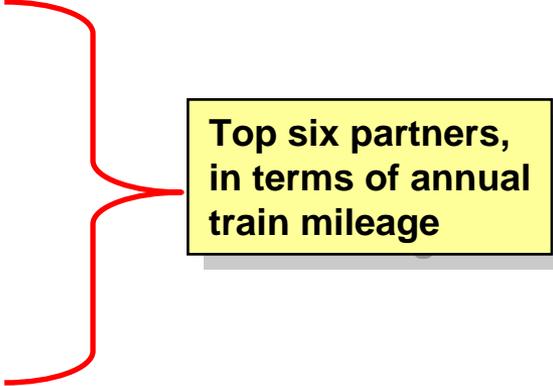
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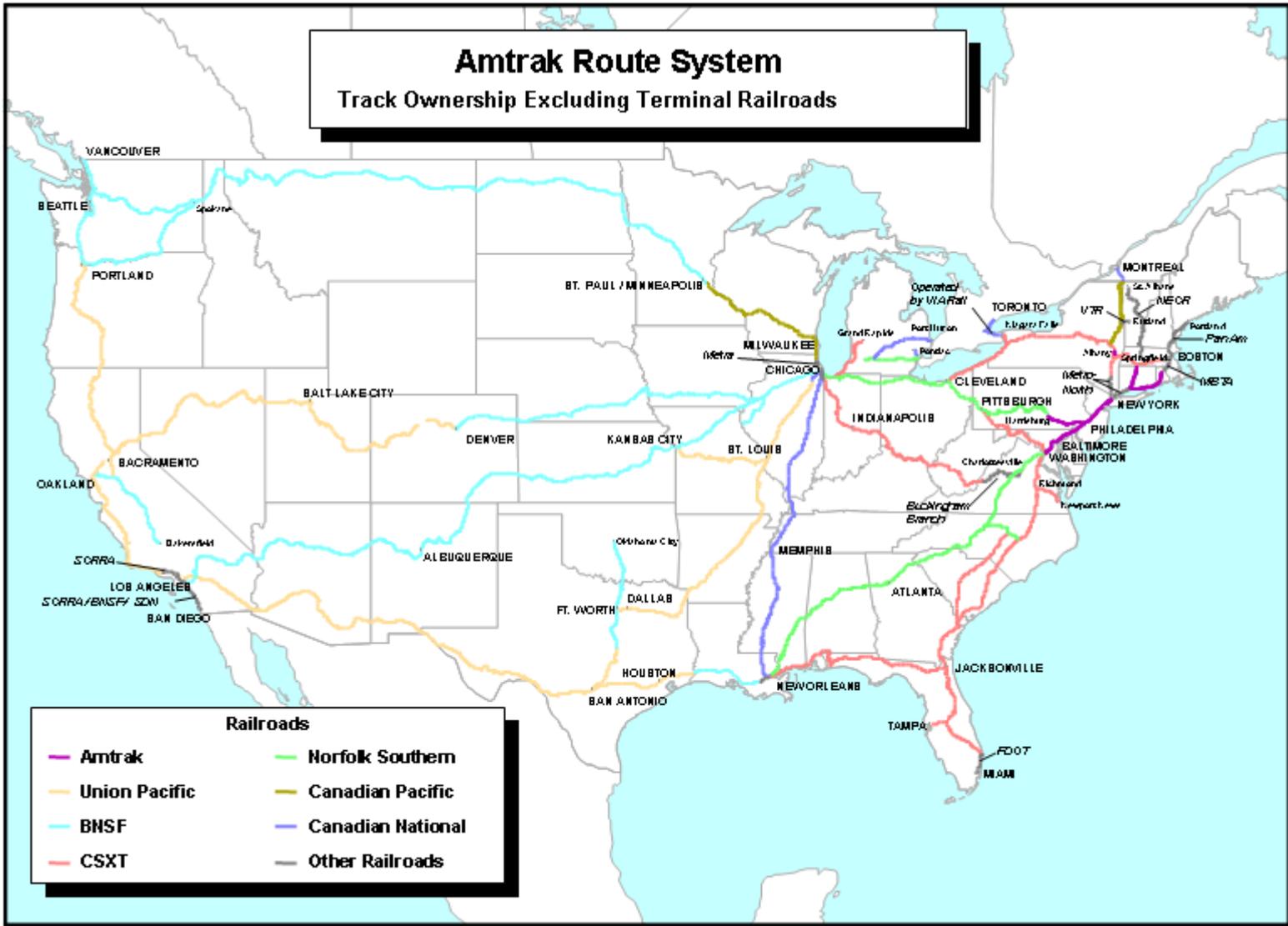
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  - Amtrak credits host railroad management focus
  - In several cases, improvements in Amtrak performance began almost overnight



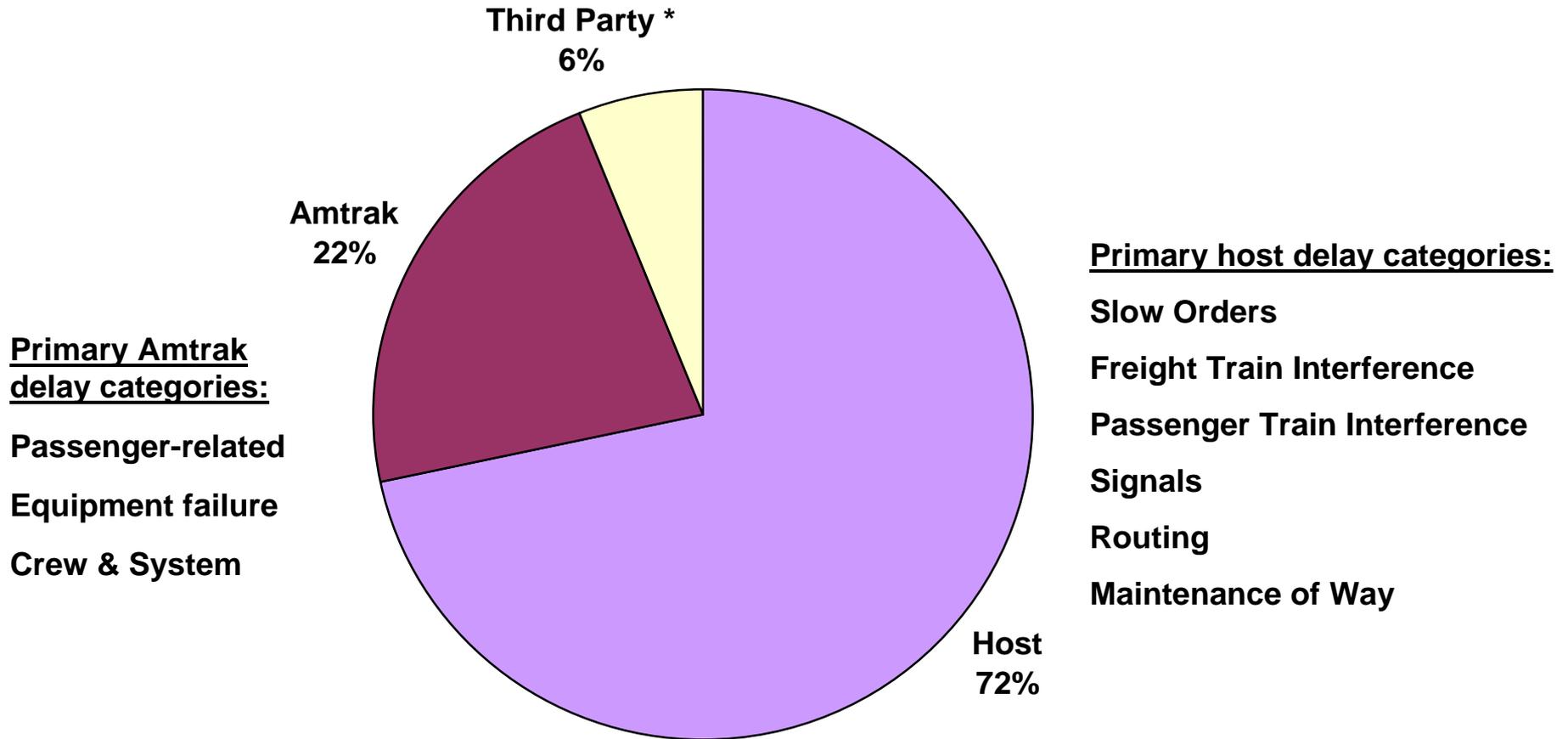
**Coast Starlight – 3.9% OTP in FY 2006**  
**82.2% OTP in FY 2009**



**California Zephyr – 6.9% OTP in FY 2006**  
**59.6% OTP in FY 2009**

# FY09 Off-NEC Delays By Responsible Party

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\* Unused Recovery Time Not Included.



# PRIIA is a blueprint for fundamental change

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- Clear vision for Amtrak and intercity passenger rail within the national transportation scheme
- Establishes a new partnership between Federal government, states, Amtrak, and host railroads:
  - States plan rail service
  - Host railroads access federal capital to accommodate additional service
  - Amtrak operates national network, helps design and operate services
  - US DOT integrates this state planning into a national system
- PRIIA grant programs to support intercity passenger rail have been funded by \$8 billion in ARRA stimulus money, and \$2.5 billion in additional capital – a total of \$10.5 billion!

# Key PRIIA requirements that affect freight/Amtrak relations

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**Sec. 207 - Metrics and Standards:**  
*Amtrak and FRA must develop or improve metrics and standards to measure train performance and service quality*

**Sec. 209 - State-supported routes:**  
*Amtrak, states, and FRA must develop and implement a single nationwide standardized methodology for establishing and allocating operating and capital costs among the states*

**Sec. 303 - State rail plans:** *States must complete state passenger and freight rail plans that are coordinated with other state transportation plans*

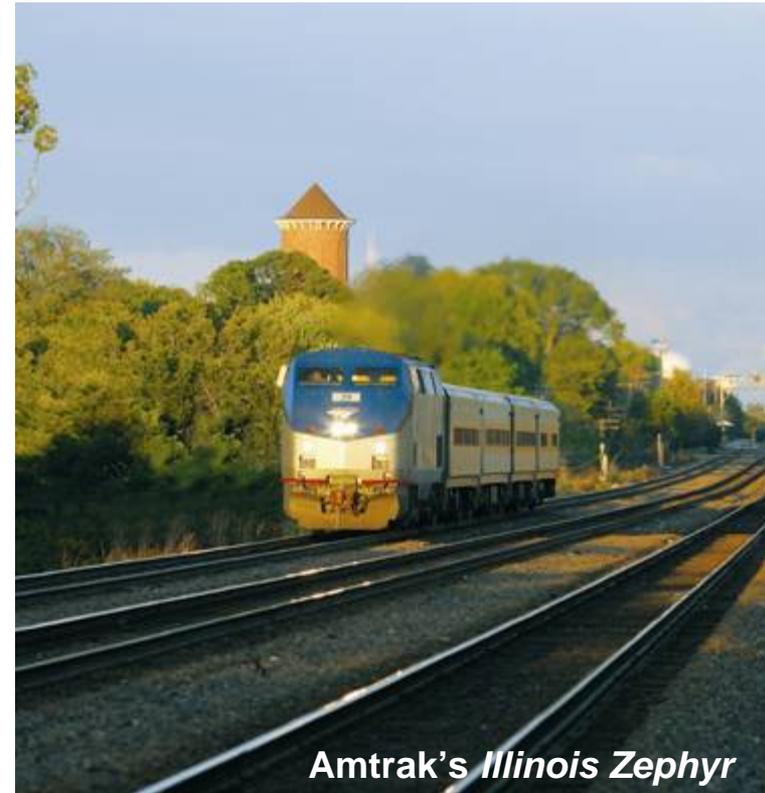
**Sec. 210 - Long Distance Routes:**  
*Amtrak, using the metrics and standards, evaluate each long distance route annually, and develop performance improvement plans; implement them over the LD network by thirds, beginning in 2010*

**Sec. 213 - Passenger Train Performance:**  
*Empowers STB to investigate poor OTP and enforce Amtrak preference rights*

# Evolving into our New Roles

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- States will be lead partners
  - Create rail plans
  - Function as federal grant recipients
  - Provide operating and capital funding for Amtrak services
    - Under PRIIA, Amtrak must treat short distance routes uniformly
    - States who do not fund their routes today must begin to do so by 2013
- FRA leads national policy
  - National rail plan
  - Safety and performance standards
  - Administers grant programs
  - Facilitates among partners – states, Amtrak, freights



*Amtrak's Illinois Zephyr*

# Evolving into our New Roles

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- Amtrak facilitates intercity rail operations and development
  - Operator of the national network
  - Trusted by hosts to operate safely
  - State services operator
  - Fleet provider
  - HSR operator
  - Contract commuter operator
  - Tactical planner of intercity passenger services
  - Liability coverage provider on hosts (no-fault each-takes-own)
- Amtrak is developing new business processes, resources and policies to become corridor-service focused and more transparent, consistent, and nimble

# Amtrak, State, Host Collaboration for New and Expanded Routes

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- For new or expanded intercity rail passenger service, Amtrak, state, and host must agree up-front on service outcomes, in particular
  - Trips per day
  - Trip time
  - Maximum delay minutes per trip
- Amtrak, state, and host then design an infrastructure to support these agreed-upon outcomes
  - Without materially lessening the quality of freight service to shippers
  - Practical improvements, not “gold plated”
- Public sector provides funding to “build it right”
- Host railroads make enforceable commitments to “run it right”
- A well-functioning passenger service is good for the rail industry

# Successful Collaborations and Potential New Partnerships

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## **Now:**

- Washington: Seattle-Vancouver 2<sup>nd</sup> Frequency
- Virginia: NEC Regional trains to Lynchburg & Richmond
- North Carolina: Additional Piedmont frequency
- Maine: Brunswick extension

## **Coming Soon:**

- Wisconsin: New service to Madison
- Vermont/Massachusetts: Connecticut River reroute

# VISION *for* HIGH-SPEED RAIL *in* AMERICA



## **“The Big Bang”**

- Substantial trip time improvement
  - May require sustained very high speeds, e.g., 150+ mph
- High capital cost
  - More likely to require dedicated ROW
- Extensive land use issue
- Takes years (sometimes decades) to realize, but builds large market share

## **“Incremental Improvement”**

- Produces a string of small trip time improvements
  - Over time, these accumulate
  - Can begin quickly
  - Build ridership and market share as you go
- Limit capital costs

**Amtrak has the expertise to make both approaches work – so let’s take a look at them**



# A quick comparison

## Amtrak Keystone Corridor Improvements (2006)

- 104 mile line (Philadelphia-Harrisburg)
- Restored existing electrification, improved track and signals for 110 mph service
- 10 intermediate stops, shared ROW for 110mph service w/ Norfolk Southern freight operations
- Harrisburg-Philly trip cut from 2 hours to 1:45
- Carried 1,183,821 riders in FY 08
- 20.1% ridership growth in FY 07, 19.8% growth in FY 08

**Cost: \$145 million**



Segovia-Guomar station

## Madrid-Valladolid High Speed Line (Dec 2007)

- 111 mile line
- Constructed a dedicated ROW for 186 mph service; included a 28 km tunnel
- 1 intermediate stop
- Time cut from 1:30 to 55 minutes
- Carried 825,043 riders in 2008

**Cost: \$5.9 billion**



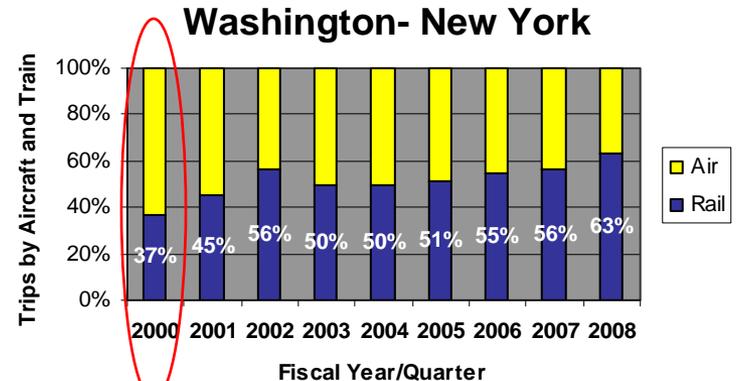
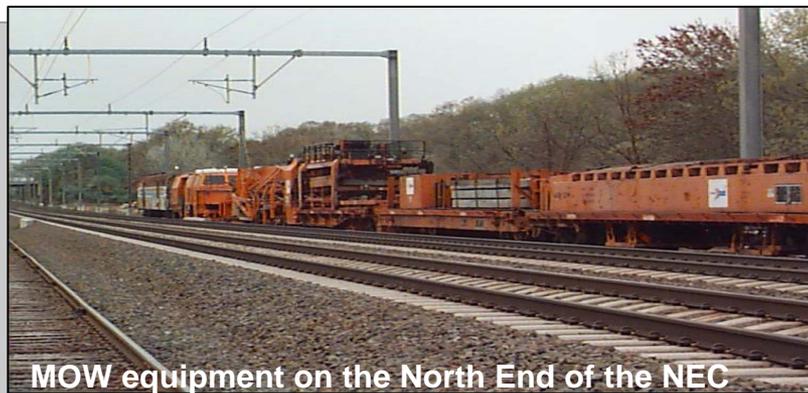
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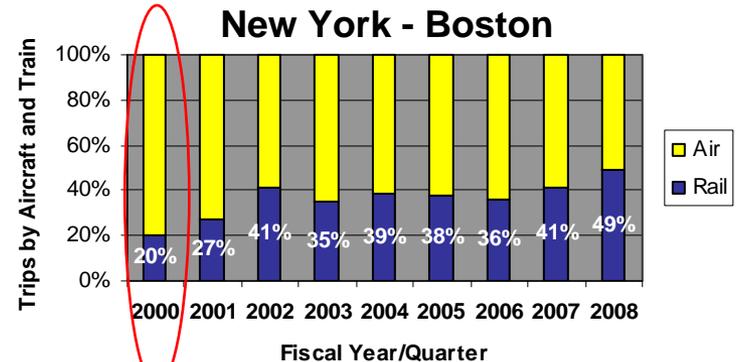
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# How well does an incremental approach work?

- **Northeast Corridor services are a product of incremental development:**
  - ~100 mph in 1976 (on a good day)
  - 125 mph in 1980s
  - 135-150 mph in 2000
- **Market share is a product of trip time – but also frequency, convenience, comfort and reliability**



**Acela service introduced**



**Acela service, electrification, and 125 mph Regional service introduced**

# The diminishing marginal returns problem

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- Beyond some point, you get less output for each additional unit of capital
  - The real question: where is the sweet spot?
- The South End of the Northeast Corridor (DC-NYC) is a good example:
  - Trimming fifteen minutes off current trip time costs a total of \$6.5 billion in infrastructure investment
- These are useful gains, no question – but multiple billions could:
  - Bring the whole Amtrak system in compliance with the ADA (~\$1.6 billion)
  - Raise top speed between Chicago and St. Louis to 110 mph (~\$2 billion)
  - Build 110 mph dedicated rail line between Raleigh, NC and Petersburg, VA (~\$4 billion)
  - Improve Charlotte-Raleigh line to 90 mph (~\$1.01 billion)

**It's not a question of what we *can* do – it's a question of what we can afford to do**

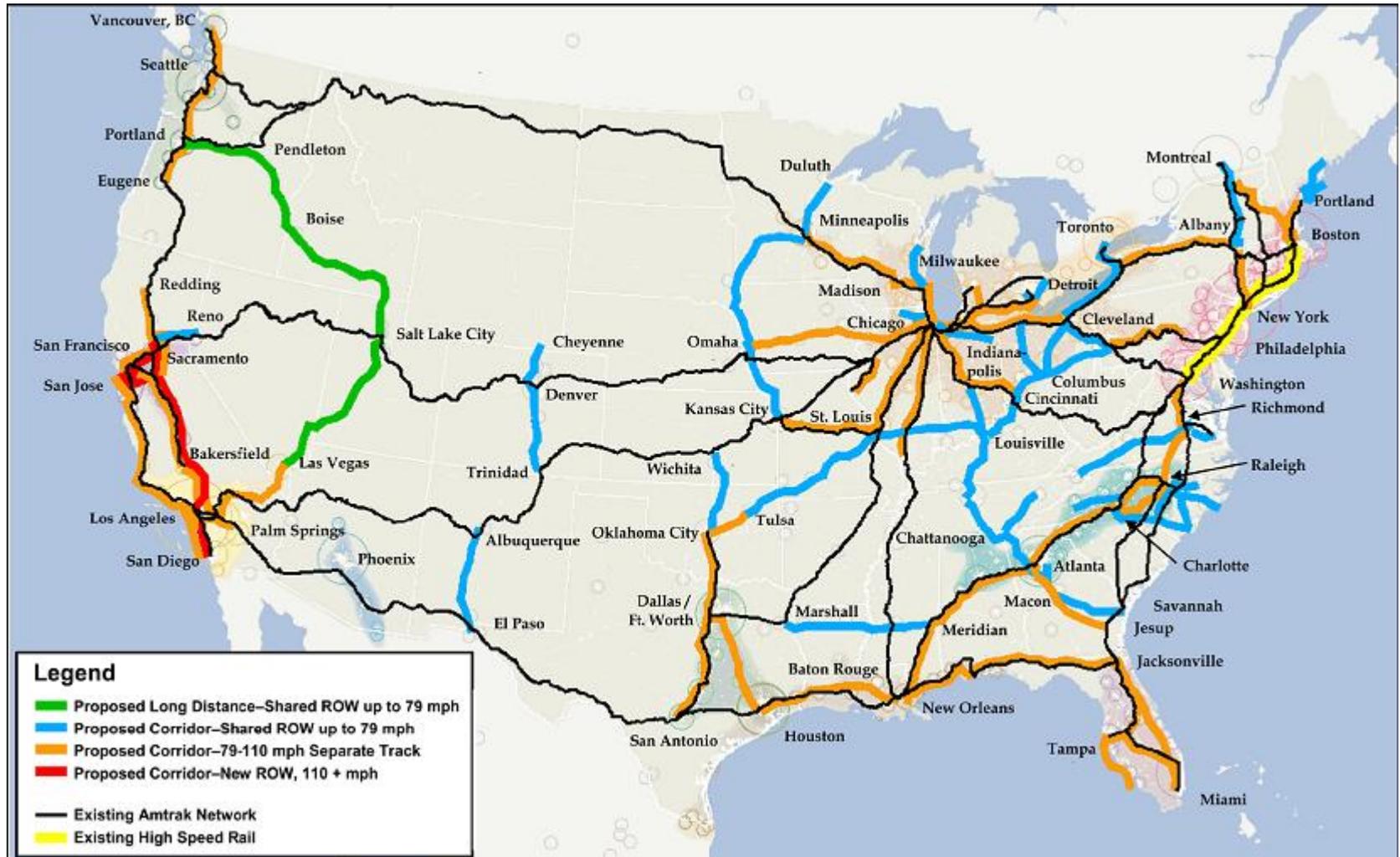
# The way ahead

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- FRA's *Vision for High-Speed Rail* states Administration commitment to a program of incremental development
- PRIIA gives the FRA administrator authority to facilitate the process of coordination
- All involved parties have needs:
  - Hosts need to retain capacity for future expansion
  - Passenger carriers need access, and accommodation of service at higher speeds on existing RoW
  - Public has an interest in seeing returns for investment

**Solution has to be coordinated planning, which deconflicts interests and ensures taxpayer's investments produce the promised return**

# 2050 Proposed Intercity Passenger Rail Network



Source: Passenger Rail Working Group proposed 2050 intercity passenger rail network (as modified by states).



# Innovative Approaches to Enhancing Goods Movement

DVRPC

Freight Committee

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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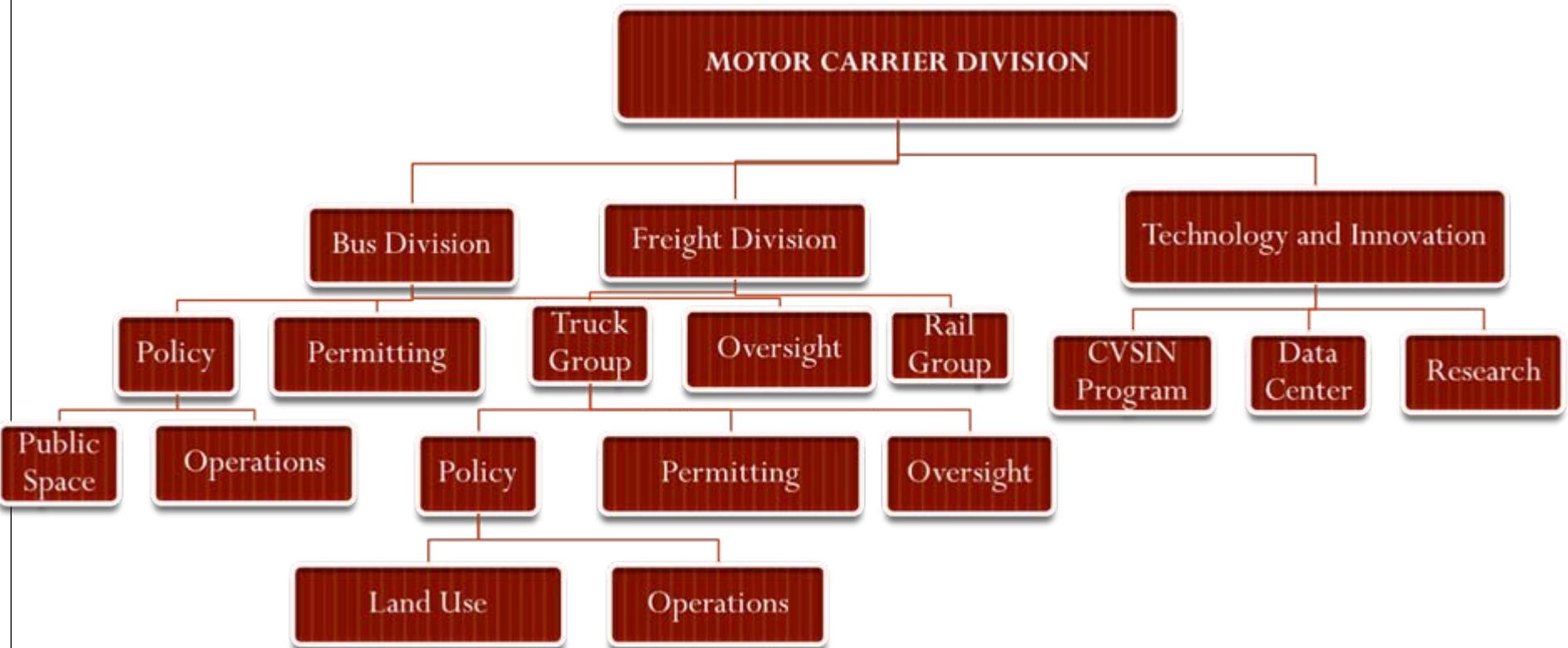
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# Background

- *Motor Carrier Threat Assessment Study* and *Tour Bus Management Initiative* identified need
- Lack of management has created inefficient business operations and adversely affected communities
- Commodities are ultimately delivered by truck to the District, One Class I railroad- CSX
- Trucks comprise of approximately 6 percent of overall traffic
- The District is impacted by surrounding freight generators

# Motor Carrier Division

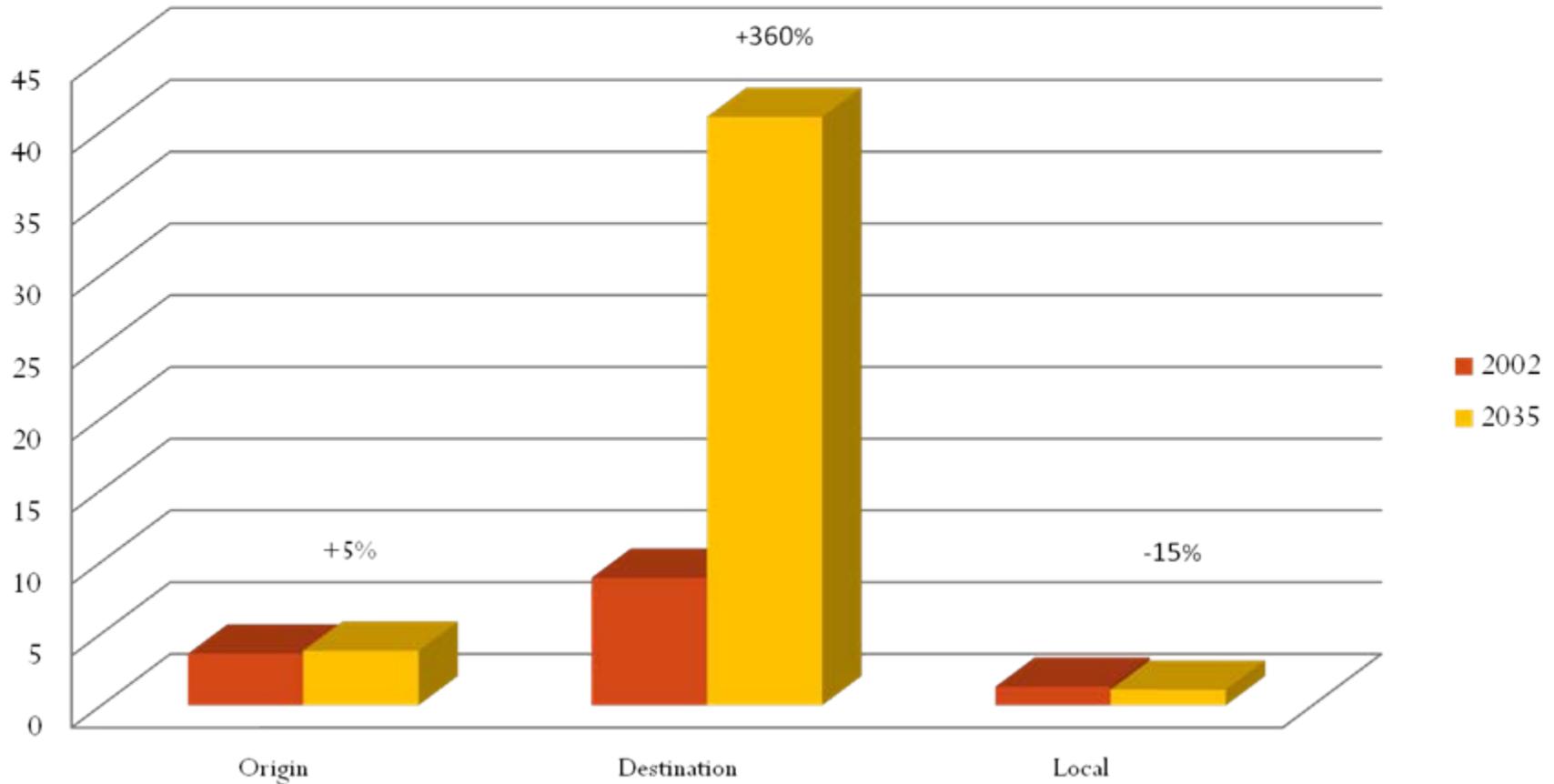
- The Motor Carrier Division was established to address mobility, safety, security and environmental concerns with regards to freight and bus transportation.





# Overview of Freight Movement in District

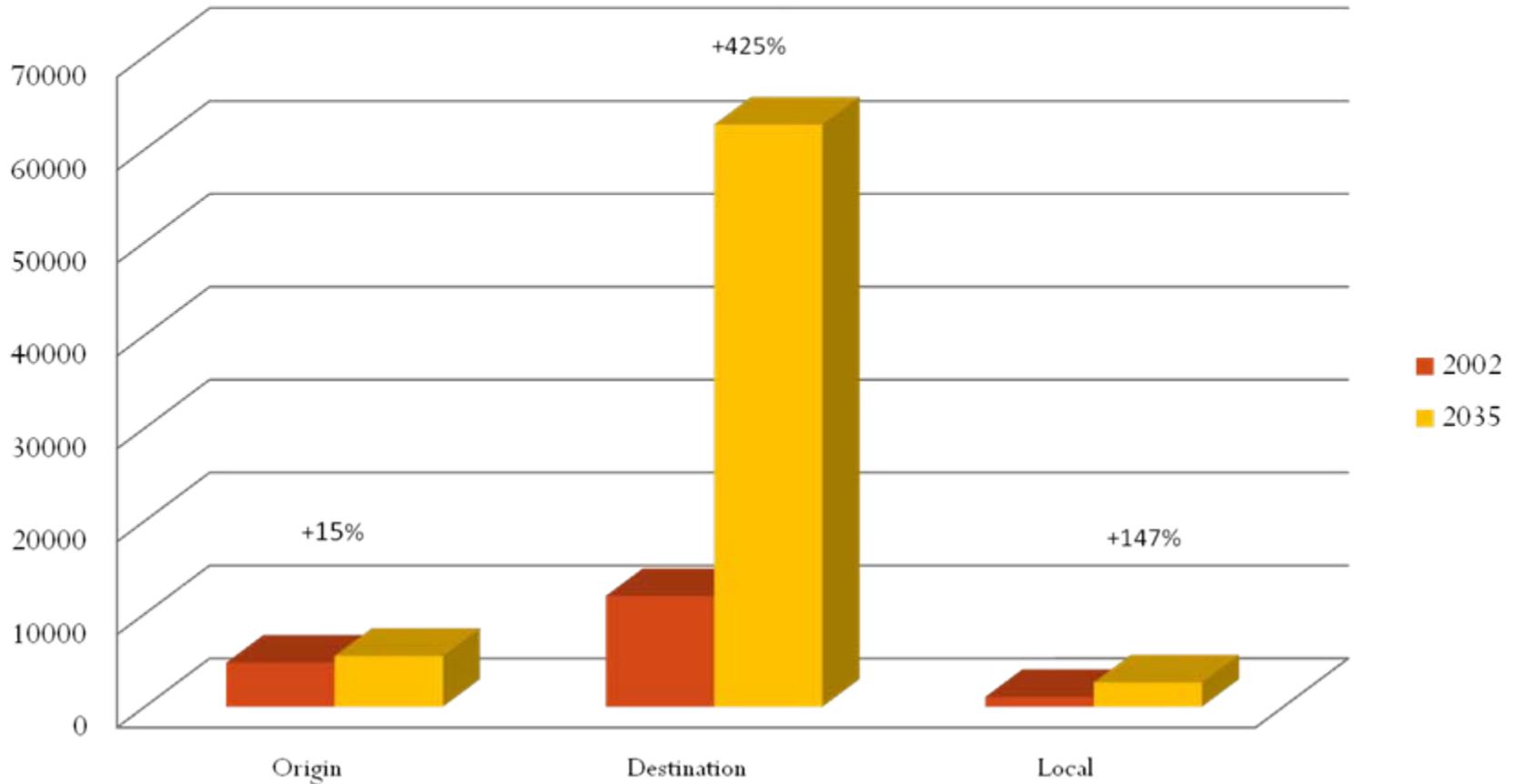
## Truck Volume (Tons) Washington, DC



*Top Trading Partners: Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania*

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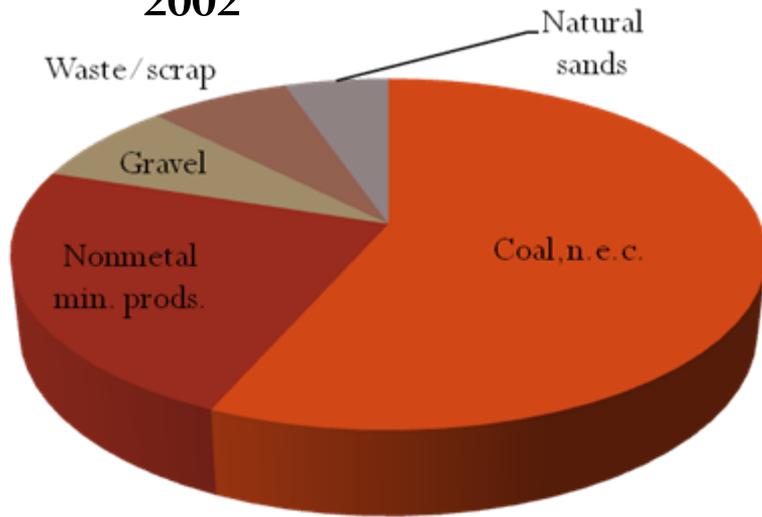
Truck Volume (millions of dollars)  
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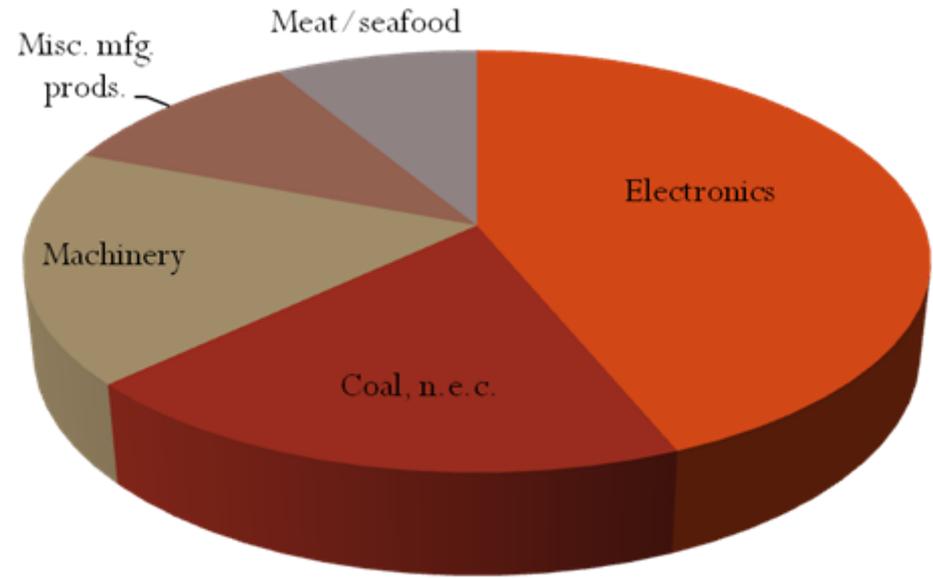
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# Top Commodities Terminating in the District

**Top Commodities,  
2002**



**Top Commodities , 2035**

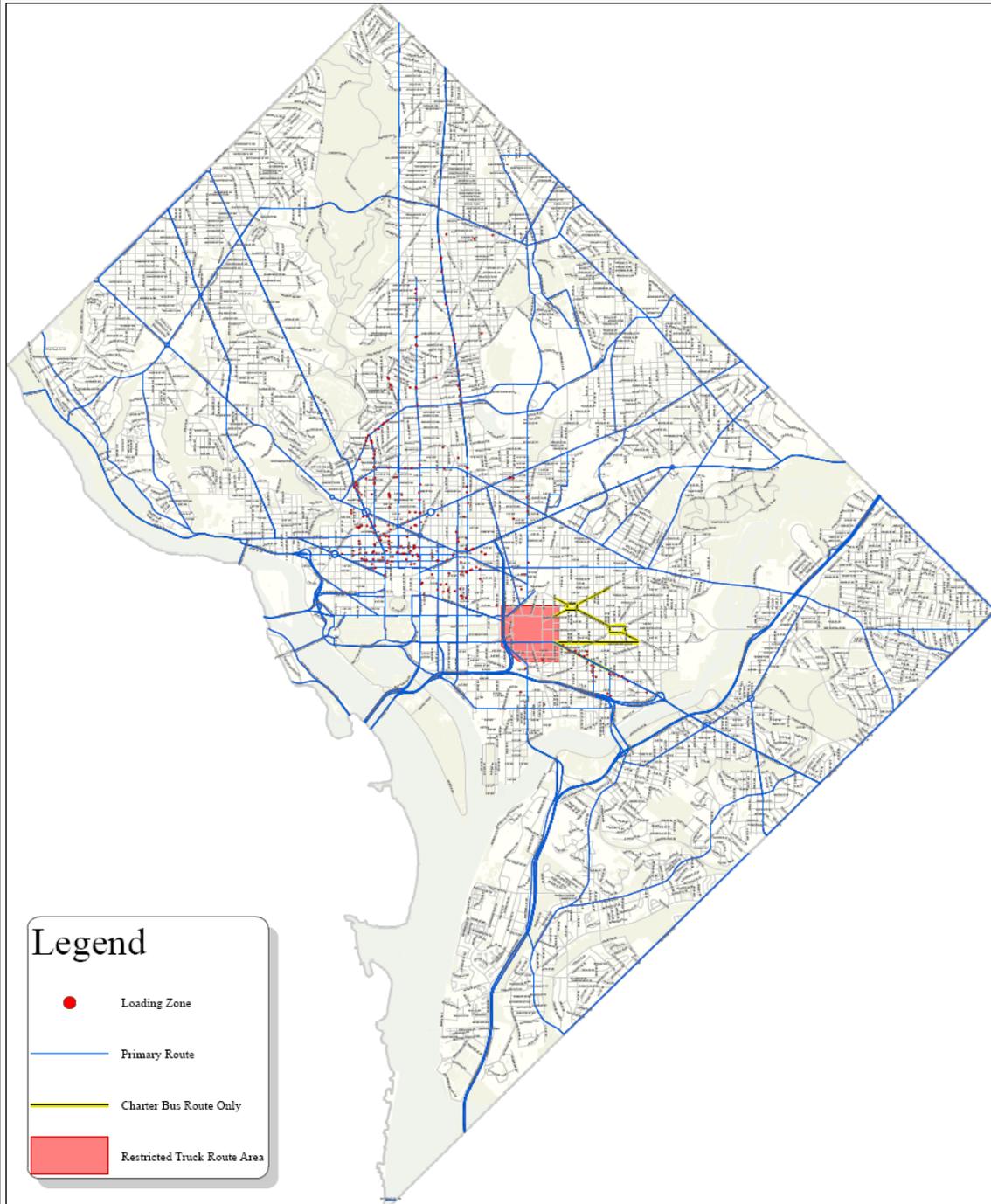


# Actions

- Improve coordination and communication with industry, agencies and communities
  - Freight stakeholder groups
  - Web identity
- Develop truck and bus route system
- Improve data for planning purposes
- Establish proper policy
  - Freight land use guidelines



# Truck and Bus Route System



## Legend

- Loading Zone
- Primary Route
- Charter Bus Route Only
- Restricted Truck Route Area

# Commercial Curbside Loading Zone Act

- Bill 18-153 introduced to establish curbside loading zone program. Proposed legislation will:
  - Establish loading zone meter fees
  - Determine space for loading zones
  - Develop a payment process
  - Implement enforcement plan

# Approach

- Various methods of collecting fees
  - Muti-space meter
  - Pay-by phone
  - Park Magic
  - Additional technology being considered
- Setting meter rates by zones; graduated rates is an option
- Meter all loading zones through phased approach
  - Central Business District
  - Ust Street/Columbia Heights
  - Capitol Hill/SW
- Enforcement plan

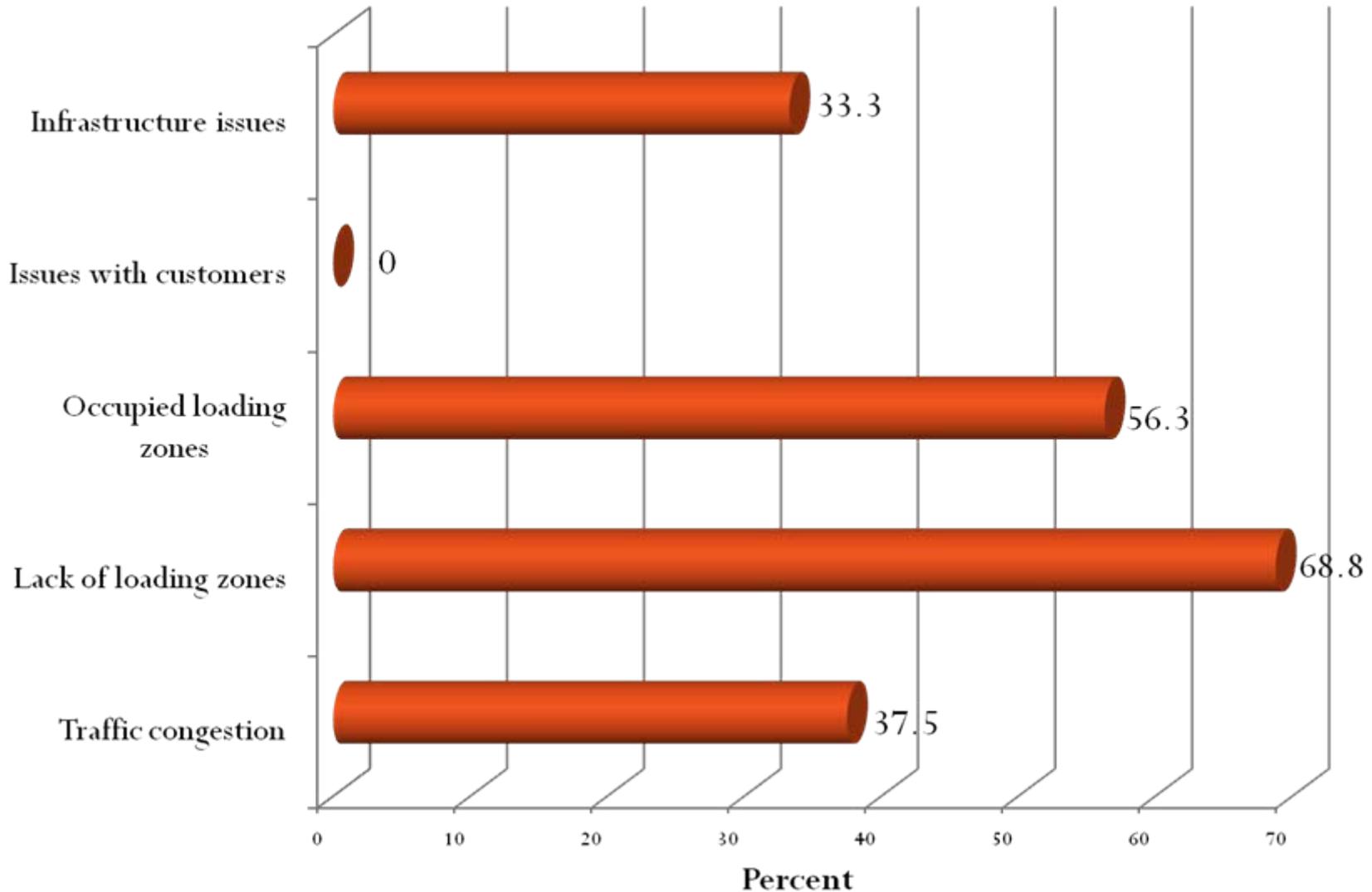


# Approach (cont'd)

- Incorporating feedback from stakeholders
  - BIDs(Business Improvement Districts)
  - Freight stakeholders
  - Other business interests
- Additional data collection efforts
  - Identification of loading zones in phased areas
  - Freight stakeholder survey
  - Focus Groups (FedEx, UPS, Guernsey Products, Association of Beverage Alcohol Wholesalers, ATA)

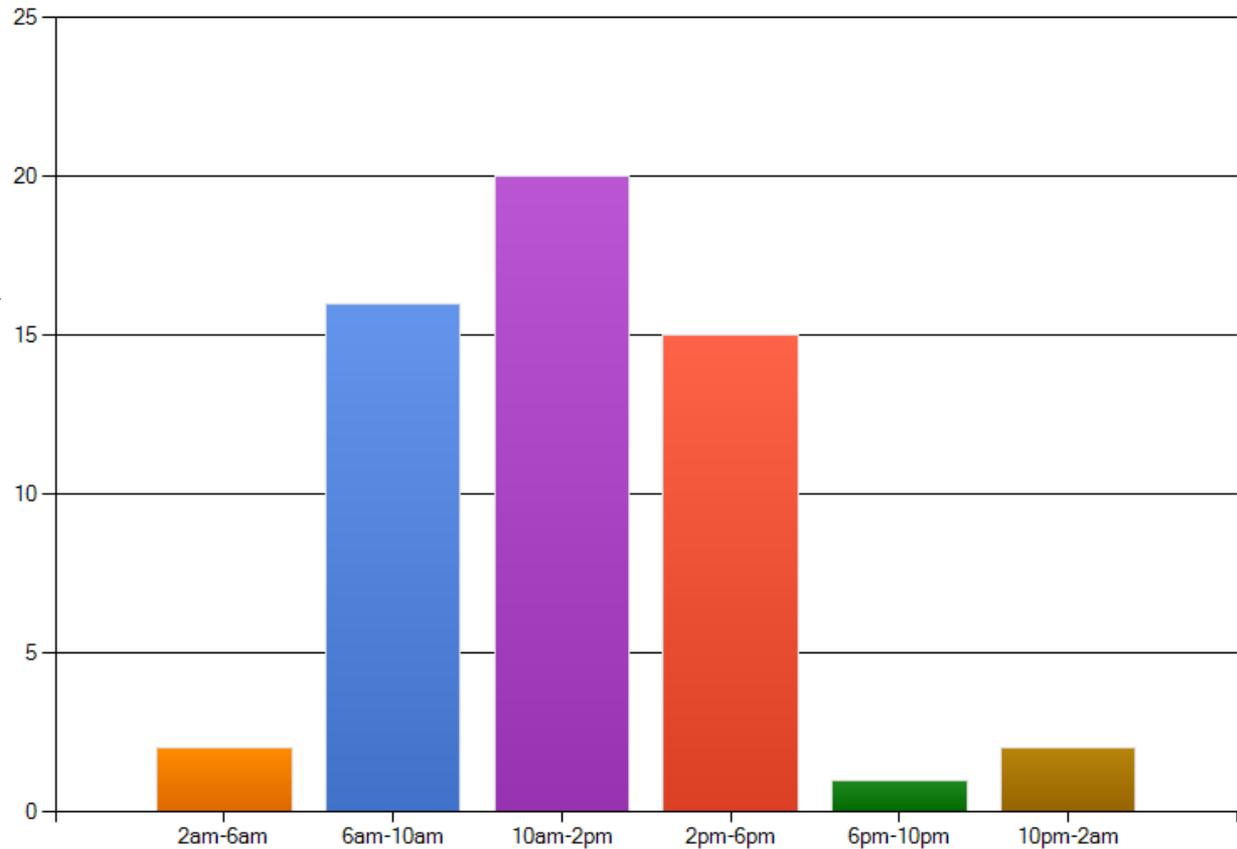


# Survey Results



# Survey Results (cont'd)

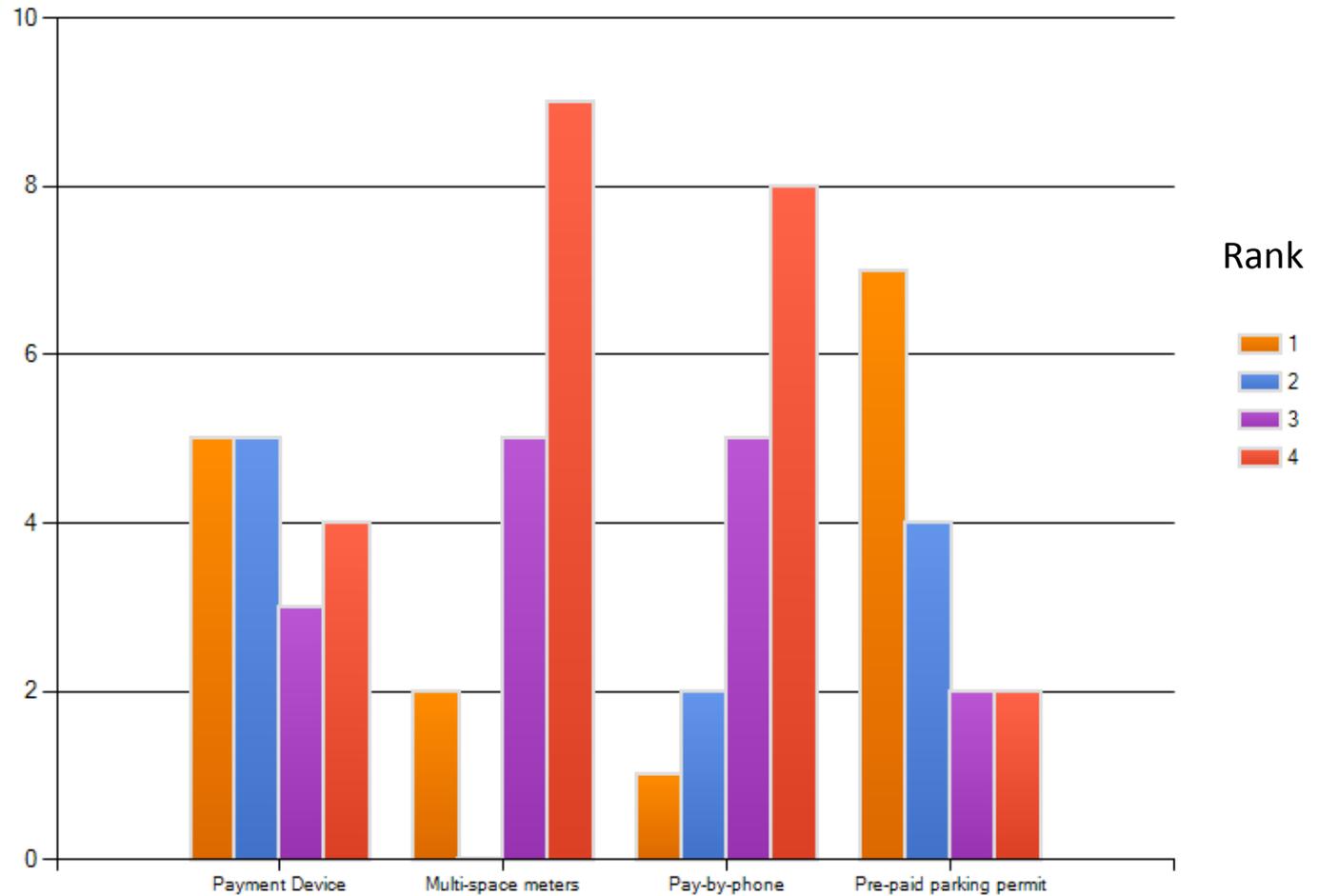
What time do you typically make deliveries?(You can select more than one)



Most deliveries occur  
from 6:00am-6:00pm

# Survey Results (cont'd)

Permit option ranked as the most favorable



# Program recommendations

- Increase size of loading zones
- Identify underutilized loading zones and convert to metered parking spaces
- Establish consist time frame fro loading zones
- Establish payment process
  - Multispace meter
  - Permit

# Permit option

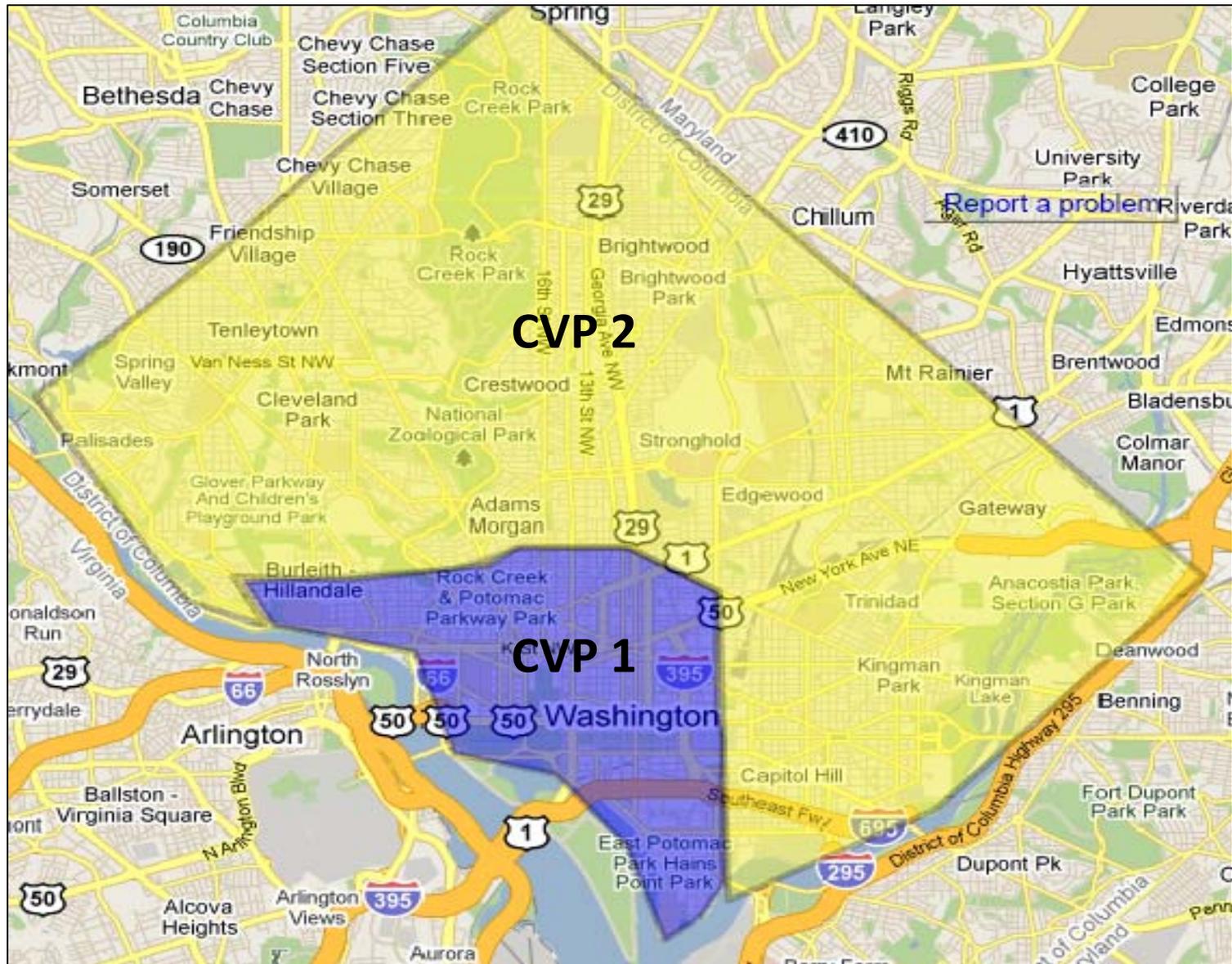
## Multispace meter

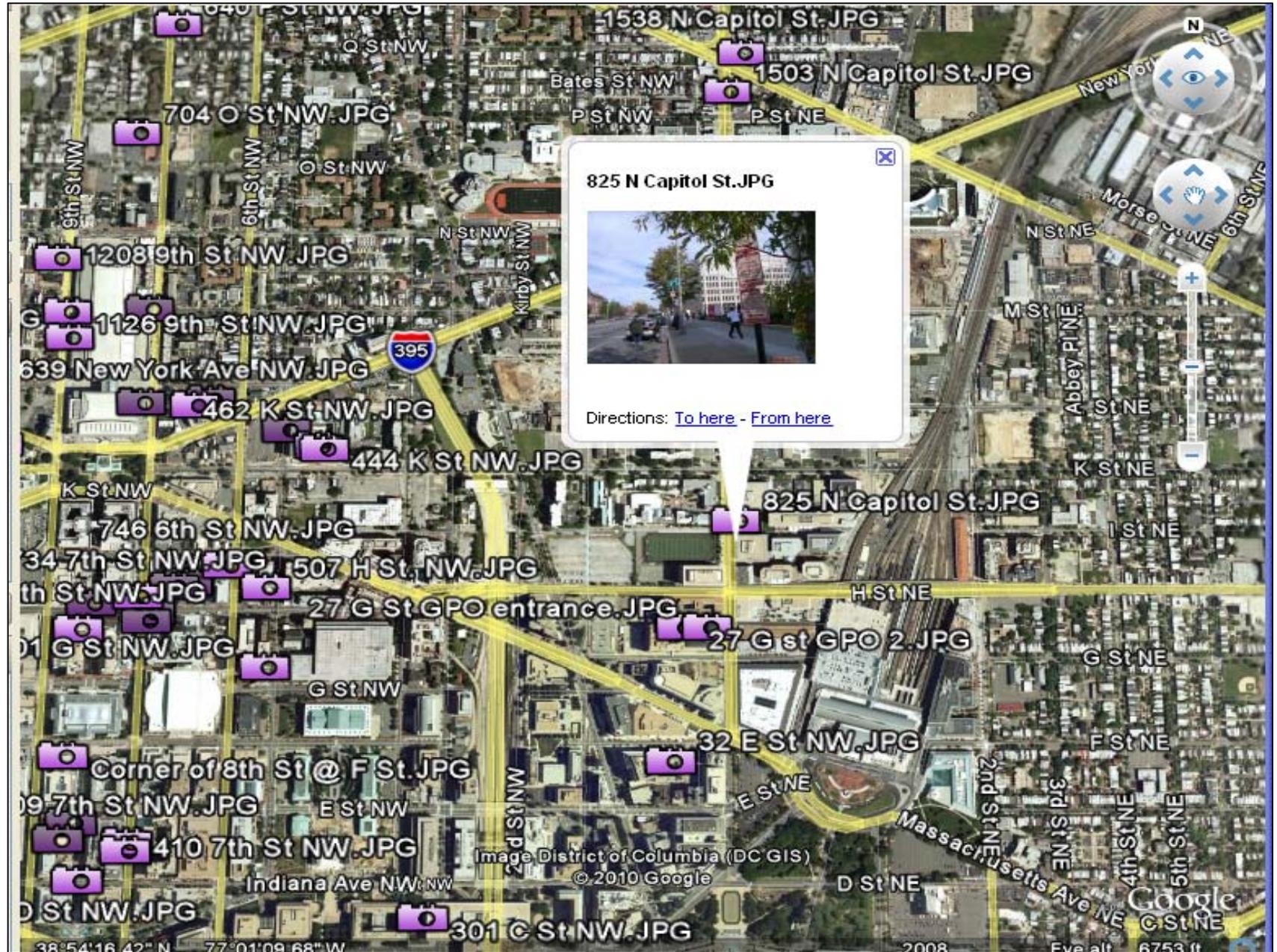
- Carrier will park and pay via a multispace meter when available (similar to current K St. operation)

## Permit system

- Class A: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 2 hours.
- Class B: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 1 hour.
- Class C: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 30 minutes.
- Day Pass: A Commercial Vehicle can park for up to 2 hours (valid for 1 day; loading zone only)
- Allowance for carriers to park in regular metered parking spaces from 10:00am-2:00pm

# Commercial Vehicle Parking Zones





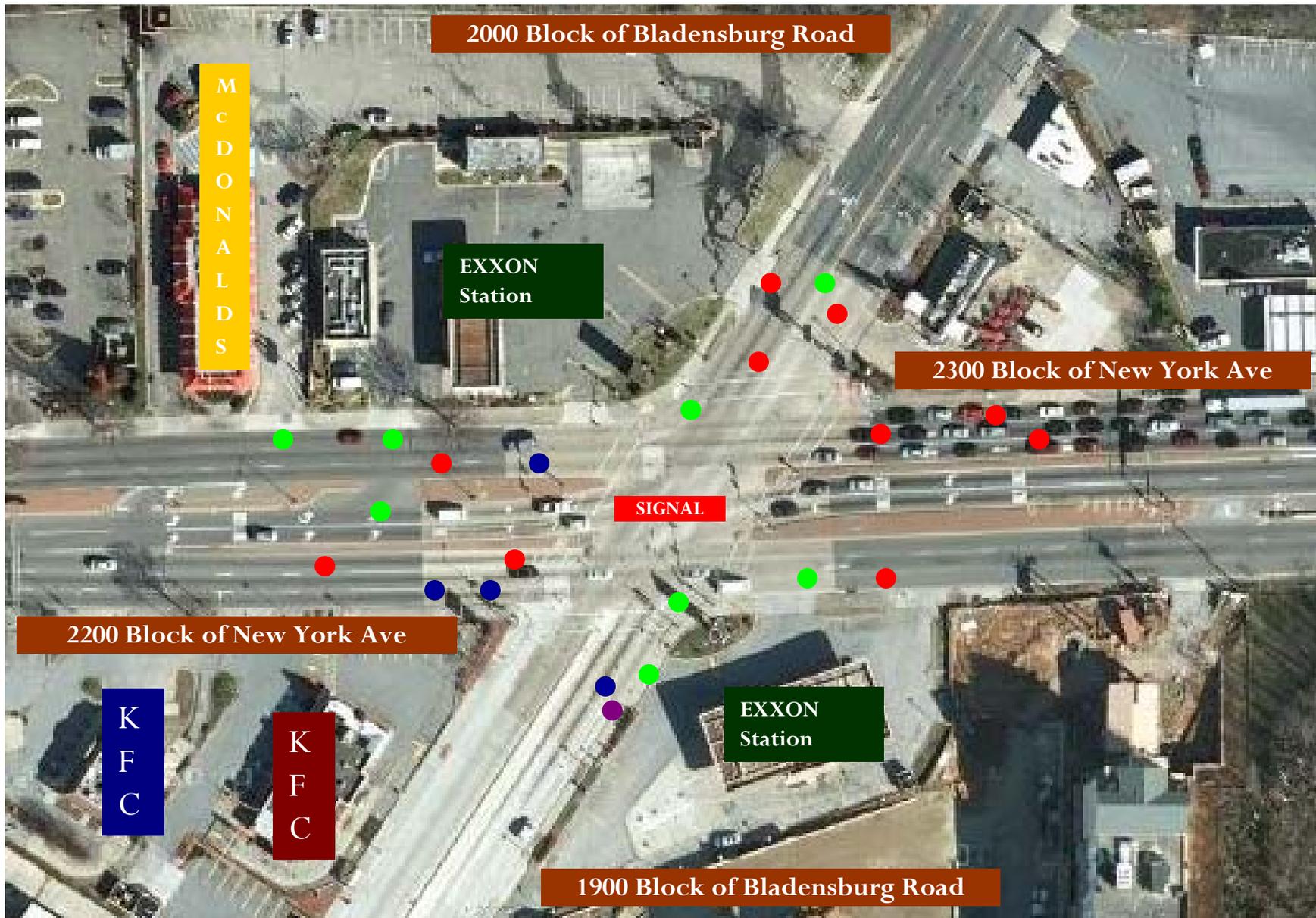
# Implementation plan

- DDOT will begin the management plan on three corridors in 3 areas in the District:
  - Central Business District (I St.)
  - Adams Morgan (Columbia Rd.)
  - Capitol Hill (Pennsylvania Ave.)
- 60 day pilot
- Performance measures
  - Occupancy rate of loading zones
  - Violations for double parking and over staying
  - Amount of time each vehicle uses loading zone
  - Reductions in delivery times for carriers
  - Reduction in travel time along corridor



# Truck Safety Enforcement Plan

- Truck Safety analysis – Evaluation of the safety issues regarding truck operations in the District
- Quantify the Effects of Overweight Vehicles and Oversized Vehicles – Quantify the effects and associated costs on the District's road and bridge network
- GAP Analysis – District's needs assessment and future goals (short, mid, and long-term)
- Develop Citywide Truck Safety Enforcement Plan



**LEGEND**

● = SIDESWIPE

● = TURNING MOVEMENT

● = REAR END

● = BACKING

# Overweight Vehicle Impacts

- 50-60 % of all bridge related costs are attributed to passenger vehicles
- 15-20 % of all bridge impacts (damage) are attributable to overweight axles, this is 43.5% of all truck related damage
  - Total annual bridge costs attributable to overweight trucks is ~\$10.5 million
- ~10% of all sample axles weighed were overweight
- Enforcement
  - An Arizona DOT technical report by ESRA Consulting found that for every dollar invested, there would be about \$4.5 in *pavement* damage avoided.
  - An additional \$1M in enforcement measures could potentially save the District \$3.5M annually in bridge damage due to overweight trucks

<b>Vehicle Class</b>	<b>% Allocation</b>	<b>Annual Bridge Costs</b>	<b>Engr. Fees &amp; Constr. Insp.</b>	<b>Total Annual Bridge Costs</b>
<b>Passenger Cars</b>	59.0	\$ 28,197,000	\$ 6,485,000	\$ 34,682,000
<b>Legal Trucks &amp; Buses</b>	23.2	\$ 11,067,000	\$ 2,545,000	\$ 13,613,000
<b>Overweight Trucks &amp; Buses</b>	17.8	\$ 8,525,000	\$ 1,961,000	\$ 10,486,000
<b>Totals</b>	100.0	\$ 47,789,000	\$10,991,000	\$ 58, 781,000



I-295 SB WIM

IRD iSYNC Series single load cell VWS

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# Challenges

- Improve coordination with stakeholders on future development
- Adapt current regulations to support current industry needs
- Ensure that transportation infrastructure supports and attracts a variety of industries to the District
- Improve data collection pertaining to freight movement

# Questions?

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