



OneRail

America's future is riding on it.

Success Stories in Rail Investment

Amtrak Downeaster

ME, NH, MA



Overview

The Amtrak *Downeaster* line spans three states (ME, NH, MA) and serves 12 communities on a 143-mile, shared-use corridor between Boston, MA, and Brunswick, ME. Ten trains run daily along 106 miles of Pan Am Railways and 36 miles of MBTA track.

Public and private investment has been key to the success of the *Downeaster*. Federal grants, private investment, and community support have made the *Downeaster* a national success story for high performance passenger rail service. Improvements to the *Downeaster* have had a positive effect on transportation in New England, with ridership growing over 50% from 361,634 riders in 2007 to 543,056 in 2017. Nearly 1 million people live in towns directly on the line, with an additional 3 million living in counties served by the route. Overall, the *Downeaster* contributes an estimated \$12 million annually to Maine's economy and has stimulated over \$450M in public-private development projects along the line.

Amtrak operates the passenger train service and the Northern New England Passenger Rail Authority (NNEPRA) develops, plans, and manages it. The *Downeaster* owns one of the highest customer satisfaction index scores in the Amtrak system.

Results

Increased Ridership

- Investments in the Amtrak *Downeaster* are paying off. Between the start of service in 2001 and 2016, nearly 6.2 million people have traveled almost 507 million passenger miles. In 2017, more than 543,056 riders enjoyed *Downeaster* service.

Economic Development along the Route

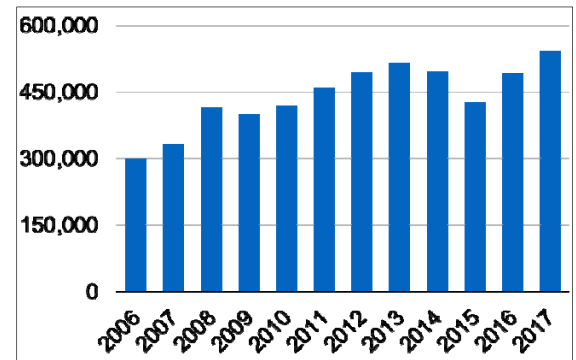
- \$30M private investment at Brunswick and Freeport for retail and commercial development to support expanded service and 100 more jobs.
- \$22M residential and retail complex at Old Orchard Beach.
- \$150M for walkable living/mill renovations at Biddeford-Saco.
- \$100M mixed use development at Thompson's Point, adjacent to Portland Station.
- By 2030, there is projected to be \$7.2B in new development along the *Downeaster* corridor with 10,000 new jobs created and \$75M generated in annual tax revenues.

Funding

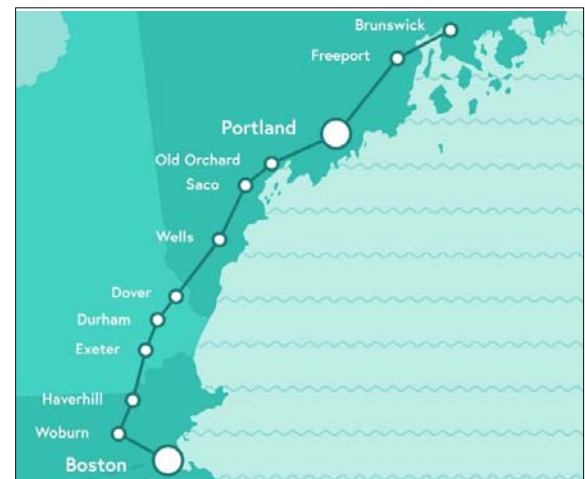
- \$60M in rehabilitation to initiate service.
- \$38.5M for capital improvements from ARRA High Speed Rail grant.
- \$20.8M TIGER grant, with \$5.2M match from MBTA, for track infrastructure improvements on the MBTA portion of the line.
- \$500K ARRA funds with a \$250K match from Maine to complete the *Downeaster* Service Development Plan.

Partners

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| Capital | Operating | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US DOT/ FRA Maine DOT FTA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NNEPRA Amtrak Drummac Inc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBTA Pan Am Railways TrainRiders/Northeast Epicurian Feast |



Downeaster Ridership
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Route: Boston to Brunswick

