



National Association of Railroad Passengers

Representing the American
passenger

About NARP



- More than 44 years of experience in fighting for American passenger trains
- Over 24,000 members nationwide
- NARP's 16 member Board of Directors—with a supporting Council of Representatives comprised of more than 90 elected members—represents passengers from almost every state.
- NARP headquarters: Washington, DC
- Five professional staff members



National Issues

WHY PASSENGER TRAINS?



Our duty to make the case for trains

- **NARP supports strong highways, airlines and railroads. We need a strong integrated system.**

WHY INVEST IN PASSENGER TRAINS??

- **51%**: Highway costs covered by user-fees
- **\$34.5 BILLION**: U.S. Treasury transfers to highway trust fund since 2008
- **75%** of Amtrak operating costs covered by revenue
- **53%** of commuter rail operating costs covered by revenues
- **26%** of urban bus operating costs covered by revenues

Rail passenger service can help!

- **\$78 BILLION**: annual cost of highway congestion
- **\$365 BILLION**: annual cost of accidents and traffic delays on highway
- **42,500**: Americans killed every year on our highways
- **2.5 MILLION**: Americans injured every year on our highways
- **8.1**: average yearly deaths on Amtrak and commuter rail over the past ten years



Trans-Siberian Express-gate protection for 5,700 miles.





Amtrak

The state of the national
passenger railroad



Amtrak Ridership

Train	Dec 09	Dec 10	
Downeaster	34,145	39,043	+11%
Wolverine (MI)	37,911	46,293	+22%
Wash-Lynchbg	11,358	13,290	+19%
Cardinal (3x/wk)	7,601	10,250	+35%
US total	2,394,671	2,504,249	+4.6%



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POSITIVE TRAIN CONTROL



PTC requirements

1. Complete system installed-not PTC light
2. Compatibility across different RR's
3. Prevent head on collisions.
4. Prevent rear end collisions
5. Compatible with passenger trains
6. Prevent incursions: work zones and open switches



PTC advantages

1. Improves crew scheduling
2. Precise info: train location and speed.
3. Improves connectivity with other trains
4. Better communication
5. Improve locomotive maintenance
6. Helps dispatching of trains



PTC advantages

7. Reduce out of service actions
8. Improved running times
9. Reduce fuel consumption & emissions
10. Reduce passenger train costs
11. Reduce ticket cost
12. Improve decision making



PTC and passenger safety

13. Reduce possibility of head on collisions

14. Reduce possibility of rear end collisions

15. Improve customer confidence

16. Prevent accidents and deaths

17. Reduce medical expenses & heartache

18. Utilization of assets: engines, cars, crew



National Issues

OUR CONCERNS



Concerns about Implementation

1. Congress
2. FRA regulations
3. Railroads implementation
4. Long term implications
5. Passengers and employee safety

NARP's VISION for TRAINS in AMERICA

National Association of Railroad Passengers
 Proposed National Grid-and-Gateway
 Passenger Train Network

