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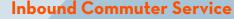


STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Initiatives under consideration to support and enhance existing Amtrak Downeaster service

The NNEPRA team is committed to the sustained growth of the Amtrak

Downeaster and is exploring innovative ways to improve mobility, advance safety, support a growing economy and provide value for the people of Maine and Northern New England.



Capacity improvements to **improve reliability** are underway. The Wells Siding Project will support a new morning inbound Downeaster train between Wells and Brunswick making the Downeaster a **car-free commuter option** for workers in Maine.



Portland Station Improvements

NNEPRA is exploring mainline station alternatives which will improve Downeaster connectivity to and within the greater Portland region by reducing overall travel time and decreasing bottlenecks.

Amtrak Downeaster Coastal Connection

Efforts are currently underway for a 2020 pilot program introducing **seasonal weekend service** to Bath, Wiscasset, Newcastle and Rockland.



NNEPRA is exploring an additional Downeaster stop in West Falmouth at exit 53, which **provides improved connectivity** from the I-95 coridor.

Planning initiatives that explore the potential for new passenger rail services in Maine

Lewiston/Auburn Passenger Rail Service Plan

NNEPRA managed the development of a Service Plan for commuter rail service between L/A and Portland which identified ridership potential, outlined corridor options and estimated costs. Next steps, currently unfunded, include an economic evaluation to explore how investment in rail service could benefit the region.



"We're ready to take passenger rail in Maine to the next level."

> - John Melrose, Chairman of the Board



Portland-Westbrook Rail Shuttle Feasibility Study

In partnership with private developers, NNEPRA completed a high-level feasibility study of a rail shuttle between Westbrook and Portland, **connecting high-density developments** with the downtown and local transit options.