



# NNEPRA Strategic Initiatives

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**The NNEPRA Board of Directors is committed to the continued growth and development of passenger rail service to and within Maine. The Board has determined that any initiatives or projects undertaken by the organization must:**

- Support and/or enhance the existing core service
- Provide a transportation benefit to the public
- Remain consistent with State and/or regional Rail Plans
- Demonstrate positive economic return and public benefit
- Include a sustainable financial model

**The Board has established the following Strategic Objectives and associated Initiatives to be pursued as appropriate to support and develop passenger rail:**

- Strengthen and maximize the efficiency of the existing core (Brunswick to Boston) Downeaster service.
  - Complete Downeaster Priority Projects
    - Brunswick Layover
    - Royal Siding
    - Portland Wye
  - Explore feasibility of a seasonal station stop in Kennebunk
  - Reduce Downeaster travel time
  - Increase frequency of Downeaster to 6 or 7 daily round trips between Portland and Boston
- Facilitate the development and operation of feeder services which enhance Downeaster efficiency.
  - Lewiston/Auburn
  - Mid-coast Maine (Wiscasset / Rockland)
  - Augusta
  - Gorham/Standish
- Work with stakeholders to support the development of a new multi-modal transportation center on Thompson's Point in Portland.
- Explore the feasibility of developing new passenger rail service to additional communities as appropriate.
  - Montreal
  - Worcester/New York City



*NNEPRA Board of Directors, Chairman,  
Martin Eisenstein.*

**NNEPRA welcomes input regarding the development of passenger rail services and suggests that proposals submitted to NNEPRA:**

- Demonstrate how the project will enhance core or existing service(s) and/or will not be a detriment to core or existing service(s).
- Outline transportation and public or other economic benefits expected to be created as a result.
- Include a detailed operating plan and explanation of the service proposed including frequency, rolling stock, schedule, stations, management plan and equipment maintenance plan.
- Include detailed capital plan and operating plans supported by host railroads and operating partners.
- Include a detailed financial pro-forma which includes the required investments in infrastructure, rolling stock and facilities, stations and other assets and identifies all private and public funding sources.
- Include a detailed financial pro-forma which includes revenue projections, operating costs and a plan for the sustained funding of operating costs, including private and public funding sources.