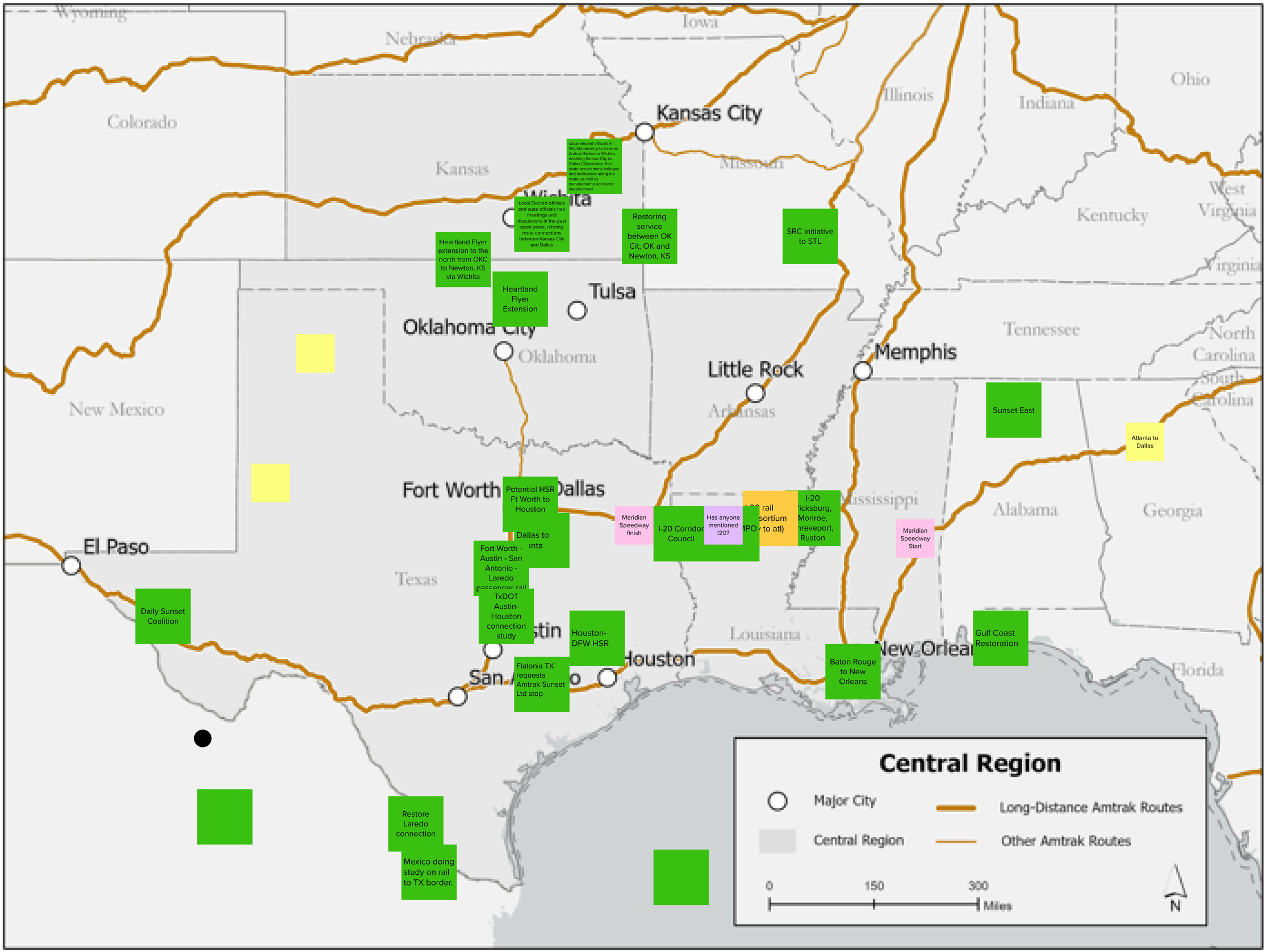
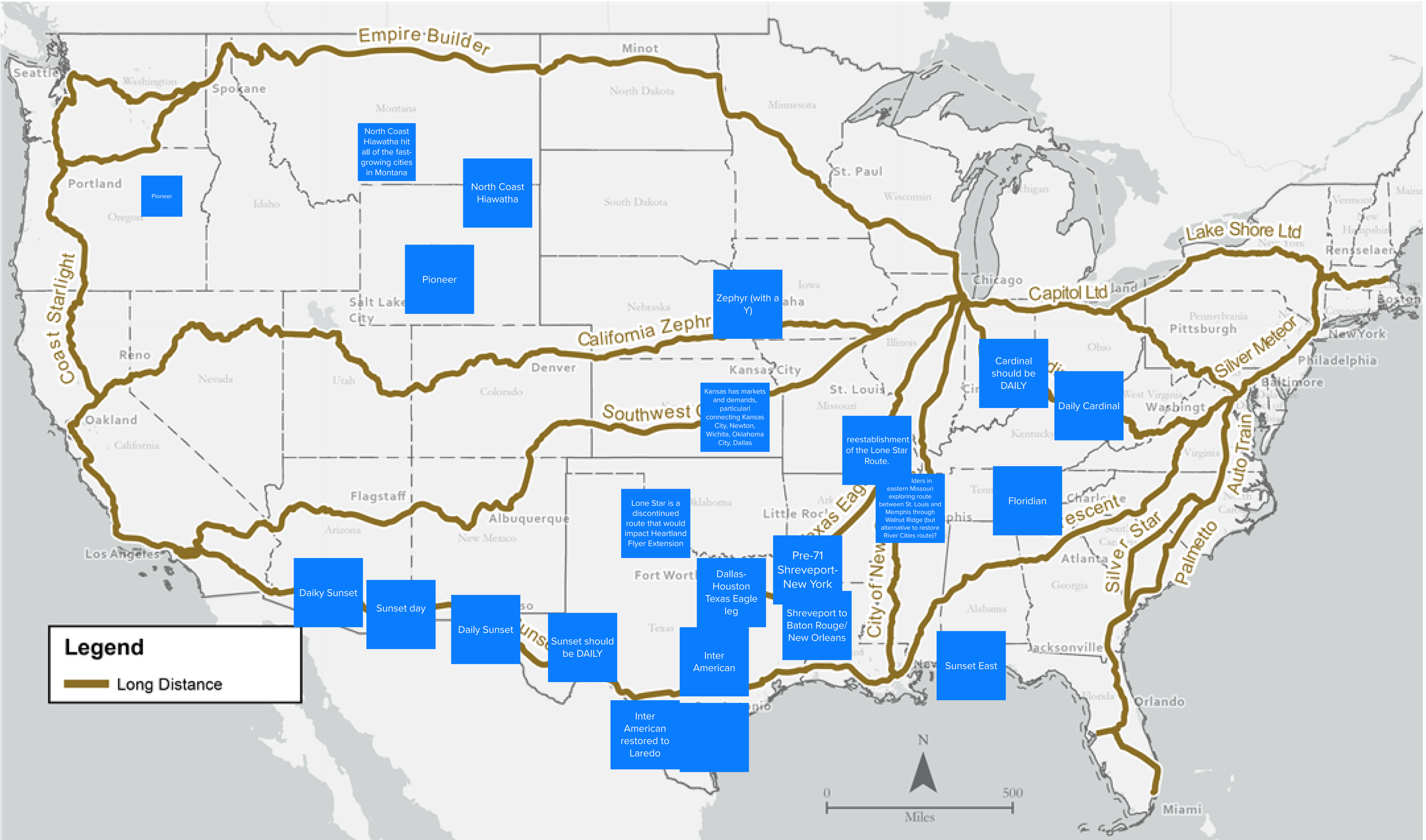
Part 1

Brainstorming and Discussion: Routes, Service Changes, and Markets

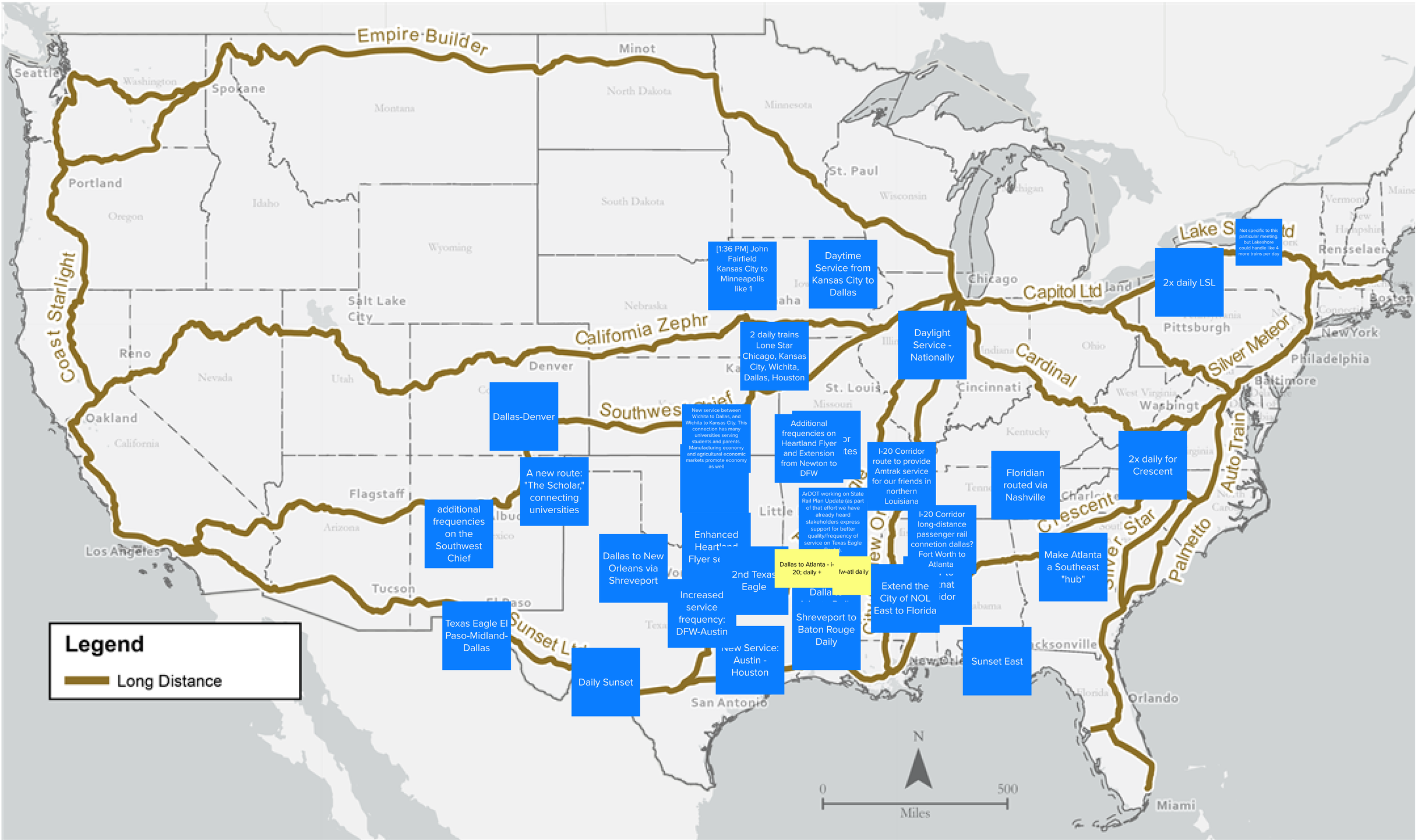
Are there state or local initatives that could inform potential new or restored Long-Distance services?



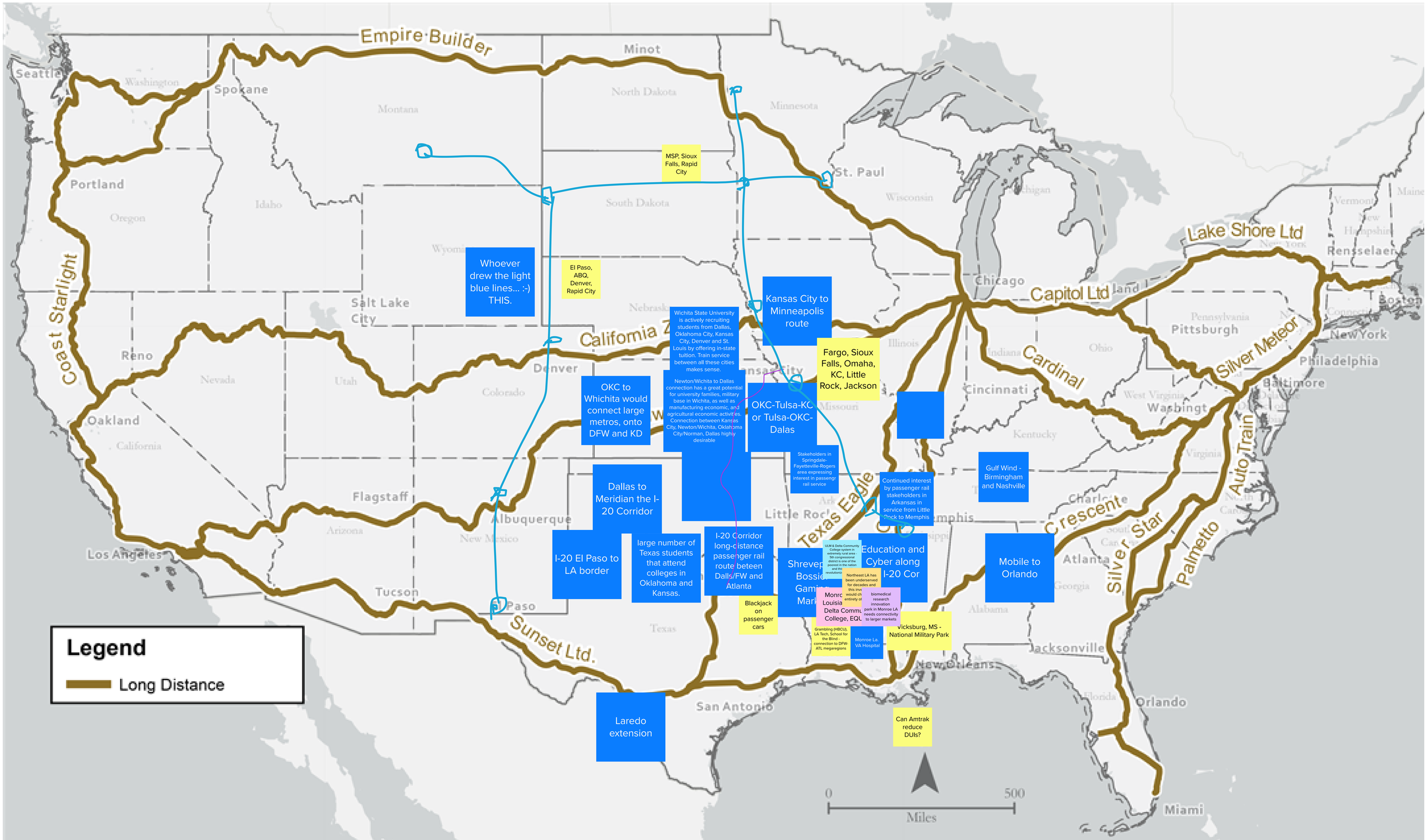
What previously discontinued Long-Distance services should we consider and why?



In thinking about existing Long-Distance routes - what new frequencies and service changes should we consider?



What new routes or communities do you want to extend Long-Distance service to and why?



Part 2 Draft Long Distance Network Deveopment Evaluation Factors

Ranking the proposed factors, which do you think are *most essential* in evaluating routes?

Evaluation Factors

Drag 5 dots or multiple dots to the Factors you think are most important.

Connections & Access

- Number of large and small communities (total and new) that route would connect — 10
- Number of rural areas that route would serve — 6
- Number of connections route would provide to the national long-distance network — 4
- Number of connections route would provide to all Amtrak routes (long-distance, state-supported, and NEC) — 5
- Number of communities that do not have intercity rail or other long-distance transportation — 10
- Access to airports, local transit and first/ last-mile connections — 6
- Number of additional frequencies provided for state-supported service or other corridor service — 0
- Number of activity centers served (e.g., hospitals, universities, parks, historic sites, tourist sites) — 10
- Number of areas with higher-than-average disadvantaged populations that route would serve (in accordance with executive order 13985) — 7
- Number of city pairs with highest ridership market potential that route would serve — 5
- Ridership — 1
- Schedule convenience and frequency — 7

Cost & Revenue

- Operation costs and revenues for the service — 1
- Capital costs — 2

Please use 5 dots for the 5 most important factors to you

Community Benefits & Support

- Public/local/regional support for route through stakeholder engagement — 6
- Economic benefits to communities along a route (e.g., increased state and local tax revenues, station area development potential) — 7
- Carbon reduction — 3
- Address safety concerns (e.g., crossings) along potential corridors that serve Long-Distance routes — 0
- Communities which have lost intercity passenger rail service (the yellow highlighted communities), and percentage of disadvantaged populations in the community — 4

Other Factors

- Route implementation feasibility vs. known constraints — 5
- Potential for reduced freight interference — 5
- Equipment availability — 0
- Environmental Air Quality benefits, due to more passengers traveled in Amtrak train.
- Connectivity to Communities are important. Perhaps phase 1 has main MSA's and then Phase 2 has more other communities, eventuall connecting entire nation makes the economy of all communities rise

Are there any evaluation factors that you think are missing or should be added?

If yes, please describe/explain on a sticky.

- VA/Medical Facilities — 3
- Military facilities — 4
- We would appreciate one of the criteria of routes that dont require large initial captial investment -- good return on investment — 2
- Professional sports teams/ arena — 1
- Cost (time and money) competitiveness with car, plane — 1
- Other leveraged investment and policy to support viabilty of service — 2
- Gaming
- Ready availablity of last mile connections
- Car-free travel should be a priority: it's safer, greener, and more accessible to a wide variety of people
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