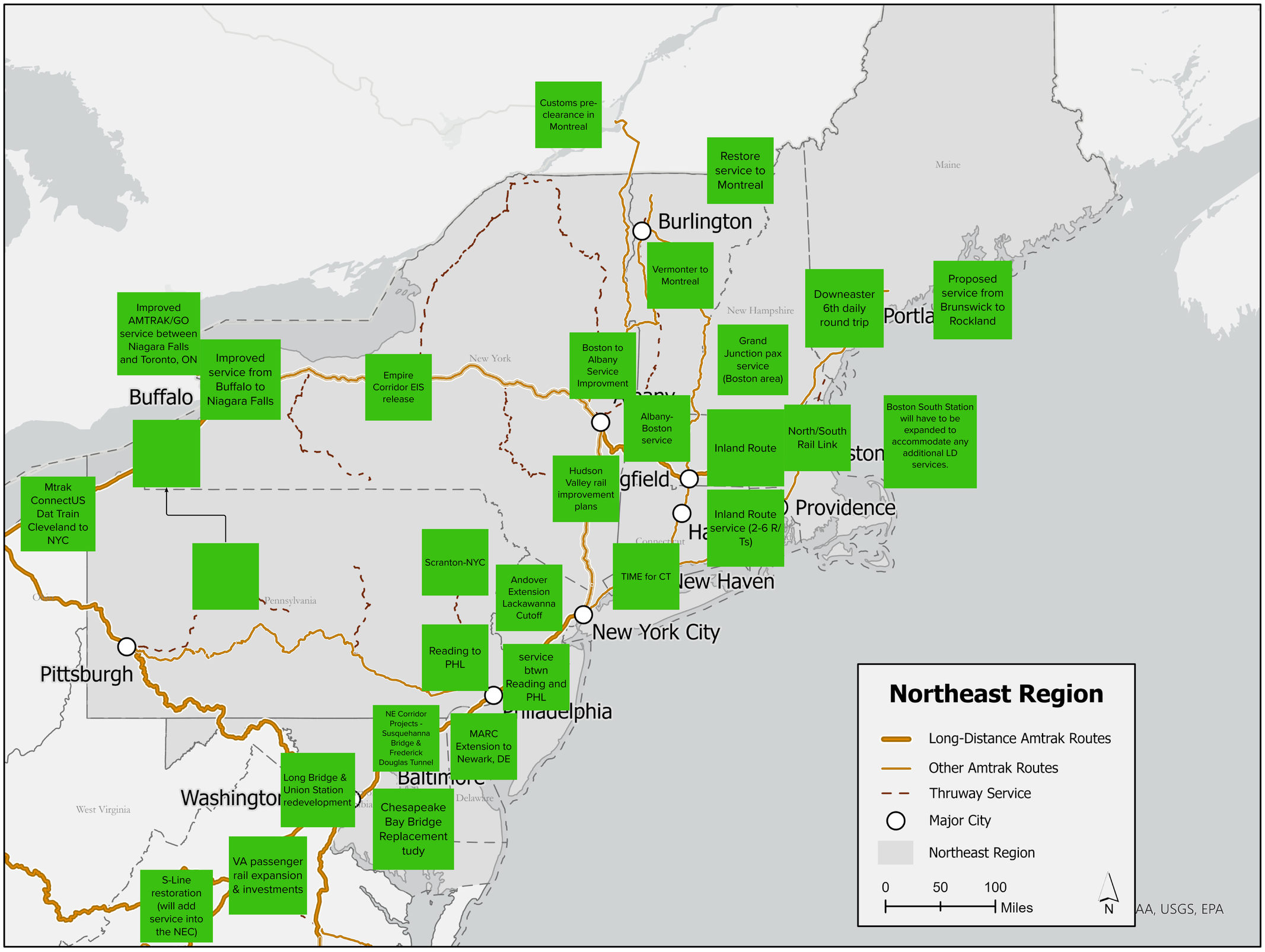
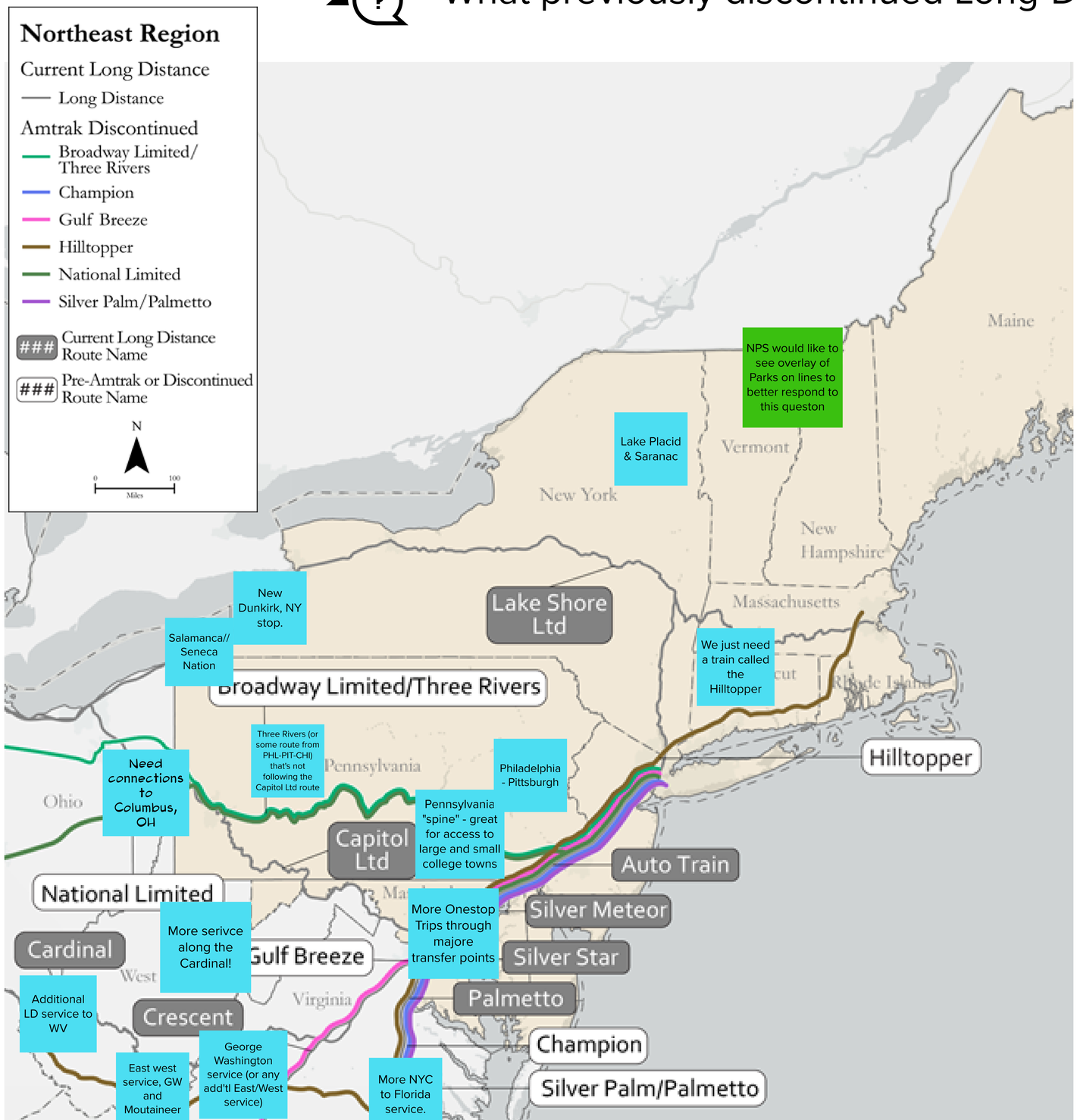
Part 1 Brainstorming and Discussion: Routes, Service Changes, and Markets

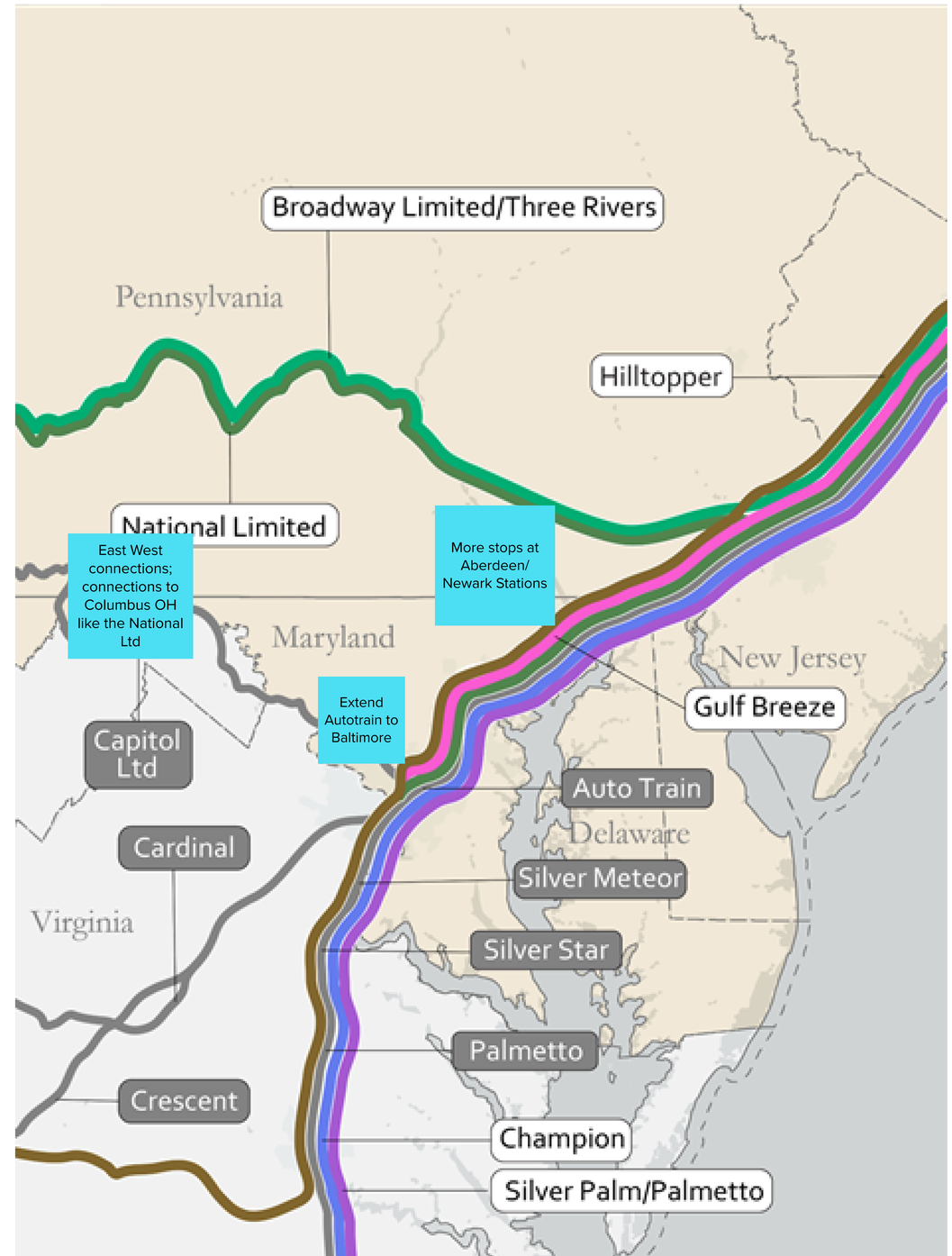
Are there state or local initatives that could inform potential new or restored Long-Distance services?



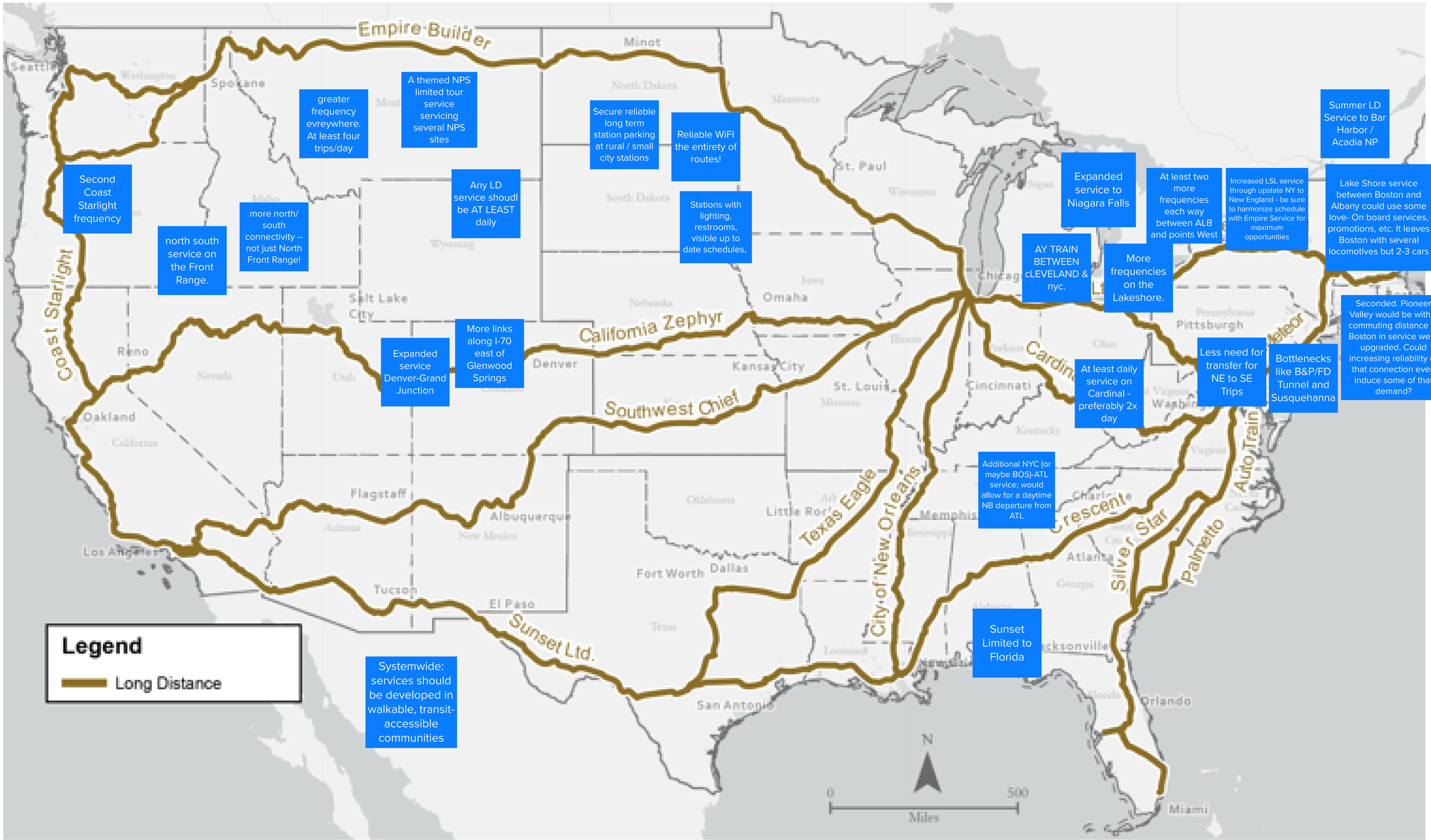
Part 1_Q2

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

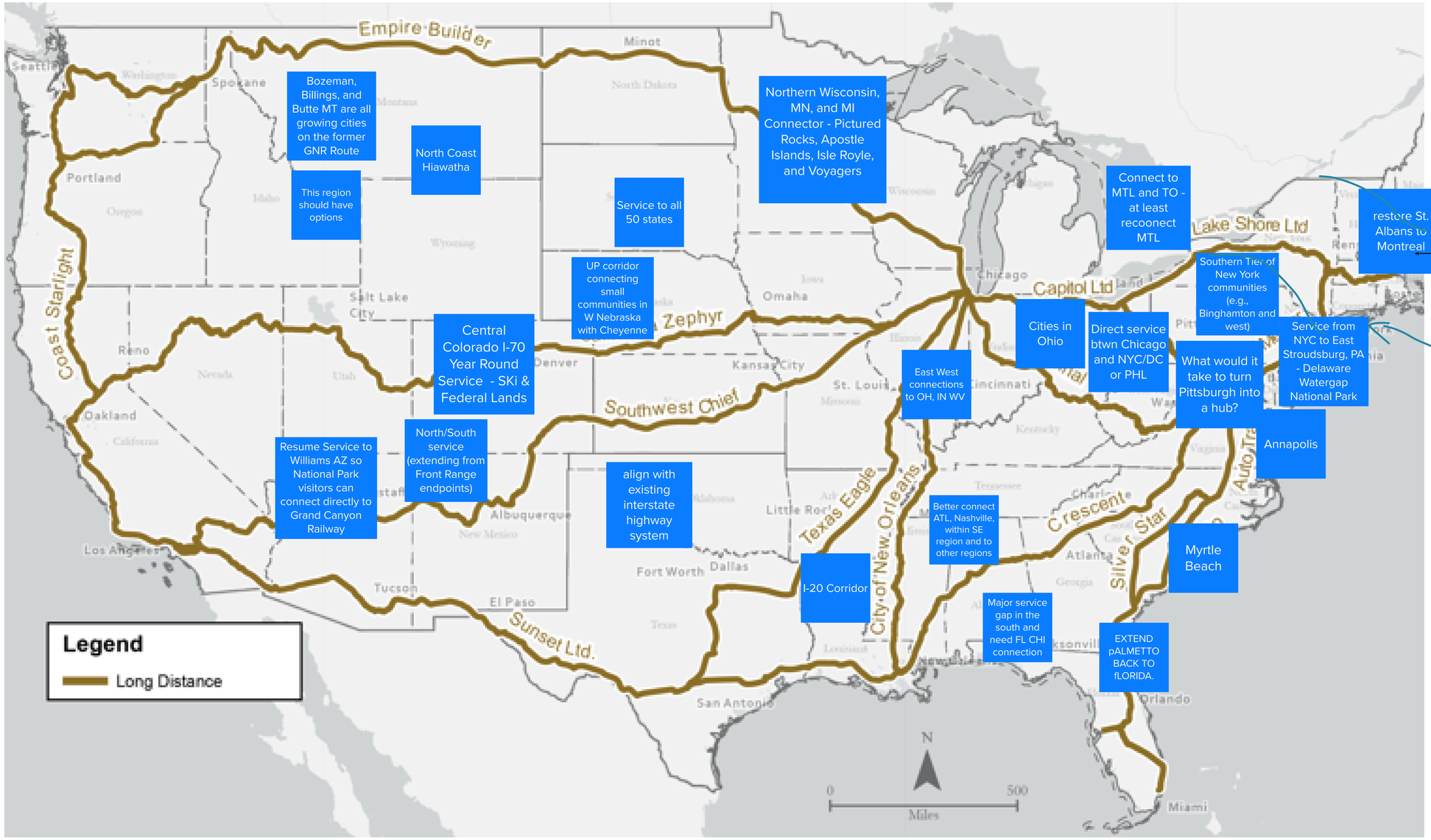




In thinking about existing Long-Distance routes - what new frequencies and service changes should we consider?



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



Part 2 Draft Long Distance Network Development 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: 3
- Number of rural areas that route would serve: 5
- Number of connections route would provide to the national long-distance network: 6
- Number of connections route would provide to all Amtrak routes (long-distance, state-supported, and NEC): 3
- Number of communities that do not have intercity rail or other long-distance transportation: 4
- Availability of local transit and first/last-mile connections: 9
- Number of additional frequencies provided for state-supported service or other corridor service: 3
- Number of activity centers served (e.g., hospitals, universities, parks): 4
- Number of areas with higher-than-average disadvantaged populations that route would serve: 10
- Number of city pairs with highest ridership market potential that route would serve: 6
- Ridership: 9
- Schedule convenience and frequency: 8

Cost & Revenue

- Operation costs and revenues for the service: 7
- Multiplier effect of additional frequencies on an existing route.: 2
- Capital costs: 3

Community Benefits & Support

- Connections near to Federal Land recreational opportunities: 5
- Public/local/regional support for route through stakeholder engagement: 1
- Economic benefits to communities along a route (e.g., increased state and local tax revenues, station area development potential): 4
- Carbon reduction: 2

Other Factors

- Route implementation feasibility vs. known constraints: 11
- Potential for reduced freight interference: 7
- Equipment availability: 2

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

- Advancing Racial Equity, per Executive Order 13985: 1
- Safety concerns, crossings etc in areas without service for decades
- Correlate communities which lost service (the yellow highlighted communities) to income and demographics (poorer, disadvantaged, etc): 1
- Rank priorities by magnitude of assessed community economic benefits: 1
- Connecting airports/ multimodal opportunities: 5
- Airports that are reaching capacity constraints: 2
- Potential for high speed long distance connections: 1
- Geographic/regional equity: 1
- Texas Eagle
- Connections to tourist destinations (NPS, cities, historic sites)