


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
Brainstorming and Discussion: Routes, Service Changes, and Markets



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



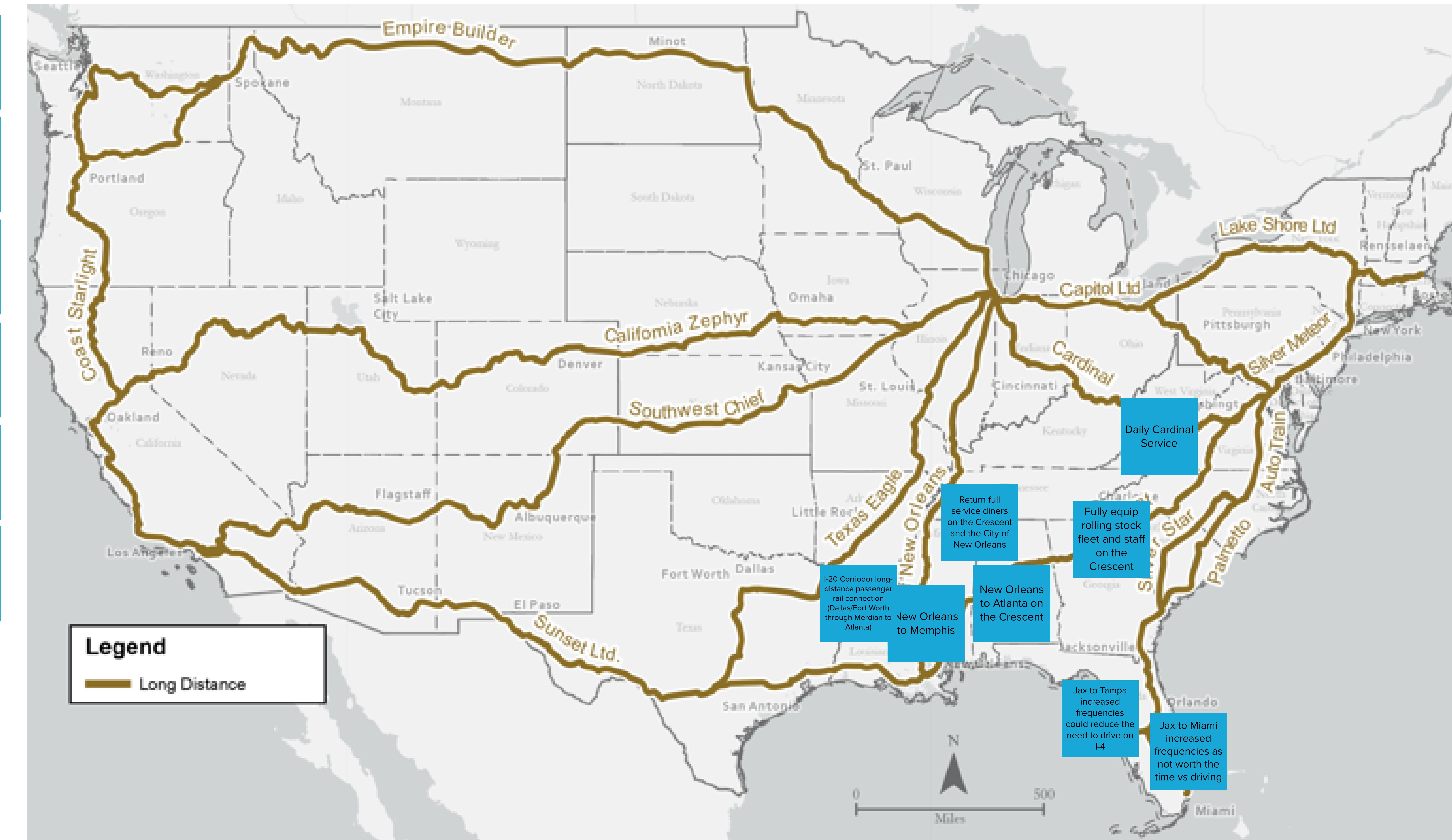
Q What previously discontinued Long-Distance services should we consider and why?

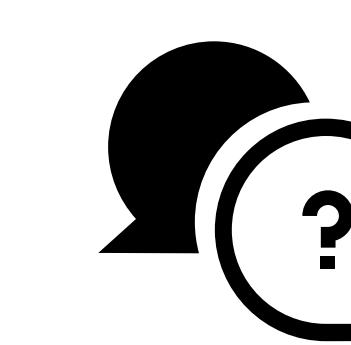




In thinking about existing Long-Distance routes - what new frequencies and service changes should we consider?

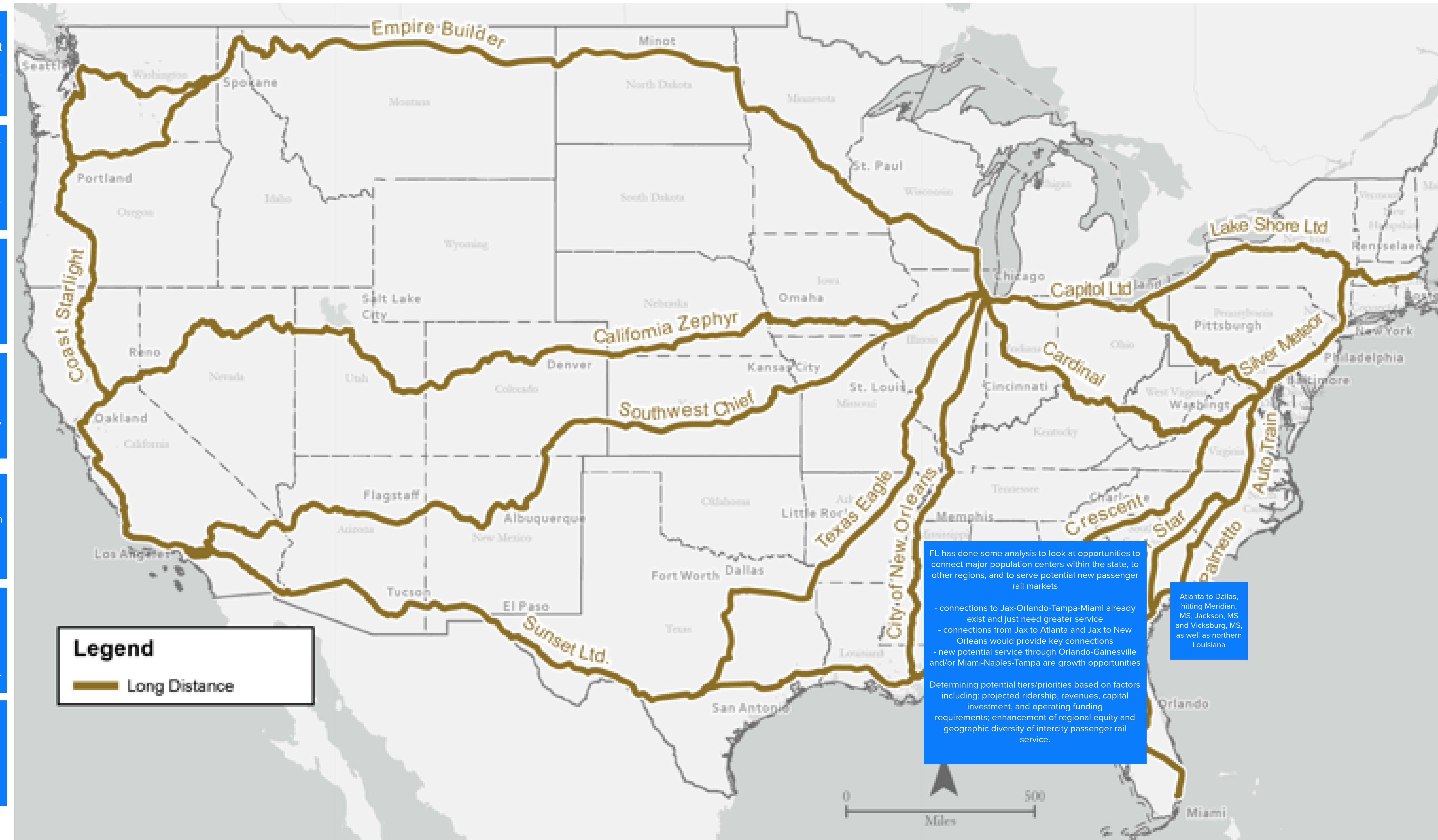
Southwest Florida previously had service from Tampa all the way south to Naples before Amtrak. This is a fast growing area of Florida which only had sparse thruway bus service for millions of residents.	Cardinal: Daily service! Consistent, reliable WiFi throughout route to ensure "productive time"	Invest in reliable, secure long-term parking at stations;	In the Southeast, most routes are north/south. For a proper matrix and better connectivity there is a need for more east/west routes in the Southeast.
Additional frequency/extension: NYC-DC-Roanoke- Bristol- Knoxville- Chattanooga- Atlanta	Cardinal: provide multiple departure times, or varied times;	Speeds need to be car-competitive at a minimum	Invest in stations - secure, lit, protection from weather
While restoring previous routes is highly desirable, what measures are available through this study for new routes to serve new major population areas?	Identify transit access to stations and advocate for reliable, frequent service	Daylight service hours in Ohio	Echo prioritization of connections that have low capital start-up costs and that increase connectivity to the National Network
Upgrades to sleeper class accommodations.	Improve travel time on daily service, possible reroute lines to less congested city centers; design service routes parallel to existing interstate routes where possible.	Prioritize routes with low capital startup costs	Agree with need for additional East-West service across the Southeast, such as with the I-20 Corridor route
Additional frequencies of Silver service and/or Crescent could provide better timing at key destinations.	Additional bike capacity on trains	Relocate stations to central city	Reroute Silver Star via S-line route from Raleigh to Petersburg - extend service to new areas and speed it up
Increased frequencies on the Cardinal	Love that pets are allowed. Thank you and please continue!	Better food and beverage options for all LD trains. Treat amenities as a reason to ride the train rather than a cost.	Cardinal and SL 7 Day a week
		Look at additional stations at Sanford, NC for Silver Star.	





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

Washington DC to Nashville	Kansas City to Cincy via St Louis/Louisville to improve east/west connectivity	Perpendicular service to current SE LD service; everything is N/S
Eastern KY connections	24 hour dining car service on every overnight route.	Service from ATL-CLT-RGH-RVR-WAS-NYP; alternate to Crescent via S-line; Could look at Overnight out of NYP to daylight hours in SE
Chicago to Miami and East-West connections; such as GW Rte	Underserved rural communities rely heavily on Amtrak as a transportation option (e.g. for medical appts, students traveling to college, etc)	With climate change issues, please consider routes that could serve as evacuation routes to communities who are impacted by hurricanes, etc
Louisville. Large population base and central location	Cost-effective investment in route should connect high-population urban areas as well as underserved rural communities	New version of Carolina Special - Chicago - Asheville - Charlotte - Charleston; Could also look at branch via Greensboro and Goldsboro to Wilmington, NC
Chicago to Birmingham via Indy/ Louisville/ Nashville	ATL as hub to other route connections and cities	Need to provide passenger rail service to northern Louisiana which currently has no Amtrak service
Long distance service to somewhere other than DC to connect to rest of network	With multiple frequencies there can be a combination of express trains and local service trains.	
Every route should have three frequencies approximately 8 hours apart.	FL to Central/Southern GA (Macon) with Eastern Tennessee (like a Western Crescent - diverge west from Charlottesville/ Lynchburg)	



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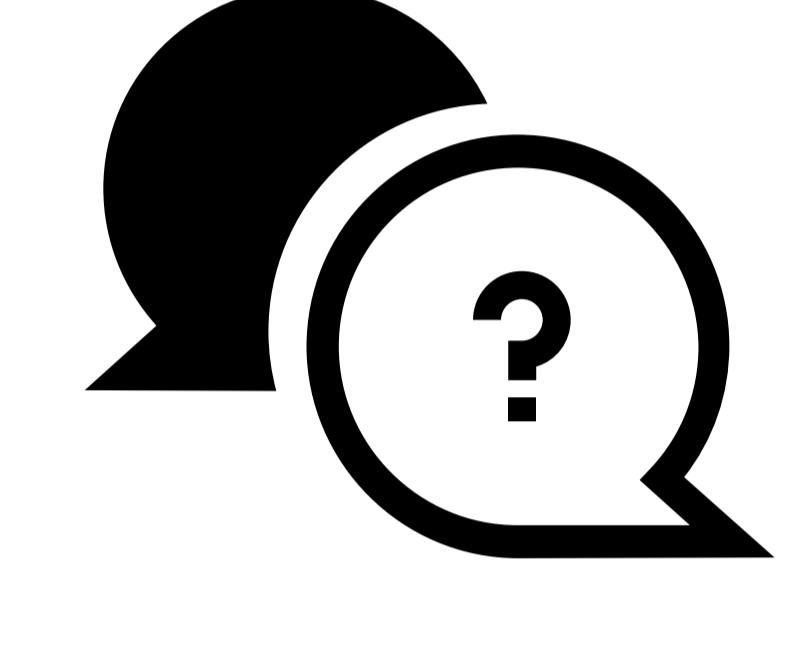
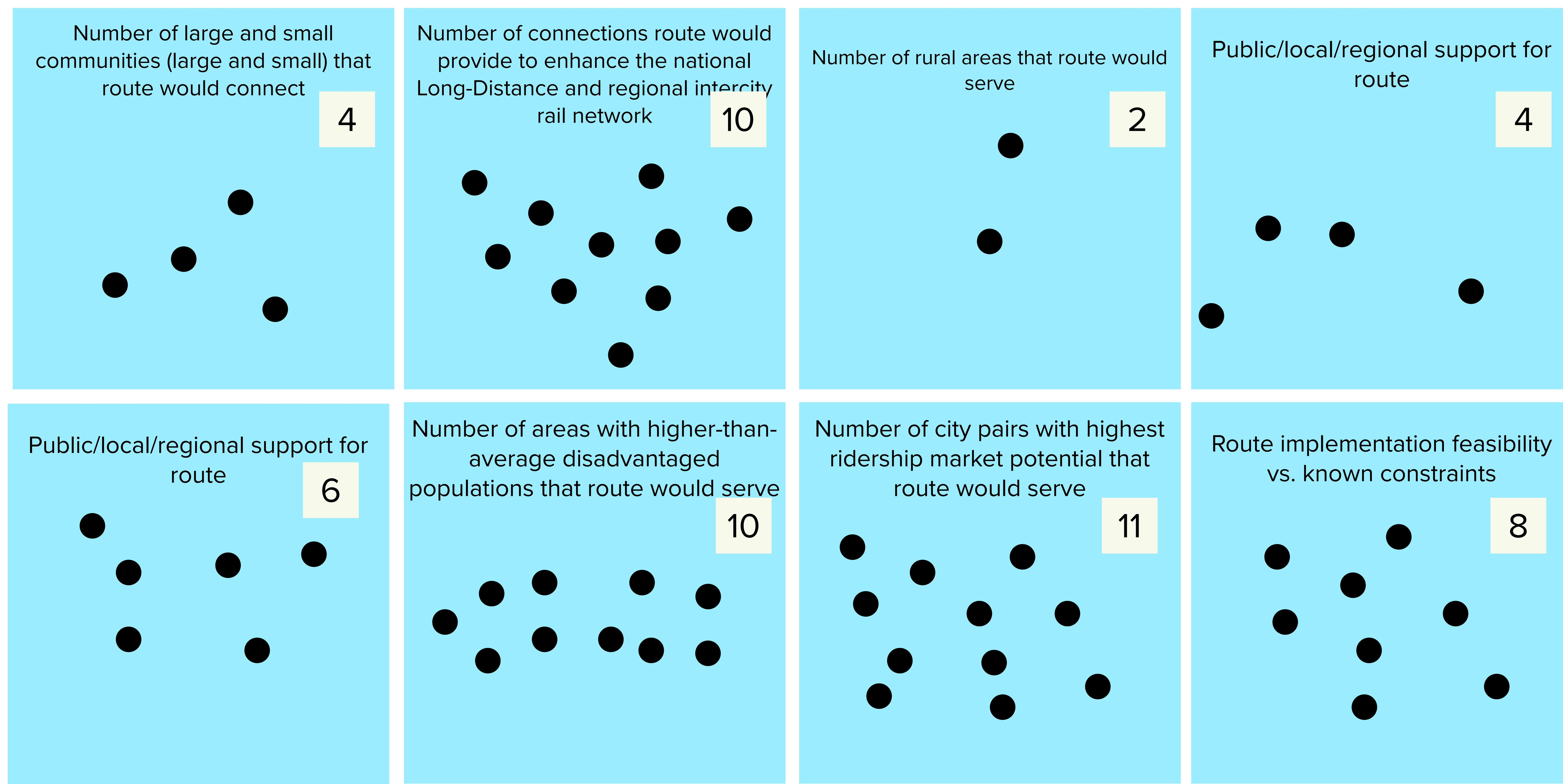
Draft Long Distance Network Development
Evaluation Factors

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

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



Are there any evaluation factors that you think are missing or should be added?
If yes, please describe/explain on a sticky.

