## Linking the Wolverine & Keystone Corridors



...and 12.5 million people in 6 top-100 markets!



#### Why link up these two rail corridors?

- Cost-effective Midwest-East Coast linkage
- Existing Amtrak stations, PTC & infrastructure
- Favorable right-of-way owners
- High enroute population







- 12.5 million people
- Six top-100 markets

300-mile rail corridor



### Why link up these two rail corridors?

#### The population of the United States Population is not distributed evenly. Instead, we tend Distribution to bunch up in communities, leaving the spaces in between more sparsely inhabited. Most Americans live in or near cities: today 53 percent live in the 20 largest cities. 75 percent of all Americans live in metropolitan areas. This map shows population density. The relative height of each major city reflects Go West. Nevada is the Wyoming has the lowest. What happens in the empty Chicago, the country's third largest city, has a popfastest growing state, folpopulation density of all spaces? Some of it is farmstates in the lower 48 with its population in 1990. lowed by Arizona, Idaho, ing country. More than one ulation of about three million. guarter of America's crop land Source: U.S. Carrous Bureau Colorado, and Utah. an average of five people people. There are 21 states per square mile. is used to grow com. One with populations smaller than third of what is produced is exported to other countries. Largest metropolitan area includes New York City and portions of New Jersey and Long Island with a total population of 20 million. Population density is highest in New York City, where there are 23,000 people per square mile. Approximately one in nine Americans lives in the nation's most populous state-California. More than 15 million people live in the Los Angeles, Riverside, and Orange County metropolitan area.



Distributing our population evenly would put an average of 76 people per square mile.

New Jersey is the most densely populated state with an average of more than 1,000 people per

Alaska is a sparsely populated state with an average of one person per square mile.



Coastal areas are home to more than half the U.S. population.

Wet. Some states are full of water. For example, Louisiana includes more than 8,000 square miles of lakes and wetlands. That's an area bigger than Connecticut and Rhode Island combined.

## **Existing transportation options – DRIVING**

- # of households without cars is rising in major cities in the corridor (Census, Brookings, UofM TRI):
- Pittsburgh 30% of no-car households (11% in metro)
- Detroit 26% (8% in metro area)
- Cleveland 25% (10% in metro area)
- Youngstown 18% (7% in metro area)
- Toledo 15% (8% in metro area)
- Akron 13% (7% in metro area)

That's 1 million people in this travel corridor without cars. Many other households share only one car.



## **Existing transportation – GREYHOUND**

- Detroit-Pittsburgh: 2 daily buses/way direct w/out change of bus (only 1 each way 6 am to 12 midnight)
- Detroit-Cleveland: 4 daily buses each way (3 run 6 am-12m)
- Toledo-Cleveland: 6 daily buses/way direct (4 run 6 am-12 midnight, 2 buses stop in Sandusky, 1 in Elyria)
- Cleveland-Pittsburgh: 5 daily buses each way direct (3 each way between 6 am-12 midnight)
- Cleveland-Youngstown: 2 daily buses each way (schedule via Akron won't allow full day in Cleveland)
- Youngstown-Pittsburgh: 2 daily buses each way (schedule won't allow same-day trips to Pittsburgh)
- As recently as 1990 there were twice as many buses.
  Service to suburbs (Lincoln Park, Cleveland-Puritas RTA,
  Maple Heights, North Hills) and small towns (Huron, Kent,
  Warren, New Castle) is no longer available.

## **Existing transportation – MEGABUS**

- Doesn't offer bus service in this market except for two daily buses each way Cleveland-Toledo (only 1 each way between 6 am-12 midnight).
- Megabus recently offered 2 daily buses each way between Detroit-Toledo-Pittsburgh and 3 each way Cleveland-Akron-Pittsburgh and 3 dailies each way Cleveland-Toledo which attracted good ridership.





## Existing transportation options – RTAs

## Some regional transit agencies provide longerdistance transportation including:

- New Castle Area Transit Authority Route 71 (New Castle-Pittsburgh) 14 buses each way daily Monday-Friday;
- Akron Metro Area RTA Routes X60/X61 (Akron-Cleveland) 13 buses each way per day Monday-Friday;
- Portage Area RTA Routes 101/102 (Kent-Cleveland) 1-2 buses each way/day Sunday-Friday, Routes 81-82 (Kent-Akron) 7 buses each way/day Monday-Friday.



## Existing transportation options – DELTA

- Detroit-Cleveland: 4 dailies each way, 1-hour flight + terminal time, fares starting at \$300 RT.
- Detroit-Pittsburgh: 5 dailies each way, 1:10-hour flight + terminal time, fares starting at \$450 RT.
- Detroit-Akron/Canton: 4 dailies each way, 1-hour flight + terminal time, fares starting at \$300 RT.

No other nonstop flights link cities in this corridor!





## Existing transportation options – AMTRAK

- Detroit-Cleveland: 1 daily each way via connecting Amtrak bus Toledo-Detroit.
- Detroit-Pittsburgh: 1 daily each way via connecting Amtrak bus Toledo-Detroit.
- Toledo-Cleveland: 2 daily trains each way but neither between 6 am-12 midnight.
- Cleveland-Pittsburgh: 1 daily train each way but doesn't operate between 6 am-12 midnight.

In more civilized parts of the world, a corridor this populous would have 100+ mph trains departing every hour.





#### RECENT ACTIVITY

- Amtrak in 2014 approached NS about extending Pennsylvanian to Chicago via Dearborn as a system train
- NS rejected it, citing heavy traffic congestion
- Michigan DOT & Pennsylvania DOT considering additional trains
- MPOs in Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland/Elyria formed Northern Ohio Rail Alliance (NORA) in ODOT's absence on passenger rail (Eastgate?)
- Ohio Association of Regional Councils (MPOs) joined MIPRC after ODOT withdrew
- At MIPRC's request, FRA to undertake Midwest regional passenger rail planning to prioritize service expansions

#### What does All Aboard Ohio want?

- AAO to submit input to FRA plan
- AAO analyzed most cost-effective Ohio expansions
- Seeks daily Cardinal, Hoosier extension to Cincinnati
- Section of Cardinal from Russell, KY to Detroit may be best way to restore service to Columbus
- Link up Keystone & Wolverine corridors by:
  - rerouting Capitol/Lake Shore via Dearborn, or
  - extending Pennsylvanian to Chicago via Dearborn
  - and/or extending midday Wolverine to Pittsburgh



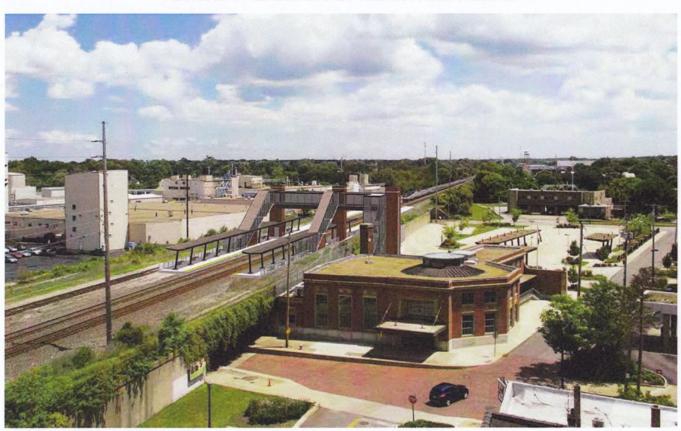


### PHASE ONE (3-5 years from now)

- Conduct program-level planning with a service development plan. Follow-on with project-level plans.
- Provide three daily round trips Detroit-Pittsburgh by extending/restructuring Capitol Ltd., Wolverine & Keystone services funded by FRA Sec. 11104 grant. One added set of train equipment needed.
- Top speeds of 79 mph, average speeds of 50-55 mph.
- Route new trains via Ravenna, Youngstown & New Castle (retain Capitol Ltd. via Alliance). Requires restoration of Ravenna Connection track + enroute station facilities.
- Expand stations to process passengers from all main tracks for rail traffic fluidity, travel times and reliability. Add Greyhound and local transit, car sharing, bikes etc. funded by new Fast Act capital grants.

#### Akron-area station?

CONCEPT RENDERING OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



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Hudson station: \$10 million = 2 platforms + gradeseparated ADA access eg. Elyria, OH



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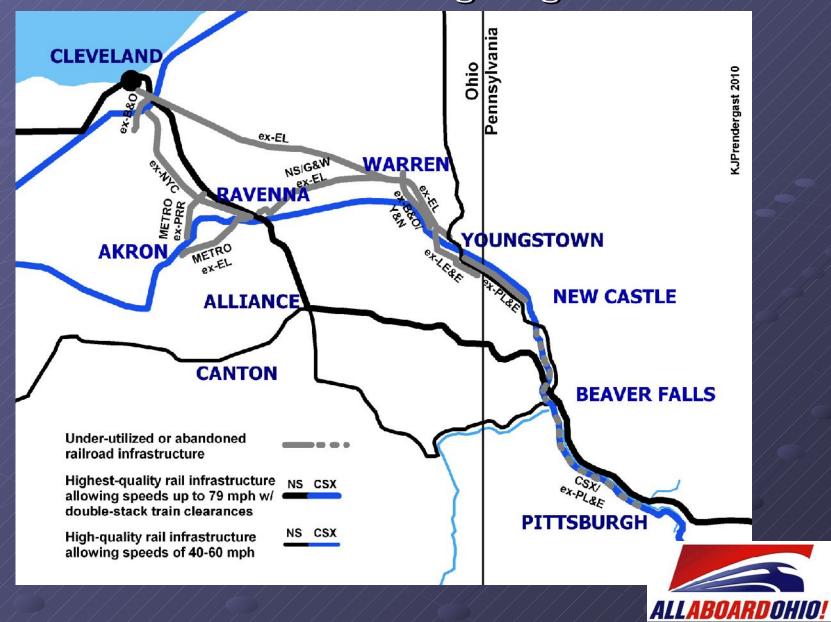
Ravenna station: \$7 million = 1 platform + restored 3,700-foot CSX-NS connection track & service to Youngstown and New Castle



## **Ravenna Connection**



## Cleveland – Pittsburgh segment



#### **Stations**



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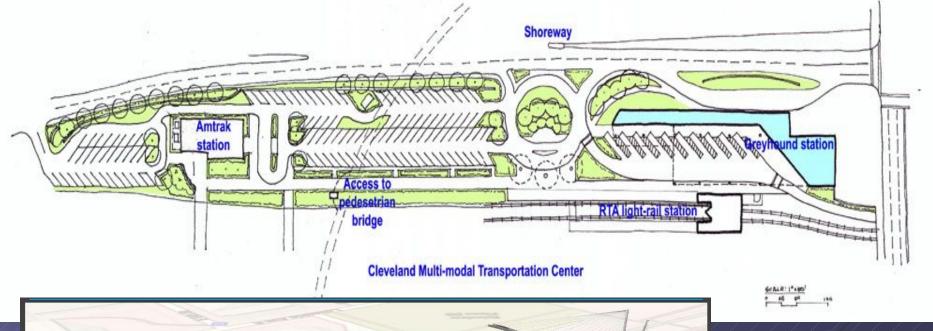






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# Phase 1 sample timetable



## PHASE TWO (4-6 years after phase 1)

- Two additional daily round trips (five total) Detroit-Pittsburgh requiring two new train sets.
- Operating cost funded by FRA Sec. 11104 grant and capital cost of train equipment funded by a lease or thirdparty private-sector partner.
- Top speeds of 90 mph, average speeds of 60-65 mph, permitted by PTC and grade-crossing circuits lengthened using USDOT Sec. 1108 grants.
- Add capacity (sidings, connections, crossovers, etc) to passenger route or to alternate, parallel routes for diversion of slower freight traffic as determined by program-level planning.
- Additional station facility enhancements and station-area developments per Subtitle F RRIF loans.



## PHASE THREE (7-15 years after phase 1)

- Provide three additional daily round trips (eight total) Detroit-Pittsburgh with new sets of train equipment.
- Top speeds of 110 mph, average speeds of 65-75 mph.
- Long sections of dedicated passenger-only track.
- Stations are multi-modal centerpieces of downtown office, housing, hotel, retail and other developments.



## Let's work together on linking PA-OH-MI!



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