

Intercity Passenger Rail in Florida

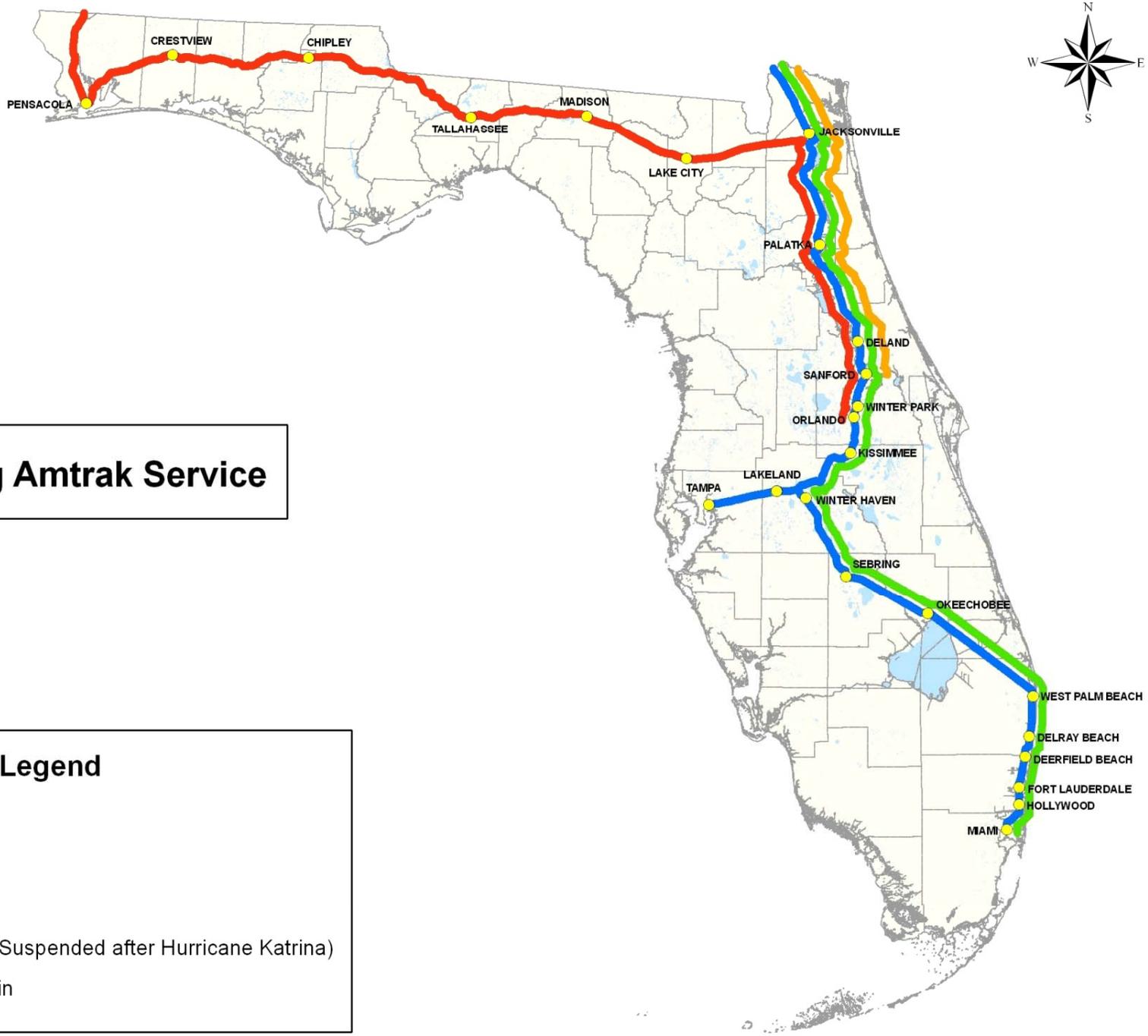
Rail Stakeholders Advisory
Committee

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Presentation Outline

- Current Amtrak Service in Florida
- History of Intercity Passenger Rail Planning in Florida
- Summary of the Department's Intercity Passenger Rail "Vision" Plan.



Existing Amtrak Service

Legend

- Stations
- Silver Meteor
- Silver Star
- Sunset Limited (Suspended after Hurricane Katrina)
- Amtrak Auto Train

Current Amtrak Facts

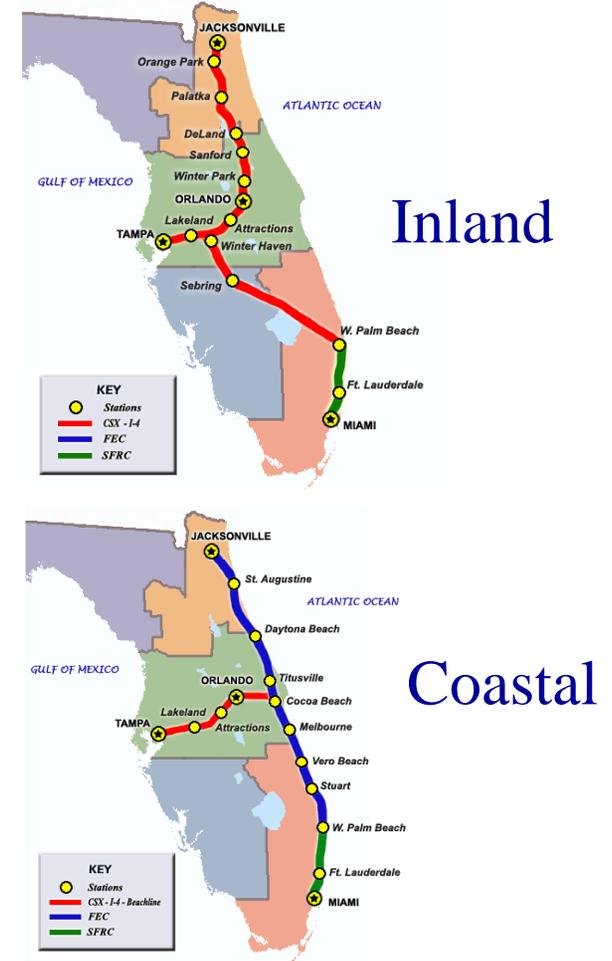
- Approximately 900,000 total annual ridership in Florida
- 70% of all riders have one trip end in Florida
- 30% of Florida riders are intra state riders

History of Intercity Passenger Rail Planning in Florida

- Cross Florida Transit Study 1974 - 1976
- Florida High Speed Rail Study 1983 - 1984
- Florida HSR Commission 1984 to 1991
- Florida DOT/FOX Project 1991 to 1999
- Florida DOT Vision Plan 1999 to 2001
- Florida DOT Coast to Coast Study 2000 to 2001
- Florida HSR Authority 2001 to 2005
- Intercity Passenger Rail Vision Plan

Intercity Passenger Rail Vision Plan

- Developed in 2006 and led by a Department Steering Committee
- System Focus
 - Incremental approach to development of higher speed rail service.
- System Assumptions
 - Use existing rail and highway right of way
 - No adverse impact to rail freight service
- Route options
 - Inland
 - Coastal

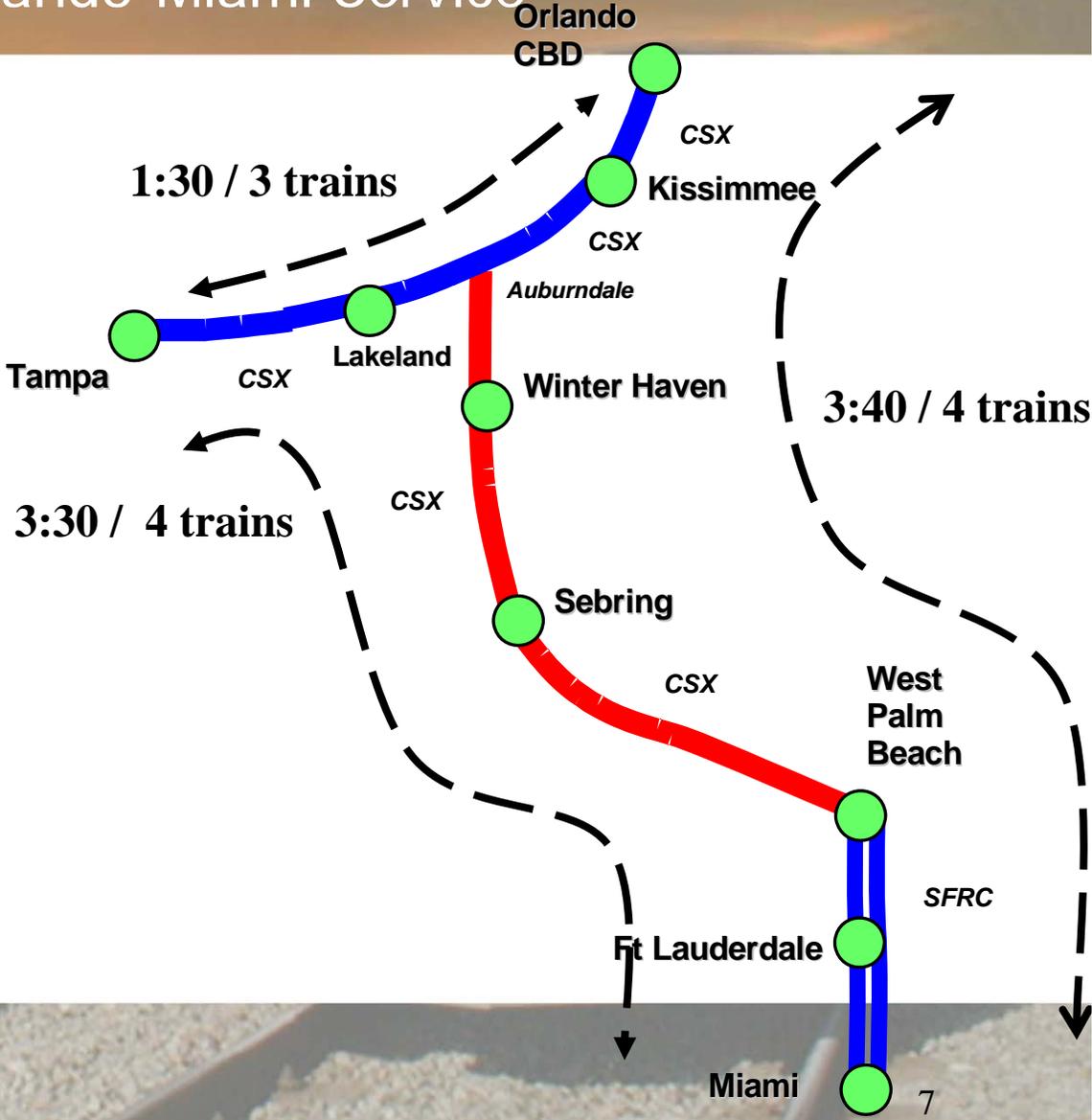


Phase 1 Inland Option

Tampa-Orlando-Miami Service

Passengers -	1.79 Mill
Ticket Revenue -	\$ 65 Mill
Operating Ratio -	1.02

KEY:	
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	110-mph
	125-mph



Phase 1 Inland

Orlando-Tampa-Miami

Major Infrastructure Improvements

- Upgrade Auburndale to WPB to Class 6 Track
- Build new dedicated passenger track from Auburndale to Tampa
- Improve 102 crossings with Quad Gates
- Build or Renovate 9 stations
- Build approximately 60 miles of passing siding

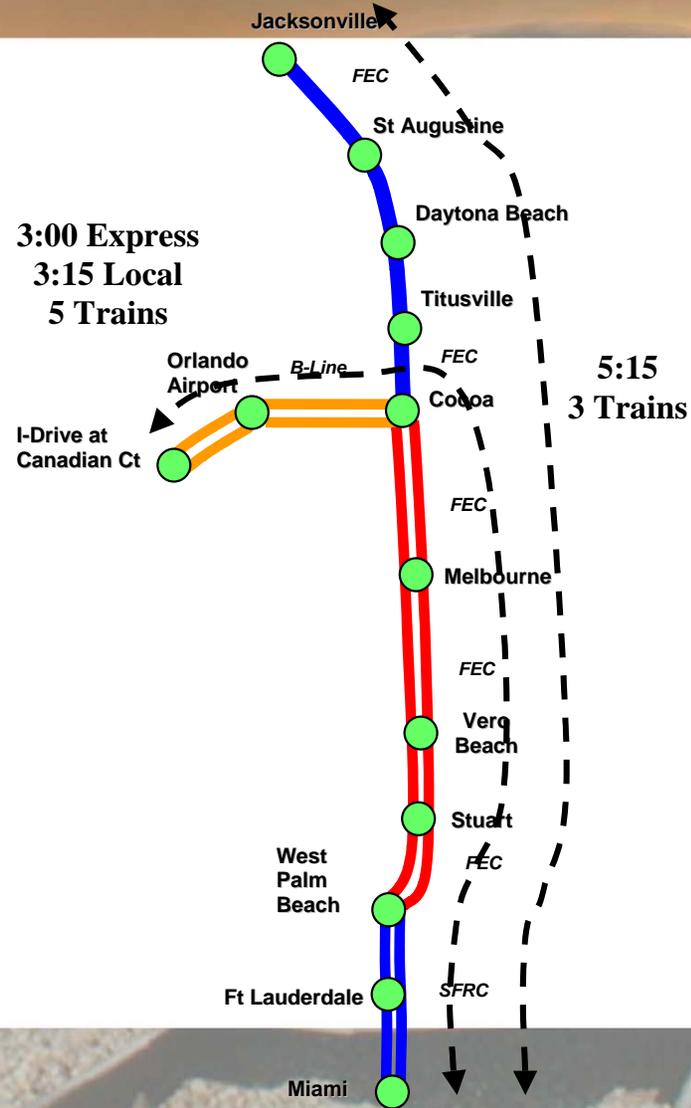


Phase 1 Coastal

Jacksonville – Orlando – Miami

Ridership -	1.95 Mill
Ticket Revenue -	\$ 73 Mill
Operating Ratio -	1.07

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	110-mph
	125-mph



Phase 1 Coastal

Jacksonville – Orlando – Miami

- Double track from Cocoa to WPB (124 miles)
- Build new double track along Beachline expressway
- Improve 156 crossings with Quad Gates
- Provide 8 new stations



Intercity Rail Vision Plan

Next Steps

- Work with Amtrak on further development and refinement of plan. Amtrak is currently reviewing plan.
- Continue discussions with freight railroads and conduct detailed assessment of line capacity needs.
- Expand engineering analysis to further develop and refine cost estimates.