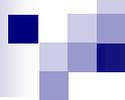


# National Association of Railroad Passengers

Annual Spring Conference, March 5, 2016

- NARP, NW
- All Aboard Washington
- Assn. of Oregon Rail & Transit Advocates



# NARP'S GOALS

1. Improve & expand **national** conventional intercity passenger train service
2. Support startup of one high speed rail line
3. Increase connectivity among all forms of transportation--integrated and seamless
4. Safety for our trains and passengers



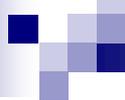
# NARP ACTIVITIES

- DC Council meeting—April 11-13

**All** are welcome

Speakers, Panels, Day on the Hill, Board Election

- NY Times Travel show--25,000 attendees
- Smart Rail Meeting in Charlotte
- Denver Council meeting October 14-16
- Gulf Coast Inspection Train



# NARP ACTIVITIES

- One Rail membership
- Rail Safety Advisory Committee member
- Union Station Redevelopment Group
- Membership renewals problems

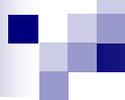
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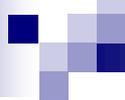
## GULF COAST INSPECTION TRAIN—Oct. 18 & 19

- NARP partner with Amtrak, CSX, Southern Rail Commission, Transportation 4 America
- 4,000 post cards, web page, emails & Invited 38 NARP leaders in Gulf Coast to lead rallies
- Results: 40 print plus on-line stories  
190 broadcast items
- Governors, Community leaders, Mayors, huge crowds at every stop



# NARP Membership Benefits

- 10% discount on most Amtrak fares
- Amtrak Guest Rewards points
- Grand Canyon Railroad—20% off coach fare
- VIA Rail—10% discount
- Alaskan Railroad—20% discount-certain fares
- Avis--up to 25% discount
- Travelpro luggage—15% discount
- Discount Vision Service Plan for NARP members



# FACTS TO REMEMBER

- 100 Million more people (older) by 2050
- PTC vs NextGen airline system (\$40B)
- Airlines: DL, UA, AA, SW = 80% of market
- Pilot shortage—Republic bankruptcy
- 52%: highway costs covered by tax/tolls
- \$365 B/yr cost of congestion & accidents

# Long Distance Trains

## A foundation for National Mobility

- America's mobility is declining
- LD trains use: 3X faster than pop. growth, 6 X faster than roads, 17X faster than air
- Goal: capacity, frequencies, network, funds
- SW Chief: 355,000 riders
  - 92% of riders go between 528 city pairs
- Sleepers: 17% of riders, 44% of revenue

# Fast Act in Congress



- Fast: Fixing America's Surface Transportation
- \$5.454 billion for 5 years—authorized, but not appropriated for 2016
- Pax rail included for the first time ever in surface bill
- State-Supported Route Committee—best practices
- Rail infrastructure & safety program—\$1.1 billion
- Fed-state partnership—boost capacity, more service
- Restoration & enhancement grants—\$20M/yr
- Shared-use study with the freight railroads

# Fast Act in Congress



- \$500,000 for Gulf Coast Working Group
- Pilot program-state buy local food products
- PTC \$50 million and 2018 deadline
- First time Amtrak in Surface Transp. Reauth. bill
- NARP--Helped write parts of FAST Act legislation
- For more details read [March Trains and PTJ](#)

# Fast Act in Congress



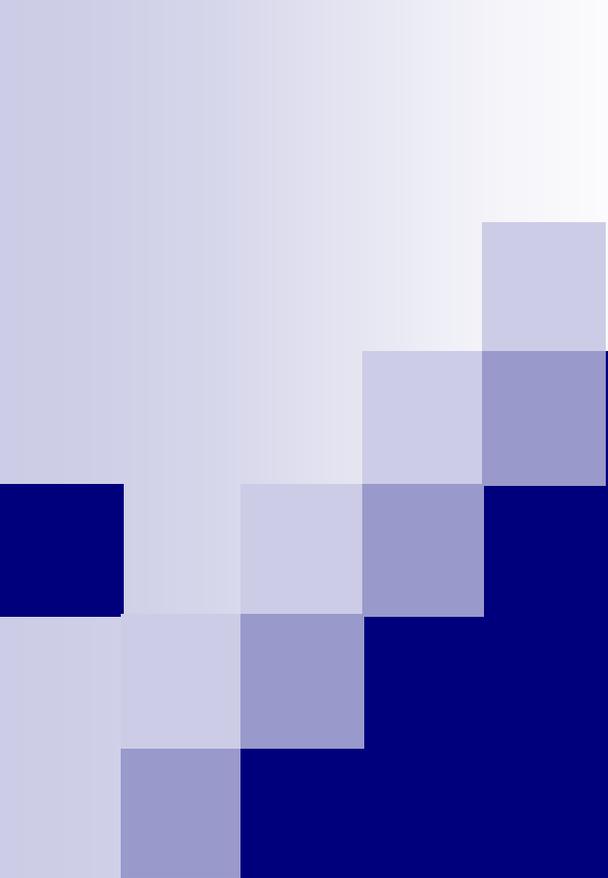
NE & rest: 2 accounts but transfers & joint ops

- NARP opposes any separation
- NE: 30 stations, 470 in rest of system
- NE: 11 Million riders, 19 million in rest of system
- 15 LD routes account for 43% of passenger miles
- 165 Million live within 25 miles of an LD station
- NARP staff participated in 7 drafts of the bill working along side Senate Commerce Committee, Southern Rail Commission and Transportation 4 America.

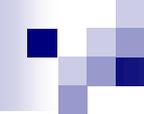


# NARP Staff

- Jim Mathews: President and CEO
- Sean Jeans-Gail: VP
- Bruce Becker: Dir. Special Projects & Events
- Abe Zumwalt: Administration
- Amy Friedman Naoun: part time CFO
- Larry Scott: Asst. to the Chairman
- Fundraising: Logan replacement



Amtrak



# Concerns and Issues

- Silver Star dining service
- Business Class: Starlight, Cardinal and others?
- Replacing Joe Boardman
- Ridership and revenues—down
- Train management and food revenues
- NARP bi-monthly meetings with management
- My trip on the Builder



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China has 11,000 miles of high speed rail lines



