



MAG
Regional Council
July 28, 2010
Amtrak Resolution
Agenda Item 7



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
THE EXPANSION OF AMTRAK
PASSENGER SERVICE INTO THE
METROPOLITAN PHOENIX REGION
AS PART OF THE NATIONAL
INTERCITY RAIL NETWORK**

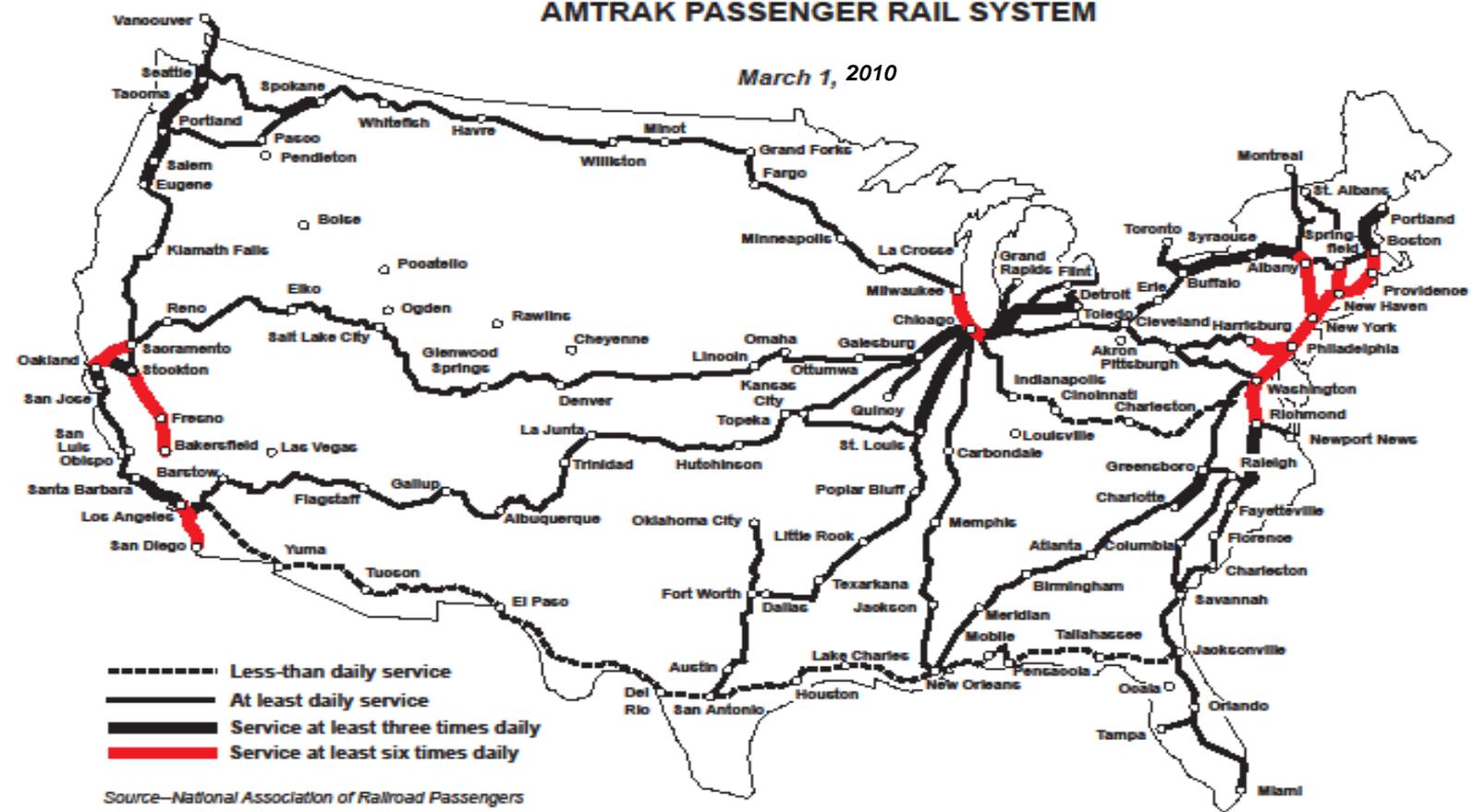
Most populous metro areas/cities in U.S. lacking Amtrak service

1. Phoenix, Arizona (Metro Population 4,281,899) Lost service in 1996.
2. Las Vegas, Nevada (Metro Population 1,865,746) Lost service in 1997.
3. Columbus, Ohio (1,773,120) Lost service in 1979.
4. Nashville, Tennessee (1,550,733) Lost service with in 1979.
5. Louisville, Kentucky (1,244,696) Lost service in 2003.
6. Tulsa, Oklahoma (916,079) Lost service in 1979.
7. Dayton, Ohio (848,153) Lost service in 1979.
8. Allentown, Pennsylvania, (808,210)
9. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (774,327)
10. McAllen, Texas (710,514)
11. Knoxville, Tennessee, (691,152)
12. Colorado Springs, Colorado (617,714)
13. Wichita, Kansas, (603,716) Service lost in 1979,
14. Boise, Idaho (599,753) Lost service in 1997.
15. Madison, Wisconsin, (561,505)
16. Des Moines, Iowa (556,230)
17. Augusta, Georgia (534,218)
18. Chattanooga, Tennessee, (518,441)
19. Tri-Cities, Tennessee, (500,538)
20. Lexington, Kentucky, (453,424)
21. Fayetteville, Arkansas, (443,976)
22. Springfield, Missouri, (426,206)
23. Corpus Christi, Texas, (415,376)
24. Fort Wayne, Indiana (411,154) Lost service in 1990.
25. Asheville, North Carolina, (408,436)



AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM

March 1, 2010



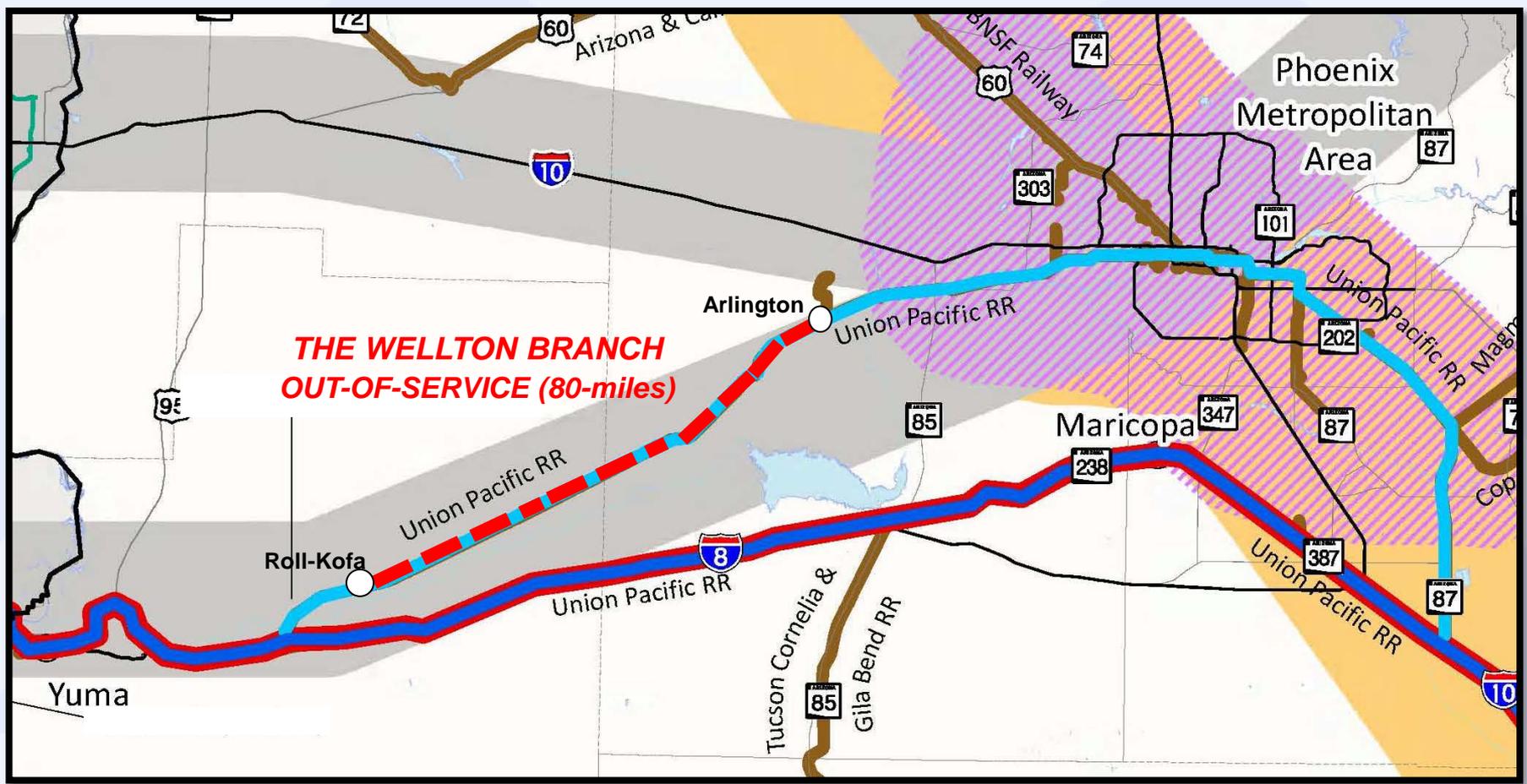
Amtrak System Rail System Map - 2010



The Wellton Branch

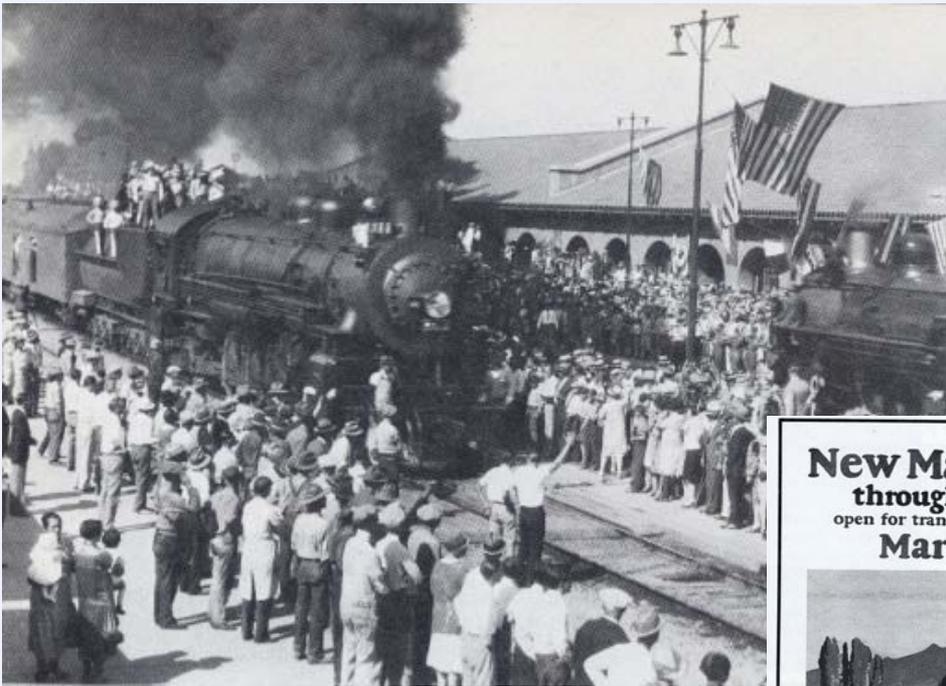
Union Pacific Railroad's Phoenix mainline and former Amtrak route through Phoenix.

Amtrak's current route through Maricopa.



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West Valley, Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa: Intercity Passenger Rail Service 1926 - 1960



**New Main Line
through Arizona**
open for transcontinental travel
March 20



... giving fast direct service to Phoenix and the fertile Salt River Valley, from the East and Pacific Coast ... and opening a vast area of land for agricultural development

Southern Pacific



West Valley, Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa: Intercity Passenger Rail Service 1960 - 1996



The final Amtrak... June 1996

Federal Funding for the restoration of historic train stations



Los Angeles Union Station - \$ 100 million



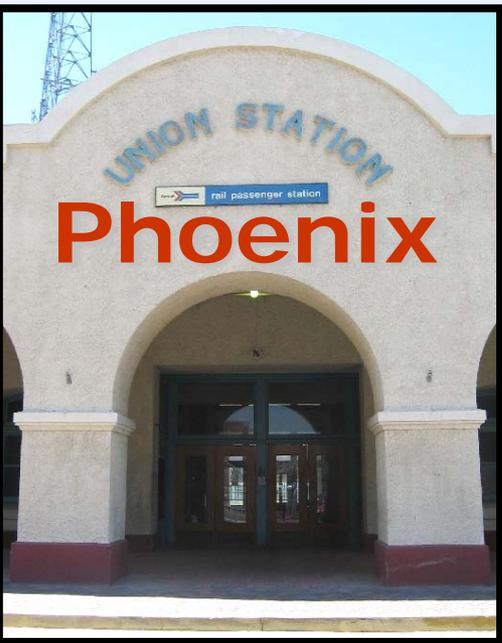
Kansas City Union Station- \$50 million
Denver Union Station - \$300 million PPP



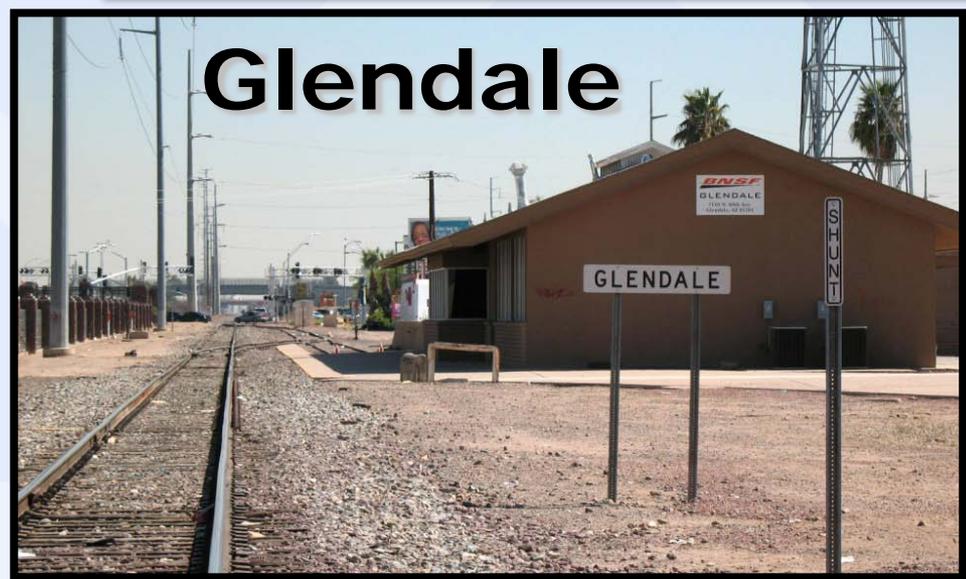
Seattle King Street Station- \$ 20 million



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MAG Region Preserved Train Stations





Requested Action

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