Passenger Rail Service through Southern Montana ended 42 years ago
Simply trying the same thing and expecting different results will likely yield the same results.
EROSION OF PASSENGER RAIL OVER TIME: 1962 TO 1993

INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL NETWORK
January 1, 1962

AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM
May 22, 1975

INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL NETWORK
December 31, 1970

AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM
November 4, 1993

Source: National Association of Railroad Passengers
To provide for the reestablishment of safe, reliable, and sustainable passenger rail service across southern Montana that increases opportunity and contributes to the health and well-being of people across the state and beyond
19 CURRENT MEMBER COUNTIES
Interstate cooperation & collaboration is critical
RAIL CORRIDORS

Why Montana needs to revitalize a long-distance rail system.

Rail corridors generate value by acting as economic engines in the communities they serve—through jobs, retail, mobility, tourism and real-estate development.

-Rail Passengers Association

Commuting by rail is a critical component of an ecosystem of transportation. Montana is poised for fundamental transformation to move away from an automobile-based transportation model to reduce the growing tension of explosive growth in population and environmental concerns.
TRAVELING BY RAIL IS EASY AND CONVENIENT

Driving is time consuming, wastes fuels, and degrades the environment.

Riding a train offers time to read, watch a movie, or catch up with friends or work.

Towns were developed around rail stations, so it is easy to access the heart of downtown at every stop.

Passengers can get around with an Uber/Lyft, bus, bike, or rental scooter for the “last mile” commute.
PROJECTED START-UP RETURNS FOR THE NORTH COAST HIWATHA

- Annual Economic Return to U.S.: $271 million
- Annual Economic Return to Montana: $44.6 million
- Annual Ridership of 426,000
THE BOZEMAN DESTINATION
Up and Coming Brewery Historic District Nearby
Station Infrastructure Ready to be Rehabilitated
Less than One Mile to Downtown
Commute to Work
Vibrant Technology and Financial Sector
STREAMLINE Bus Service Around Bozeman
Watch A Concert and Stay the Night
THE LIVINGSTON DESTINATION
Vibrant Downtown
Station Infrastructure Established
Easy to Stroll
Eat and Drink
Art Galleries
Go Shopping
Spend an Afternoon or a Night
### NEXT STEPS FOR THE BSPRA IN 2022

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Registration now open!

Monday, Aug. 22 – Tuesday, Aug. 23

Billings, MT

Northern Hotel
19 N. Broadway
Billings, MT 59101

gnwprs.org

Register by July 22 for Early Bird specials!

Connecting to our past... Building for our future!

BIG SKY PASSENGER RAIL AUTHORITY
**HOW CAN I HELP?**

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