



## AMERICA WANTS PASSENGER RAIL

### NARP MEMBERSHIP FORM

- \$35** Individual (300pts)
  - \$25** Senior (150pts)
  - \$20** Student (150pts)
- \$50** Family (350pts)
- \$100** Sustaining (750pts)
- \$150** Bronze Advocate (1,000pts)
- \$250** Silver Advocate (2,000pts)
- \$500** Gold Advocate (3,500pts)
- \$750** Platinum Advocate (5,500pts)
- \$1,000** Silver Rails Society (7,500pts)

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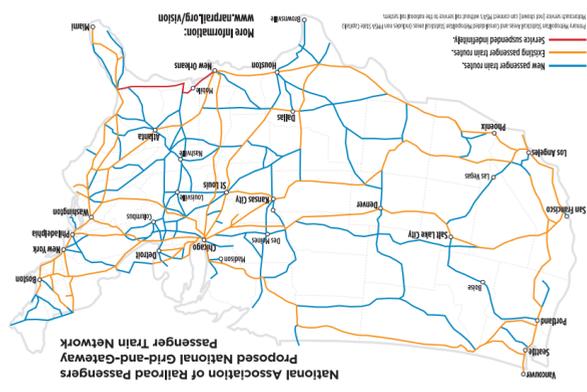
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Our Grow Trains Campaign is based on our vision to strengthen America and provide people with more transportation choices through a truly national rail system. We believe the current Amtrak system is skeletal at best (shown below in orange). We are calling on America to adopt a nationwide "grid and gateway" train network, shown below in blue. NARP's proposal will expand and modernize the country's intercity rail system, helping to reduce both the nation's carbon emissions and its dependence on oil and facilitating the efficient movement of people and goods.

## THE NARP GROW TRAINS CAMPAIGN

### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

America wants passenger trains. Help us get the service we deserve. By joining NARP, you are not only supporting our efforts, but in return you receive a variety of benefits, from travel savings to direct support for local advocacy. Visit [narprail.org/join](http://narprail.org/join) for specific details on benefits per membership category and updates on new additions.

#### **\$ Save Money While Traveling**

- 10% discount on most Amtrak rail fares
- 10% off VIA Rail Canada best available fare
- 15% discount on all Travelpro Luggage products at their online outlet
- 20% off Alaska Railroad Adventure Class fares in the summer and winter
- Earn Amtrak Guest Rewards points for your membership dues or donations
- 5% off most Avis car rentals
- 10% discount at Depot Inn and Suites in La Plata, MO
- 20% off coach fare on Grand Canyon Railway or 10% off a vacation package

#### **Exclusive Resources**

- Access to members-only resources, including congressional voting charts
- Direct access to NARP staff for advice on local transportation advocacy

#### **Stay Informed**

- Subscription to NARP News, our respected monthly newsletter
- Action alerts on legislative and Amtrak service updates

#### **Show Your Support**

- Personalized Membership Card
- Family membership levels and above add a second member free
- "I'd Rather Be On The Train" bumper sticker

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**Sharing our Vision**  
 NARP is the only national organization with a broad vision for an expanded passenger train network. We have secured meetings with our congressmen and senators, presented our vision and specifically talked to them about how changes in their region would positively affect their constituents. We also continue to be the voice of support for high speed rail efforts, most recently in California, Florida and Texas.

**Supporting Grassroots Advocacy**  
 We have supported efforts at the local level and put pressure on the decision makers to save routes that may have been eliminated otherwise—routes like the *Texas Eagle* (1997), *Southwest Chief* (2013), *Hoosier State* (2013) and the *Pennsylvanian* (2013). NARP is currently helping with the efforts to restore passenger trains to the Gulf Coast between Florida and New Orleans, a vital link for the Southeast region.

**Fighting Threatening Legislative Efforts**  
 Our efforts have successfully thwarted several threatening legislative efforts—most recently, a bill that would have eliminated food and beverage service on all long-distance routes. NARP's network of grassroots advocates has channeled public demand for more trains into successes like the *Capitol Corridor*, *Cascades*, *Downeaster*, *Piedmonts* and other routes, elevating passenger rail service to new levels. We meticulously keep a watchful eye on opportunities and threats to America's passenger rail network.

## HARD WORK PAYS OFF

### WHAT WE DO

Every day, we encounter misperceptions about passenger trains in the media and on Capitol Hill: about costs, benefits and logistics. This misinformation leads to missed opportunities and funding issues, which have put some of our current rail routes in jeopardy. We diligently work to educate the American public and our decision makers on the importance of mobility, empowering them to change the conversation about passenger rail.

#### **Advocate**

As the first point of contact for passenger train-related news, we are rail experts with the right answers. We target legislators, their aides and the media to engage them in discussion about the facts and figures that demonstrate why trains are a travel choice Americans want (and more of them).

#### **Defend**

NARP also serves as your voice on Capitol Hill, before the U.S. Department of Transportation and Amtrak management, testifying at hearings and listening to what our elected officials have to say about our nation's transportation systems so we can respond in ways that spur action. Each year, we organize a "Day on the Hill" where our members talk one-on-one to congressional leaders and advocate for NARP's vision.

#### **Rally**

We support grassroots movements to promote our cause, whether it is on the local level or for major legislative actions. NARP maintains a large network of support, from our 28,000 member base, to partner organizations, and local ARPs that we can rally.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of RAILROAD PASSENGERS**



**Passenger trains create a better world.**

## BECOME A MEMBER

### WE WORK FOR PASSENGER RAIL



We work every day for a modern, customer-focused national passenger train network that provides a travel choice Americans want. Our vision is for an expanded national network of frequent, fast and reliable passenger trains, providing top-notch customer service and putting 80% of Americans within 25 miles of a train station. We also seek to have at least one high speed rail line in operation by 2025.

We also envision enhanced connectivity between intercity trains and airports, intercity buses, local transit, cycling and walking, and car rental and sharing services for a seamless multi-modal transportation network.

We are the largest national member organization advocating for train and rail passengers. NARP has fought to preserve and improve Amtrak for more than 40 years, in the face of hostile politicians and shoestring budgets. Our work is needed now more than ever. Even with train ridership booming, gas prices soaring and roads choked by congestion, our rail passenger system is still not a competitive force.

We are a grassroots, membership-based advocacy organization working to link all forms of public transportation into a seamless travel option for the public. We've made great strides, but still have a long way to go. **You can help us get there.**